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DISAPPEARING SNOW DISCLOSING PHENOMENAL SURFACE SHOWINGS AT CAMP OF HIGH GRADE

ENTERS ERA OF SYSTEMATIC PROSPECTING WORK

**Hills Swarm With Practical Miners Who Are Breaking
Roads and Trails and Preparing for Season of Great
and Important Activity--Town of High Grade Secures
Post Office and Post Master Is Named.**

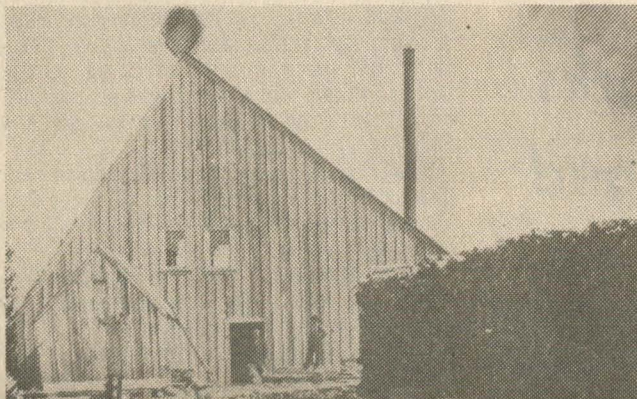
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Fort Bidwell, Cal., June 1.—The roads to the camp of High Grade from Fort Bidwell are now open and the greater portion of the district accessible. A number of roads are now being worked during the past week and the roads for heavy traffic and now the long-looked for era has begun when everybody can get into the district without traveling

The passing of the snow and the baring of the surface of the golden hills of High Grade, will in the opinion of the best informed authorities on the camp, be the means of creating a veritable craze among the newcomers, and the consequent report of rich discoveries will be the signal for the big stampede, which is to be a record breaker in the history of new gold camps.



High Grade's "first hotel" wasn't like staying in downtown San Francisco





What was supposed to have been a "Second Cripple Creek" never came into being and only traces of the area's gold rush days are still evident. But many of those memories will be recalled during the second annual Fort Bidwell Volunteer Fire Department Steak Barbecue on May 29.

Using a "Gold Rush Days" theme, the steak barbecue will be held at the Fort Bidwell civic club building.

Last year's inaugural was expected to draw about 300 to 400 people. But when the men grilling the steaks got finished, they'd served upwards of 1,400 people. "Everyone seems to want to come and see an old cattle town," explains Mac Epley, volunteer fire department president.

This year's bash is expected to draw possibly

enough money can be earned to fill water storage tanks from deep wells so the department is not forced to rely on creeks, especially in this dry year.

If the Fort Bidwell organizers are optimistic about putting on another well-attended event, it's due in part to the good reports heard last year, traditionally large weekend visitation and activities.

"We haven't heard a bad report yet," says Ascherman of the 1976 barbecue.

The number of Memorial Day Weekend visitors is usually large because people from Oregon and California annually return to see the old fort, which operated from 1865 to 1892, or visit the graves of friends or relatives in the community cemetery.

Away from the luncheon tables, they'll be treated also to horseshoes, tugs of war, volleyball and friendly conversation.

The gold rush days experienced earlier this century are over, but the richness of the area's ongoing history is expected to recreate the rush all over again on May 29. At least for one day.

Few people even poke around the old townsite these days, but peeks into its history will be featured in displays as part of this year's barbecue "Gold Rush Days."

The serving will last from noon to 4 p.m. with Harry Flournoy and Walter Husa serving as cooks for the steaks. In addition, plates will be filled with potato salad, cole slaw, beans, rolls and coffee or soft drinks. Cost will be \$3.50 for adults, \$1.50 for youths between age 6 and 12, and free under age 6. Tickets can be received in advance by mailing donations to Fort Bidwell Fire Department, Fort Bidwell, Calif. 96112.

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Canyon view of once active High Grade mining area near Fort Bidwell

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HIGH GRADE TOWN LOTS ARE ADVANCING

You can buy lots now from \$150 to \$600. Business lots should ultimately sell into five figures. Best locations will early command \$1,000. Some holders now would not sell for this price. Biggest speculative opportunity since Cripple Creek. Present offering subject to withdrawal without notice. Absolute title given with each lot. Make your selection early. High Grade Town Lots are advancing. Prices should double in a few weeks. Buy High Grade Town Lots.