

INYO COUNTIES GEMS & MINERALS

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Inyo County possesses a greater variety of mineral resources than any other county in California. There are over 120 different minerals in the county and numerous mineral springs.

There are also several varieties of gem stones including garnets, opals and bloodstones, as well as some new semiprecious varieties found in the Death Valley region.

Near Owens Dry Lake are mountains of marble which in comparative tests have far surpassed any other. A wide range of coloring is found, and much of the product has found its way into some of our state's prominent buildings.

Inyo has led all other California counties in production of marble, silver, lead, soda and borax.

No mineral statistics covering this county's output, or in fact that of California counties generally, were kept prior to the year 1887. It is therefore impossible to give any accurate sum which Inyo has added to the world's wealth.

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