

Idaho County Mining

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Discovery of new gold deposits and the geologists in charge of this work appear to have gained a similar impression."

1933
"In 1933, we find that Idaho County out produced all other counties in the state as far as gold is concerned, with a total of 28,292.63 ounces for a total value of \$710,908.91. The 5,074.13 ounces of silver was valued at 1,762.09. Total metal production came to \$712,747.02.

The '33 report notes that, during the early days of gold mining this county was one of the most productive in the state. Due to the inability of the early operators to handle base ore and the terrific handicap of lack of transportation facilities, mining became dormant throughout the county. Modern metallurgical process, new highways and truck transportation has given new life to these mining communities."

Ten Mile
The report continues, "In the Ten Mile and Golden districts, Associated Gold Mines Co. continued their work of reopening the old Coeur d'Alene tunnel, sank a winze, and put in a raise. A number of buildings were erected and power equipment installed.

The Lone Pine property operated continuously making them one of the largest gold producers in the state. Their new mill erected in 1932 gave excellent results.

The Gilt Edge property at Old Golden was operated to the capacity of the mill.

A small crew was kept at the New York Mint, and leasors worked in the Buffalo-Idaho.

The Key, Tipple and Moose Creek placers were worked intensively while the water lasted. The Giant Leasing Co. operating the Moose Creek placers, built 2,000 ft. of flume and four miles of ditch to insure a full season of placering hereafter.

Elk City
"In Elk City district, the most important operation is the Cal Idaho placer which was worked intensively during the spring run off.

"The American Eagle property is being opened by a crew of men under the supervision of Stewart Campbell, former Mine Inspector.

The Sultan Gold Mining Co. has acquired the Larsen property and is doing a small amount of development work.

The Mineral Zone mine has been acquired by H.H. Underhill and he is planning to rebuild the mill and to open the vein with a shaft to be sunk to the right of the old one, according to press reports.

The Marvel Gold Mines, Inc., started work on their placer project in June.

Orogrande District
"The Gnome Mine was reopened after a short shutdown, under the direction of Rush J. White, well known mining engineer. Considerable development work has been done with excellent results. Milling was resumed in September.

The New Frisco has installed new mining equipment, is building a mill, has constructed three miles of road and is pushing their development ahead rapidly, according to press reports.

At the Kooch-I-Noor, a crew of 12 to 15 men have under construction a sawmill, 250 tram, powerhouse, a mile of flume and a water system. The machinery is on the ground and a mill in process of erection, according to press reports.

Work is progressing on the Banner property and a mill is projected for the near future.

Dixie District
"Work in the Dixie district was continued on a limited scale on the Camp Bird by Fred B. Gribbi, owner. The Dixie meadows was tested for dredging by the Idaho Gold Dredging Co.

A crew has been put on

the Black Diamond property cleaning out tunnels, retimbering and rehabilitating the building in preparation for a resumption of development work.

The Central Idaho M. and M. Co. continued operations on the War Eagle groups. Supplies have been put into the property that will enable operations to continue all winter.

Newsome District
"An important strike was made at Newsome by Doite F. Morrow, according to press dispatches, and development will get under way immediately. The Newsome placer was operated throughout the season; a hydraulic elevator was installed, one of the few in Idaho.

Salmon River
"The banks of the Salmon River were dotted with placer miners this spring, many of whom had worked there all winter. The various public relief works had absorbed most of these by mid-summer and by fall but few were left.

Marshall Lake District
"The Golden Anchor Closed down when their lease on the Sherman Howe mill expired July 1st. Up to that time they were active and developed considerable ore of a good milling grade.

The Sherman-Howe operated throughout the year, operating their mill after the lease of the Golden Anchor expired. In this district, placer mining and prospecting was active throughout the summer.

Warren-Edwardsburg District
"At Warren the Warren Dredging Co. and the Idaho Gold Dredging Co. operated their dredges continuously throughout the season with excellent results. Preparations are being made for winter work.

Prospecting and testing for placer ground was very active in this district. This district, on account of the work of the two dredges, was one of the largest gold producers in the state.

The Golden Hand was

operated continuously, and additions made to their mill to increase capacity. The road into the property was worked over and supplies laid in for winter operations. The Golden Hand Extension was incorporated to take over the Keystone property and a number of claims between the two properties. Arrangements are being made to continue work on this property as soon as possible.

"Many other properties throughout the county received attention and next year should prove that the gold fields of Idaho county are indeed one of Idaho's greatest potential resources."

1934
In 1934, 22,973.49 ounces of gold were reported taken out of Idaho County, for a value of \$804,072.15 and 11,127.05 ounces of silver, at a price of \$7,176.95, for a total of \$811,249.10.

W.H. Simons, inspector of mines for this year, says, "In point of new operations, this county was the most active in the state. Numerous small operations were under way in all parts of the county. This work would have been more successful were it not for the lack of water due to an extremely open winter last year.

"Next season should greatly expand the production of gold from this county as many operators had just gotten to the production stage when the season closed.

Ten Mile District
"The New York Mines and Buffalo Idaho Mining Co. reported assessment and repair work only but information reached the inspector that considerable work was done on this property in the fall.

The Clearwater Mining Co. maintained a small crew and did considerable development work.

The Gilt Edge Mines Corp. put into operation a 25-ton flotation mill and maintained operations throughout the year with a crew of 12 men.

"The Idaho Corporation, a new company, employed a crew of 8 men in exploration work on their property near Golden. 330 feet of cross-cutting to the first vein was done and some drifting on the vein accomplished during the year. This work showed excellent values and this property looks like a near producer. The work is being handled in an economical and conservative manner and the inspector wishes to congratulate the owners on the manner in which this operation is being carried out.

The Lone Pine operation at Golden is one of the most consistent producers in the state. This property is owned and operated by F.O. Miller of Clarkston, Washington, and is carried on under almost excellent plan, constantly expanding operations as development warrants, but without waste of or speculation. The plant was operated at the capacity of the 40-ton flotation mill throughout the year. A crew of 20 men was employed. A 250 h.p. hydroelectric plant was installed on the South Fork of the Clearwater River and the mining and milling operations will be completely electrified and expanded next year.

The Key, Tipple and Moose Creek placers were operated at capacity as long as the water lasted.

Elk City District
"The Cal-Idaho Mining Co. near Elk City operated at capacity as long as the water lasted, moving 100,000 cu. yds. of gravel.

Three shovels were busy most of the year on Seigel Creek, the Red Horse placer was tested and a small amount of work was done on the American Eagle and Mother Lode Properties. The development on the Mother Lode opened up some excellent ore and this property should develop into a producer in the near future.

A small amount of work was performed on the Sultan Gold Mining Company's property northeast of Elk

City and the Center Star groups on the South Fork of the Clearwater.

Orogrande District The Gnome Gold Mining Co. continued operations

throughout the year. Additional mining equipment (Continued on following page)