North Fork Placers—On the North Fork of the John Day river between Oriental Bar and Big Creek, M. R. Senter, 1240 S. E. Ninth avenue, Portland, Oregon, and associates have about two miles along the stream which has been partially tested. These tests have been so generally favorable, Mr. Senter states, that further testing will be done this season, and quite possibly equipment for working the ground will be installed.

Ralph Davis, Inc., Marysville, Montana, is reported to have leased the **North Fork** placers and adjoining ground on the North Fork of the John Day River between Dale and Granite, Oregon, in Grant County. Ralph Davis of Marysville is president of the company bearing his name and is understood to be associated with Harry Morrison of the Morrison-Knudsen Company, Boise, Idaho, and other Boise men in this Oregon project. A 4½-yard Monighan dragline and washing plant will be moved to the ground and operations are expected to be under way some time in December.

Ralph Davis, Inc. — Installation of a new dragline dredge on the North Fork of the John Day River is underway. The ground to be worked is about 15 miles above Texas Bar on the North Fork. It takes in ground controlled by M. R. Senter of Portland above Oriental Bar and includies five placer claims turned over to Mr. Davis by C. E. Silbaugh of Baker. Ralph Davis who operates under the title of Ralph Davis, Inc., has been working ground near Helena, Montana, and will move this plant to the North Fork. Pilot Rock, Umatilla County, is the nearest railroad point and the machinery will be shipped there and trucked to the new location. It will be a Monaghan dragline, with a 4½ cu. yd. ucket, with an 85-foot boom, with a digging capacity of 5000 yards per day. The washing plant will float on pontoons. Mr. Davis estimates he has 5,000,000 yards of dredge ground which shows satisfactory values in testing.

Ralph Davis, Inc., Moves Into Oregon

The dragline dredging operations of Ralph Davis, Inc., are being shifted from Marysville, Mont., to ground on the north fork of the John Day River in Oregon. The equipment consists of a 3½-cu. yd. Bucyrus-Monighan dragline, feeding to a pontoon washing plant. The dragline works with an 85' boom. The ground is said to aggregate about 1,500 acres.

The Davis company should not be confused with Ralph E. Davis Syndicate, which is also operating a Bucyrus-Monighan in Montana. This activity is at Bannock and there is no connection between the two companies.

DAVIS (Placer) North Fork District North Fork Area
(See also North Fork Placers)

Ralph Davis, Inc., has acquired property 16 miles east of Dale on the North Fork of the John Day River. This property includes ground formerly controlled by M. R. Senter of Portland above Oriental Bar and five placer claims acquired by C. E. Silbaugh of Baker. The plant began operation in February 1940 and consists of a 4½ cu.yd. Monighan dragline with an 85-foot boom, digging capacity of 5000 yards per day and a floating washing plant. Testing indicates a 5-year operation. See "North Fork Placers" for further details.

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