

Idaho County Mining

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operate along the meander line below Slate Creek. Everett Sloane is manager and superintendent in charge of operations with headquarters at Slate Creek. "A power shovel and stationary washing plant was operated at Horseshoe Bend throughout the year with a fair margin of profit. At times gravel was encountered that averaged seventy cents a yard. Fuel costs and truck charges for hauling gravel to washing plant, and repairs to steam shovel cut down what might have been a very successful operation."

"The Penman Corporation had a crew making general repairs, and blackout out ore. Surface buildings, and flotation unit in the mill were added as well."

"Gnome Gold Mining Co. worked their property with a fair margin of profit and added materially to the production figures for gold in the state during the year. A crew average of 25 men is maintained."

"Some sampling and testing was carried on at the property known as The Commodore, on Crooked River. This company owns a number of claims on mineralized dike the same as the Empire Metals Company, who hold 113 claims where the same program was in effect."

Salmon River District
"Activity was noticed in the vicinity of Pollock and Lucile, where the B.R. & R. Co. and the McKinley Gold Mining Company are located. A bridge across the Salmon River at Lucile would no doubt be an asset to opening up a potential mining district as well as a large farming and stock raising section."

"From Riggins to White Bird men were working along the river with outfits that ranged from crude skid digging contrivances to hydraulic and power shovel methods."

"Butcher Bar was taken over by Lewiston interests who plan to work this property in a big way and handle considerable yardage by a caving system. The gravel will be crushed to uniform size and trammed to the washing plant. L.N. House, Lewiston, is president."

"The Automotive Placer Company plans to install a power shovel and mobile washing plant that is mounted on wheels. This outfit is hooked together in tandem. It is planned to

"Some activity, with prospecting and development work, was accomplished at several properties near the Golden Anchor and on California Creek including the Sherman-Howe, Old Kentuck, Little Johnnie, Cuban, and others located on Fall and French creeks."

"Warren"
The Idaho Gold Dredging Company enjoyed a very successful year in production of gold with dredges. The steam dredge was changed to an electric."

"Fisher and Baumhoff moved their "Mickey Mouse" that was operating in the town of Warren to Granite Creek in Boise Basin where it is now operating."

"Plans to move the Anderson Dredge to ground on American River may be carried out in the near future."

Florence District
"With the completion of new roads, better transportation facilities may be had into this district. Scouts and engineers visited this section for examinations which resulted in the moving in of machinery for operation during the coming year. Roads to Florence connect up with the main highway at Slate Creek and Grangeville. Nineteen thirty-seven presents a very optimistic outlook for increased activity in mining around Florence."

Burgdorf-Marshall Lake District
"Some development work and repair was accomplished at the War Eagle Gold Mining and Milling Company."

"Idaho Klondike Mining Co. Mark Evans, Burgdorf, president improved the camp, constructed a road, lowered the main tunnel four feet and made an advance of 60 feet. This property is an underground placer, tapping the gravel in an old river channel."

"A new road was built to the Golden Anchor, Sherman Howe and Kentuck properties with CCC labor."

"Golden Anchor, operated by United Verde, an Arizona Corporation, worked a crew of 30 men and ranks near the top with the other principal gold producers in the state. An airport was built for winter transportation and considerable development work completed. The mill finished in 1935 is a 50 ton steam driven Lane Chilean mill and cyanide plant."

"Some activity was noticed on Profile Gap between Yellow Pine and Edwardsburg on coming into this district and also on Elk

Summit when enroute to Warren."

"Piercer" Metals Development Company, operating the Snowshoe property, on Crooked Creek, expects to be in full production soon, treating 50 tons of ore daily. During the year, the mine was developed on the 500 foot level and put in shape for production. Ore bins and a 25-ton amalgamation and flotation concentrator, connected by a tram trestle 478 feet long were constructed. The camp is well equipped with buildings and a saw mill that can turn out 3,000 feet of lumber daily. It is planned to build a dam to store several acre-feet of water for power to generate 65 horsepower. The water will be transferred 3,300 feet through a pipe 20 inches down to two and three-quarter inches in diameter and which will propel a Pelton Wheel, H.J. Maib, Grandview, Wash., president, Thomas W. Nevitt, Clarkston, Wash., secretary, L.A. Smith, also of Clarkston is superintendent."

"The Werdenhoff on the North Fork of Smith Creek was changed to the Idaho Mine. J.W. Rouson did assessment work on the claims. A 5-stamp amalgamation and concentration mill is on the property."

"Golden Hand, Inc., C.W. Mason, Warren, president and Harry M. Smith, Tacoma, Washington, secretary, employed an average of seven men. Five hundred feet of development work was completed during the year. The company expects to increase capacity of mill to 50 tons."

"Smith Creek placers with a crew of 15 men made a six months run near the mouth of Smith Creek. Two hydraulic giants were

operating under the direction of the late J.W. Kiene of Seattle, Wash. Jimmie Hand developed three claims on Sheep Eater Mountain, known as the Grey Horse, Brown Horse and Blue Horse. This property consists of three parallel veins running east and west. The center one with a gold content flanked on each side by silver veins with good showings."

1937
For 1937, we find that 1,000 men were actively engaged in mining within Idaho county."

Salmon River District
"The Salmon River, from the mouth of French Creek to Box Canyon below White Bird, had the usual quota of placer miners in search of the yellow metal."

"The Liberty Mine, also known as the 'Big 3' was worked to some extent by Bisbee and Thornton. The property is located about three miles up the river from the mouth of French Creek."

"Placer mining in the vicinity of Slate Creek was performed by the Automotive Placer Company with a power shovel and mobile washing plant."

"The Gold Eagle Dredging Company operated the Horseshoe Bar, eight miles from White Bird."

Ten Mile District
"The Lone Pine Group, at Golden, owned and operated by F.O. Miller of Clarkston, Washington, was operated at capacity with a crew of 25 men."

"A crew of four men under the management of L.L. Warte, Grangeville, opened up the old workings of the Winstrom Group."

"The Clearwater Mining Company finished construction of a modern camp, 20-ton pilot mill, power plant and with a crew of five men accomplished 340 feet of

development work during the year."

"S.C. Alexander and Associates of Tacoma Washington and San Francisco, Calif., are operating on the South Fork of the Clearwater river."

"The plant consists of a two-yard drag line with washing plant mounted on a barge and operated by Diesel power."

"The New York property was reported to have made a rich strike and to have worked the property at a fair margin of profit."

"The Una Mine carried on an extensive development program under the supervision of Ralston McCaig, manager."

"The Newsome Creek Mining Co., of Calif., installed a dredge on Newsome Creek at a cost of \$80,000."

"Other activity was noticed at the Key, Tipple and Moose Creek placers, and at several lode properties, including the Buffalo, Imogene, Montana, Central Star, Four Mile and others."

Elk River District
"It has been a good many years since there has been as much activity in the mining districts of Idaho County, and the Elk River area was no exception. Not only as work carried on throughout the past winter, but it was early in the spring that mining equipment was on the move and engineers arrived at Elk City to gain entrance for the hills for mining exploits."

"Mt. Vernon Gold Mining Co., who have operated a two-foot all-steel pointon dredge on placer ground in Deadwood Gulch the past few years, finished up and moved the outfit to Little Slate Creek country."

"The Cal-Idaho hydraulic placer was worked by James

and Green and son of Spokane, Wash."

"The Black Lady formerly owned by the Pilot Knob Gold Corp., was reorganized and an extensive development program was carried on under the supervision of Frank Wills."

"The Bender Engineering Company, Seattle, Wash., is setting up a custom mill at Elk City which will provide service for numerous smaller mines of the district."

"C. Phillips and Associates, Portland moved in placer equipment to operate the Scuyler-Simmons property on Red Horse Creek."

"The Massam Group on American River was taken over by Portland interests."

"Considerable development work was done at the Sunnyside Group of claims on Providence Creek."

"The Gold Point on Red River finished construction of a mill at the mouth of Relief Creek, built roads, extended tunnels, and operated during the summer months."

"The Mineral Zone, inactive for many years, was reported to have opened up again. This property was operated a good many years ago by G.L. Baskett, formerly a druggist of Elk City. The new company is known as the Best Chance Gold Mines Corp."

"The Dixie Placer, located near Dixie, enjoyed another successful season. This is a power shovel, and mobile washing plant."

"The Mary K., (Black Pine) Mother Lode, Mountain Boy and Almance were other properties that saw some activity during the year."

Florence District
"Granite Creek Dredging Company operated on the Egloff property with a crew

of 16 men on a two-shift basis. The company has a complete camp and report a successful season with the shovel and washing plant they moved in from the Boise Basin."

"Otto Egloff put considerable yardage through a small mill with good results."

"Hinkson and Bishop restaked some claims and performed annual labor on their holdings."

"The Gold Cross Mining Co. was developed to some extent."

"A small pilot mill was erected on the W.A. Paul property."

"Many promising properties in this area are worthy of attention by agents and engineers. These holdings are dormant due to the lack of finance for their development."

Dixie District

"The Idaho Newsome Mining and Milling Co. Inc. operated with a crew of 12 men."

"The Dixie Comstock Gold Mining Co., employed a crew of six men."

"The Bunker Hill and Sullivan finished construction of a 25-ton pilot mill and developed the Mammoth property with a crew of 35 men."

"Gold Master Consolidated Mining Company carried on an extensive development program."

"Loyalby Mines, Inc. report 68 feet of development work."

"The American Gold Mining Co. scheduled an active development program, with enough on hand to run the 15-ton mill at capacity for some time."

"The L and L. or Louis Larson property was active according to E.G. Wagner."

"The War Eagle worked at intervals and annual labor

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