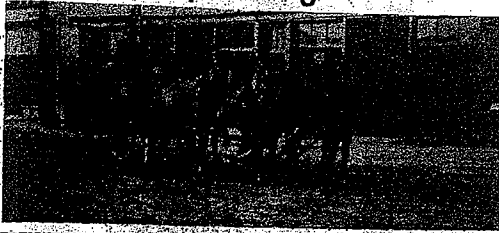


Idaho County Mining



FREIGHT AND MAIL Stage, leaving the express office in Grangeville about 1912 or 1913 for Salmon River, with the train stage operator, E.O. (Dave) Brown, father of H.E. Brown. The wheel horses are Benton and Bronco. One of the men in the background is Waller Hickerson, expressman; bulldozer operator, Jordan Moter Co. is now, later burned out. Change of horses was made at White Bluff, except emergency occasions when Benton and Bronco were put in as leaders and made the run to Lucile. After Brown retired, these faithful stage horses were "retired" on a farm on Salmon River.—Photo Courtesy Mrs. H.E. Brown.

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ment was installed and development work pushed ahead of operations.

"The Koh-I-Noor Gold Corp. cleaned out and retimbered the main tunnel on the Baner property and did considerable development work.

"The Orogrande-Frisco Gold Mines, Inc. built a 500-ton cyanide mill on the Hogan property, which was put into operation late in the year. This is one of the largest new operations in the state.

"The intention is to mine the "dyke" which has a width of 600 ft. by quarrying methods. The gold content of the dyke is low but the operators feel that the ore can be worked at such a low cost that a profit will result. If successful it will eventually be one of the state's largest operations.

"A 25-ton mill was placed in operation on the Ellis group. The Billows brothers installed a 40-ton plant on the Whitmore property.

Mr. A.C. Conrad was engaged throughout the summer in cyaniding the tallings at the Junkie Mine, Buffalo Hump. It is reported that the operation was very successful. This may be the forerunner of renewed activities in the once-famous district. Better transportation facilities into this region will undoubtedly start considerable development work.

"The Penman Mines Corp. built a 50-ton amalgamating mill, complete camp and carried out an extensive development program. This property will be in the producer class next season.

"The Una Mines Co. did considerable work. Several other small operations were started up during the past season, including a gas shovel placer. Next season should find this district well toward the front of the gold producers of the state.

Dixie District

"The Central Idaho M. and M. Co. operated the War Eagle group throughout the year. Considerable development work was done

and the new discoveries made proved to be of considerable value.

"Tiawaka Mines, Inc. completed their shaft to the 100 ft. level, built a 15-ton flotation mill, which was put into operation in November.

"A 1,000 ft. drift is being driven on the Gold Leaf by the Dixie Comstock and a permanent camp was built by this company. A 50-ton mill is projected for the early spring.

Salmon River District

"Considerable work was done at the properties of the B.R. and R. Co., and the McKinley Gold Mining Co.

"Numerous buflits along the river were placing the bars and there were also several barges equipped with sand pumps working the bed below the low water. Several good cleanups were reported to have been made.

Florence District

"It was reported that there was considerable activity in the district.

Burgdorf-Marshall Lake District

"The Sherman-Howe worked a crew all year at their property and at the Golden Anchor, property which they had under lease.

"The Idaho Klondike Mining Co. maintained a crew of 5 men doing development work. Reports are that this property is responding nicely to development.

"Several properties were tested during the last season.

Warren District

"The Idaho Gold Dredging Co. built and put into operation their second dredge at Warren for the purpose of working the gravel deposits above the town. Both dredges operated at capacity, making this company one of the largest gold producers in the state.

"The Warren Creek Dredging Co. also operated their dredge at capacity all year.

"The Unity Gold Production Co. put on a development program during the summer and made improvements to their power plant and equipment to allow them to furnish

electric power to the Idaho Gold Dredging Co. Several small operations were started during the summer but lack of water prevented much work being done.

Edwardsburg District

"The forest service built an airport at Edwardsburg during the summer. This will be a great convenience to the people of this district, particularly during the winter months.

"The Golden Hand, Inc. maintained a capacity production at their mill throughout the year. By installing additional equipment this summer, the capacity of the mill was raised to 25 tons per day. A development program including 2,000 ft. of drifting has been outlined for the winter months.

"The Smith Creek Placers were worked during the summer with gas shovel and truck equipment.

Work was also in progress at the Moscow, B and B and several other properties.

"The road development program of the forest service will prove to be of inestimable value to this region in the future.

"This district is destined to become one of Idaho's largest permanent gold producers when the development stage is passed.

1935.

This is the first year where gold production by county is not shown in the annual report of the mining industry in Idaho. However, Arthur Campbell, again mine inspector, reports a decrease in 1935 from 1934, and says, "All the decrease in gold output came from lode mines, the output from placers, especially from dredging operations, increased slightly. The largest decrease in the output of gold was reported by the St. Joseph Lead Co., operating the Boise-Rochester property at Atlanta."

Campbell, who had been working the previous year in Idaho County, says of this area, "One of the greatest opportunities presented today to the prospector, operator and investor is in

the tremendous development which is due to take place in this region.

"More than 1,000 men were actively engaged in mining within the confines of Idaho County during the past year.

Ten Mile District

"The New York Mines and the Buffalo Mining Company enjoyed a good year with fair returns on gross output.

"The Lone Pine, at Golden owned and operated by F.O. Miller, of Clarkston, was operated at the capacity of the 40-ton flotation mill until a shortage of the water to the 250 h.p. hydroelectric plant slowed down operations. An intelligent development program was carried out. A crew of 20 men was employed. Modern haulage equipment was installed.

"The Clearwater Mining Company worked a crew of men on development and installing machinery for future operations.

"The Idaho Corporation, near Golden, was examined and sampled by scouts and engineers. The property is opened up on several horizons and the samples taken show good values. It has the earmarks of becoming a potential producer. Frederick E. Snook, Golden, Idaho, is president and manager.

"It was reported that the Gilt Edge Mines Corp. was the scene of some activity during the year.

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

Dixie District

"The War Eagle operated a 25-ton mill and employed 25 men.

"At the Dixie-Comstock camp and new 50-ton mill was erected. Thirty men were employed. This property will be ready to start operations at an early date. W.H. Horobin is president of the company.

"Then men were employed at the Tiawaka Mines, Inc. where sinking and other development work was carried on. Flotation cells and a cyanide plant was added to the milling equipment.

"At the North Star, ten men were employed on development.

"The Mammoth Mines Corp. was acquired by the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Company at a reported price of \$200,000. Twelve men form the crew that are sampling and developing the property, composed of ten claims.

"A placer operation at Dixie enjoyed a very successful season. A power shovel and washing plant on skids is in use.

Elk River District

"The American Eagle with a crew of 12 men rehabilitated the mine and had the mill running part time.

"The Sultan Gold followed

a sinking and development program with a crew of ten men.

"The Mary K. (Black Pine), under the supervision of Mr. Slossell, had a small crew on development.

"George Becker had six men at the Major.

"The Mother Lode, Gold Point, Mountain Boy and Center Star followed development programs during the year and shipped some ore.

"A 50-ton Hardinge ball mill, Gibson amalgamator, classifier and Wilfley table were installed at the Black Lady claim of the Pilot Knob Gold Corp. R.W. Bellows, Culmstock Arms, Spokane, Washington, is president and general manager. In development a good vein of gold ore was uncovered. Provisions have been made for the installation of Fahrwald flotation, if sulphide ore is encountered at depth. Twelve men were employed.

"The Deadwood dredge was operating with a crew of ten men.

Orogrande District

"The Penman Mines Corp., with a crew of thirty men, had the mill running at capacity.

"Sixty men were employed at the Orogrande-Frisco until the company was forced to shut down on account of water to operate their 500-ton mill.

"The North Hill shipped their ore to the Gilt Edge mill in the Ten Mile district. Ten men employed.

"The Una was developed by a crew of three men.

Salmon River District

"Numerous outfits along the river were working the bars. Shufling power shovels and barges equipped with sand pumps were active. Several good cleanups were reported to have been made.

"The B.R. and R. Co., and the McKinley Gold Mining Co. did considerable work.

"Many new locations were made and signs of activity near Lucile and Pollock were very much in evidence.

Florence District

"A new road was constructed into this district and from reports considerable activity was noted during the year.

Burgdorf-Marshall Lake District

"The United Verde, and Arizona Corporation, built a

mill at the Golden Anchor Mine. Some development work was done at the property.

"The Idaho-Klondike, on California Creek, Mark Evans, president and manager, erected winter quarters, rehabilitated and developed the property to some extent. This is an underground placer.

"The Golden Age and several other placers were worked while others were prospected and tested for values.

"The War Eagle developed their property.

Warren District

"The Idaho Gold Dredging Co. had two dredges working at capacity, making this company one of the largest gold producers in the state.

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