

Another Mining Operation, Sumpter

Sumpter — (Special) — Little, Harris and Wolfinger are testing in a "doodle bug" at McCulley's Fork. A link belt drag line with a 1½ yard bucket arrived this week and is ready for operation. The rest of the equipment is expected to arrive soon. The company is also testing the Northey ground.

This operation is located on the R. L. Harris property which has recently been tested.

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Oregon

The Northwest Development Company, which is working gravel property at Sumpter, Oregon, has discontinued operation of one of its two dragline dredges because of the difficulty of getting repairs for the Link-Belt dragline due to demands of national defense. President and general manager of the company is J. E. Little; assistant general manager, Harry F. Wolfinger; assistant superintendent, Paul Grimm; shop foreman, Charles Anson; and purchasing agent, Glenn Ryan; all at Sumpter. M. A. Grant of Baker, Oregon, is secretary.

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L. H. HARRIS

West of the Sumpter Valley dredge along Powder river, L. H. Harris has been operating a power shovel and washing plant for several years. With an outfit of this kind he has been able to clean up several pieces of ground that the dredges have been unable to handle as well as digging to a depth along the river as great as that reached by the dredges. He has been working steadily this year and a clean-up which he brought to town only last week would indicate that he is meeting with some success.

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MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

The Little, Harris and Wolfinger dragline dredge that has been working since last fall on the Northey ranch in Sumpter valley has been dismantled and is being moved to set up on land the company has on Deer creek.

SHOVEL DREDGE IS NEW PLANT NEAR SUMPTER

California Company Con-
tracts Purchase of Har-
ris Properties

A part of the equipment comprising the new shovel type dredge to be installed this fall on the R. L. Harris holdings near Sumpter has arrived and more will be coming soon.

Little, Harris and Wolfinger of California, have contracted the purchase of the R. L. Harris properties and have been testing the ground for several weeks. Mr. Wolfinger is at the property having arrived last week with his family. They will make their home at Sumpter.

The parts that have arrived are with the shovel, and washing plant which is being built in a California plant will be received soon.

The deal under which this company is getting into operation was negotiated by W. C. Sturgill of Baker.

Mr. Harris has been operating on the property for several years with a shovel plant and has demonstrated the value of the ground.

HARRIS POWER SHOVEL PROVES PLACER WORTH

Operating Small Plant
Near Sumpter Makes
12c Dirt Pay

**WORKS 240 CUBIC
YARDS PER DAY**

Employs Man on Shovel
and Looks After the
Sluices Himself. 25c
Dirt Is Rich.

How to succeed in placer mining with a drag-line shovel operation is being demonstrated by L. R. Harris at Sumpter, although not working on a large scale.

Mr. Harris has been working along the banks left by the Powder River dredge in its work on Powder river below the old Sumpter smelter.

In his work he has demonstrated that he can make a profit in working gravel containing as low as 15 cents gold per cubic yard of the dirt. When he hits gravel running up to 25 cents per cubic yard, well, it just makes a lot. During September he is reported to have handled an average of 240 yards of the material per day working one shift.

He employs one man who operates the shovel and he looks after the washing of the gravel himself.

The equipment consists of a shovel which digs the gravel and dumps it into a hopper from which it is fed into the sluice boxes and the tailings are washed into cuts left by the old dredge operations.

Mr. Harris has been operating the plant the past four years.

The Eastern Oregon News reports:

L. R. Harris, Sumpter, is operating at a profit on as low as fifteen cent dirt with a small dragline dredge working along the banks left by the **Powder River** dredge below the old **Sumpter** smelter. Two hundred forty yards per day is averaged.

NEW SHOVEL DREDGE WORKING

A new shovel dredge operation is getting underway on the Northey ranch in the Sumpter Valley. The shovel is on the ground and active digging will be under way in a few days. This is the operation of Little, Harris and Wolfinger of California who recently purchased a large acreage near Sumpter from L. R. Harris.

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MINING AND MINERAL INVESTMENT

The **K. R. Nutting Dredging Company** of California is test drilling placer ground in Sumpter Valley, Baker County, Oregon. The company operates at Le Grand in Merced County, California. K. R. Nutting, Box 728, Salinas, California, is president.

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Northwest Moves Dredge, Deer Creek

Sumpter -- (Special) -- The Northwest Development company moved the Harris-Little-Wolfinger dragline dredge to Deer creek.

They moved from the J. A. Northey ranch to the Carlson place on Deer creek, property recently purchased by the company.

The dragline is being re-assembled and it will be operating again the last of this week.

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The Northwest Development Company has resumed dredging operations after a short shutdown due to inclement weather and a shortage of water. The property is located at Sumpter, Oregon. J. E. Little is president and general manager; Harry F. Wolfinger, assistant general manager; Paul Grimm, assistant superintendent; Charles Anson, shop foreman; and Glenn Ryan, purchasing agent; all of Sumpter. M. A. Grant of Baker is secretary.

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Sumpter, Ore

Dredging, which was suspended in 1942 for the duration, will be resumed this season by the Northwest Development Company, J.E. Little of Foresthill, Calif., president. Company holdings are located near Sumpter, where two dragline dredges were operated before the war. K.R. Nutting, Box 728, Salinas, Calif., is vice-president.

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It is reported that the Northwest Development Company has suspended operations and dismantled its equipment for the duration. The company, headed by J. E. [unclear] of Sumpter, Oregon, formerly operated 20 dredges near Sumpter, but recently restricted activity to one.

