

passed between 1904 and 1907.

### Dredging in 1903

One of the first financially successful dredges was built and operated by the Champlin Electric Gold Dredging Company of Chicago which purchased the Champlin Placer on Footh Creek in 1903. This was a bucket type dredge and operated with steam power, but in November, 1905,

set back for gold mining. In October, 1942, the War Production Board Order L-208 stopped all non-essential mining; gold mining was included as non-essential mining. This order was not revoked until July 1, 1945. The largest operation in Josephine County shut down by this order was the Benton Mine, which prior to 1942, employed about 25 men, more than any other industrial

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### State's Chrome Here

During times of national emergency or chrome mines have supplied some of the high grade chromium ore necessary to the country's ferro-alloys industry. Josephine County leads in the state's chrome production and the Oregon Chrome Mine in the Illinois River district is the state's

ing mine in southwestern Oregon in recent years is the Bonanza Mine located a short distance east of Sutherlin in Douglas County. In Jackson County the War Eagle, Mountain King, and Webb-Tanner mines have been the principal producers. The Douglas County the Red Cloud and Elk-head Mines were also one time active producers. Studies of the quicksilver deposits in Oregon by the State Department of Geology

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