

# BODIE STATE HISTORIC PARK

The Last of California's Old-time Mining Camps



At the height of the boom in 1879 - 1880, Bodie was so rough and wicked that shootings, stabbings, and thefts took place nearly every day. But the local bad men who gave the town such a violent reputation did not bother the gold-crazed crowd, because the mines were the center of attention throughout the West. Perhaps to make Bodie a synonym for violence and toughness, a rival mining camp newspaper quoted a young girl in 1879, on learning that her family was moving to the camp, as reportedly saying, "Goodbye, God! We're going to Bodie!"