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General Vanadium finally took an interest in roscoelite and purchased several groups of rich claims on Fall Creek. Primos, which already operated a large mine on Bear Creek, added 2,000 acres of claims to its holdings, leased the second Vanadium Alloys Mill at Newmire, and improved the facility. The activity was so pronounced that the mining industry began referring to Newmire as Vanadium, which the Postal Service officially recognized in 1913.⁴³



Figure E 4.2: The Rare Metals Mill, built in 1903, was North America's first commercial uranium concentration facility. A succession of companies operated the mill, which apparently burned during the 1920s. The exact date of the photograph is unknown, although most likely during the 1910s. Source: Denver Public Library, X-61965.

⁴³ Bauer, et al., 1990:146; Curran, 1911 p1287; *Daily Journal* 3/28/10; *Daily Journal* 5/26/11; *Mineral Resources*, 1911:949; *Mineral Resources*, 1913:364; "Mining News" *EMJ* 6/24/11 p1272; "Mining News" *EMJ* 3/30/12 p667.