

UMPQUA AREA

The Umpqua Area includes those parts of Douglas County not within the three previously described areas.

CASTEEL MINES COMPANY (Placer)

Umpqua Area

Parks and Swartley 16:52 state:

"This company owns 160 acres of placer ground in secs.14, 15 and 22, T.28 S., R.4 W., 12 miles NE of Myrtle Creek. The company has worked these claims for the last 4 years and has taken out enough gold to pay all expenses, which included such work as ditches and flood dams. The mine is equipped with 2 large giants and 1200 feet of good pipe and all necessary tools for mining. Two men are employed at the mine the year around. Shortage of water is the only drawback. The company plans to build a large ditch 15 miles long, which will take in some 10 or 12 small creeks, and with plenty of rain or snow will be able then to run 7 or 8 months every year. Large bones and tusks of animals and many shells have been washed from the gravels. The mine has always paid well and some large gold nuggets have been taken out in the last 2 years which ranged from \$3 to \$25 each.

"The above information is furnished by J. F. McCormick, a stockholder."

Reference: Parks and Swartley, 16:52.