

16 Ounces Gold in Pan Looks Good

"This is what we get on Elk creek," Norman Parker said last Friday as he finished panning the day's cleanup of his doodle bug operation on Elk creek.

It was a sight to make a man's eyes bulge a bit. A gold pan the bottom of which was covered with nuggets and fine gold. Later it was learned there was 16 ounces of gold in the pan.

Mr. Parker is operating one of the successful doodle bugs in the county. It is located on Elk creek about 10 miles from Baker. He uses two dragline shovels in the work. One is to strip the overburden from the pay gravel. This is about six feet deep. The other digs the gravel and dumps it in the hopper of the washing plant. The plant is on skids and is pulled forward by a cable as the shovel advances. In this way the bedrock is dry and the bucket does not work under water.

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DOODLEBUG ON ELK CREEK IS MAKING GOOD

Norman Parker Installs
New Drag Line Shovel
to Speed Work

FORMERLY WORKED BULL RUN CREEK

Operation Reported One of
Successful Placer Pro-
jects of Season, Uses
Two Shovels.

A placer operation that is proving one of the successes of the season is that of Norman Parker on Elk creek west of Baker, according to reports received from that section.

It is a doodle bug operation. Mr. Parker has been using one drag line shovel in digging the pay gravel and to increase the production this week installed a new and larger shovel. The old shovel will be used to strip the over burden, or surface, down to the pay gravel and the new shovel which is larger will dig the pay gravel.

Mr. Parker hails from California. Until last fall he worked for a couple of seasons on Bull Run creek on the ground known as Gold Center. Having worked out the ground suitable for his plant he secured the present ground on Elk creek and after prospecting it to determine the value, winter set in and he was forced to suspend work until the spring water started. Since then he has been in full operation with the result the ground is proving even better than first tests indicated.

The two shovels are working full time and he is taking full advantage of the heavy flow of spring flood water.

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A second power shovel will be installed next spring by Norman Parker of Baker, Oregon, at his property in the Auburn



district west of Baker. Parker recently suspended operations for the winter. The new shovel will be used to strip

overburden and the present one will dig gravel for washing.

PARKER WILL WORK ON ELK CREEK MINES

Small District West of
Baker Has Good Placer
Gold Showing

TESTS SHOW 50c
GOLD PER YARD

Norman Parker Has Plant
on the Ground for Work-
ing in the Spring, Has
Tested Gravel.

One of the small streams head-
ing between Griffen gulch and
the old Auburn mining district
west of Baker is Elk creek.

For some time a number of
miners have been making their
living panning and sluicing the
gravels of the stream for placer
gold.

Some months ago Norman
Parker moved into Elk creek af-
ter testing ground he had leased.
He has a power shoveler and
washing plant and worked the
plant for a short time before be-
ing forced to suspend work by
the recent freezing weather. He
recovered about 20 ounces of
gold in the time he was working
and demonstrated to his satisfac-
tion that the ground would pay.
He estimates the gravel to be
worked will average 50 cents per
cubic yard figuring from top to
bottom.

It is Mr. Parker's plan next
spring when he starts work to
use a yard-shovel to strip the
over-burden from the pay grav-
el and use the present shovel he
has on the ground to dig the
gravel for washing.

Mr. Parker the past two sea-
sons has worked on the Gold
Center ground on Bull Run creek
between Sumpter and Granite.
Having worked out the ground
he had there he moved early in
the fall to Elk creek.

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Norman Parker, having tested placer ground in **Elk Creek**, west of **Baker**, plans to resume operations next spring with two shovel outfits, one for stripping and one for production. **Parker** worked the **Gold Center** ground between **Sumpter** and **Granite** for two years.