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# Far West Co. Installs Drag Line to Handle Heavy Rock

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HALFWAY, June 30.—Up and down Pine creek there are more mines in operation than for many years.

The Far West Mining and Milling company, whose president is M. Malanphy, has leased the Pebble Mining company property and purchased under bond and lease the Cold Springs Mining company property, adjoining on the south.

They are setting up a Sauerman long range drag line for dredging on the Pebble property. The bucket weighing two tons will weigh four tons when completely equipped. The drag line will be run by cable under power generated by steam. It is believed if any method of dredging will be profitable this will be.

A number of other owners are watching the work as a test and will install similar equipment if the bucket is capable of coping with the large rock. The new shovel will have a capacity of 2½ yards of dirt and will move about 1000 yards

of easy ground in eight hours. It is estimated by engineers the power shovel is capable of lifting a rock weighing 1000 tons and should be able to handle any in the canyon.

Leif Holt, a mining engineer from Alaska, Idaho and other points, who has operated similar equipment, is in charge of setting up the machinery. The company is employing from five to ten men at present.

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The Farwest Milling & Mining Co.,  
operating the former Cold Springs property  
near Cornucopia, is running a dragline  
in going to bed rock.

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