

## Sutro Heights Casino

This ambitiously named but poorly documented Ocean Terrace saloon operated on the corner of Point Lobos and 48th Avenues.

The establishment was first run by Herman Schmidt, ironically nicknamed “Baby Schmidt” because he weighed over 400 lbs. and was thought to be the heaviest man in California at the time. Schmidt ran the Sutro Heights Casino from 1897 to 1907.

It was then bought by Oscar Olsen who ran the establishment under the name Cafe O.B. Olsen’s from 1908 to 1910. Olsen was proprietor when the Sutro Heights Casino was robbed in 1909.

Olsen sold out to William Apple who closed the establishment in 1914, following the example of many other local businesses.

*Top:* Steam train in front of Sutro Heights Casino on the corner of Point Lobos and 48th Avenues, ca. 1897-1905; *Bottom:* Cars on Point Lobos Ave. in front of Sutro Heights Casino, ca. 1903.



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