Damage estimated at $1,000 was caused recently by the fall of a derrick at the Pine Creek Placer Mining Co. operations below Cornucopia, where hydraulic operations are in progress under the management of Milton Steinmetz.
Boulder Creek Placer
Gets in Operation

At Boulder Creek about two miles below the Cornucopia mine there is to be seen today what is probably the largest hydraulic operation in the state. Milton Steinmetz is in charge of the work.

Two giants are used in the work. One with a 4-inch nozzle and the other a 3-inch nozzle. The larger stream of water is used in the pit to wash down the pay gravel and through the large sluice way and the second stream is used to pile up the rocks which wash through the sluices and keep the tailings from piling up below the boxes.

The water is delivered to the giants under a vertical pressure of 240 feet.

A derrick with a 90-foot boom is used to move and pile out of the way the boulders which are too large to go through the sluice boxes. The derrick is operated by electric power.
Pine Creek Placers, Inc. of Delaware, has filed in Oregon and designated Dey, Hampton and Nelson, Portland, as legal representatives.