
Eagle Salt Works Financial Records

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Biography/Administrative History

Railroad Surveyor B.F. Leete saw potential in the salt beds at Leete in 1871, and soon thereafter was supplying salt to the silver mills. On hot days, the vats could make ten tons of salt per day per acre. The salt works was comprised of seven acres of vats. In the period between 1879 and 1884 they shipped 334,000 tons of salt. In 1901-1903 the Central Pacific railroad relocated the rail line from Wadsworth to Brown's via Hazen. They removed the rails, but left every other tie under an agreement with Leete, who wanted to build his own light railroad to transport salt. The railroad was completed in 1903, but didn't ship any salt until 1906. Only 171 cars of salt were shipped from 1906 thru 1910. Bankruptcy followed quickly, and the Central Pacific ended up owning the railroad and the salt works in 1910. By 1916 the railroad had been dismantled and hauled away.

Scope and Content of Collection

Financial records of the Eagle Salt Works.
