

## PROPOSAL THREAT TO DREDGE MINING

### Replacing of Top Soil Held to Be Prohibitory

**RAVEN, Jan. 14 (Special)**—If dredge operators are required to restore the top soil to its original condition, as suggested in the state legislature recently, the dredge mining industry in Oregon will cease. R. D. Shelley, of a local mining firm, told members of the Lions club Thursday.

The cost of replacing the top soil would exceed the profits made from the soil, Mr. Shelley said. "There would no longer be any dredging in Oregon. It is necessary to be much digging to earn a profit. Furthermore, most of the land purchased for dredging operations is not good enough land for farming, as it is usually located in high, rocky regions."

Mr. Shelley pointed out the value of the dredging companies to Oregon. He said that the investment in the state by the companies was \$375,000.

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**Testing Shows**

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 interested in rough both above and  
 below the main operation. Farth-  
 down the valley at the very  
 south of Boulder gorge is the  
 England & Hilliard washing  
 plant. A small operation at pres-  
 ent with the likelihood that larger  
 equipment may be brought in.  
 Just above this lies quite a stretch  
 of land near McEwen which since  
 spring has undergone extensive  
 testing at the hands of the Nutting  
 Dredging company of Merced  
 Calif. This company has a drill  
 mounted on a crawler power unit  
 and has completed testing land un-  
 der option down in the valley in-  
 cluding the 20-acre Harbath  
 place and possibly the railroad  
 right-of-way. The testing is now  
 in progress on Dee creek and Min-  
 er's creek in the vicinity of the  
 Frank Baird, Marshall, Bell and  
 Cree ranches. Just above Sump-  
 ter the Consuelo Oregon Goodie  
 bug dragline and washing plant  
 put up on Cra-  
 cker creek.

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*Consuelo Oregon Goodie*

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## Doodlebug Mining Popular in Placers

Do you know how many "doodlebug" mining operations there are in Baker county.

Such operations are springing up everywhere and it is hard to keep track of them.

The known works of this character, all of which are carrying on with apparent success include the Consuelo Mining company, on Cracker creek near Sumpter. This company has been operating about two months and the gravel moved by the showing of tailings below the washing plant indicates it is handling a large yardage.

The Pattison plant at the mouth of Pine creek near Hereford is working the second season and is making a large score in its trenching of the hillside.

Norman Parker on Elk creek has two dragline shovels working. One is used for stripping the pay gravel and the other keeps a steady flow of pay gravel going into the washing plant.

England & Hilliard have their plant working in lower Sumpter valley near Currey and the way tailings are piling up is a pretty good indication of the success of the plant.

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Active dragline placer operations in **Baker County** include: **Consuelo Mining Co.**, near **Sumpter**; the **Pattison** operation near **Hereford**; the **Norman Parker** two unit plant on **Elk Creek**, and the **England & Hilliard** operation near **Currey**.

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