Crew Building Mill at Stalter Property

A new 20-ton flotation mill being built at the John Stalker mine on the middle Fork of John Day near the Dewitt ranch is expected to start operation this week.

The mill is being built by J. W. Crew who for the past couple of years operated the Miller Mountain property near Canyon City.

Water power will be used to operate the plant. The grinding before the material passes to the flotation cells is done in a Hardinge mill. The concentrates will be shipped by truck to the smelter at Tacoma.

The Stalter mine which was developed by the late John Stalter as the head and manager of the Heppner Gold Mining company, has been developed quite extensively by a series of tunnels. It is estimated about 1100 tons of ore of a milling grade are on the dump.
The new 20-ton mill is ready to start at the John Stalker mine in the Middle Fork of the John Day near the DeWitt ranch. J. W. Crew had charge of mill construction. Concentrates will be shipped to the Tacoma smelter.
The New Eldorado Mining Company has been organized by Joseph E. Bunker, William Honrath, and R. J. Bunker, all of Bates, Oregon, to operate the Heppner mines, also known as the Dan B. Stalter claims. The property, located in the Green Horn district 70 miles west of Baker, has been idle for some time and is being reopened and explored by the new interests. It is leased from the Heppner Mining Company of which James Williams is president and C. H. Shultz, secretary, both of Tillamook, Oregon. A new sawmill has been installed and camp building constructed. It is planned to install a new Denver mineral jig. The 20-ton flotation and gravity concentration plant is treating 10 tons of ore daily, recovering gold, silver, and copper. The mine has been opened by 3,900 feet of underground workings to a depth of 2,000 feet. Present production is said to be coming from new development work. Six men are employed.