



This Nevada City Boy's Band was organized in 1902 by Lee Leiter, who was working in Maher's Clothing Store, and Bill Dunlap of the Le Comton Mine. Both men had just purchased the Union Hotel on Main Street and had temporarily renamed it the Antlers. They advanced the money for the inexpensive instruments and in turn the band played for the Saturday night dances on a platform adjoining the hotel where now Tom Yost operates the Shell Service Station. So successful were the dances that the boys were able to repay Mr. Leiter and Mr. Dunlap and also buy themselves better and more expensive instruments. Dick Veale, the conductor later formed the Copper Queen Bank in Bisbee, Arizona. Dick Veale, his son, in the white major domo head-gear, mastered the coronet and

violin, became a professional and a big name in the US entertainment world. Left to right, back row, standing: Oscar Angille, Chester Ogden, Norman Shaw, Effsworth Bennett, Harlan Wright, C. A. Bennett (16-1) Hartley Lord (later county treasure), Franklin Holman; second row (L-R) Fred Cooper, Orrin Smith, Britt Stevens, William H. Dunlap, Mgr. of band, Richard Veale, Conductor, George Merrill, Frank Polglase, Fred Chengwidden; seated Granville Beedle (Alice Hitchen's brother), Carl Hicks, Elbert Veale, McMurray Mallen (Chris' son), and Alvin Kahl.

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(16-1 Mine)