

Dixie Creek Placers

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Gold

NAME OLD NAMES PRINCIPAL ORE MINOR MINERALS

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on Dixie Creek

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PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Lindgren 01 : 712
Swartley 14 : 198
Gulubly Run Park 33 : 104
Doyan Bull 14B : 113 and also 116 (H.F. England & Co)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Grant COUNTY

Quartzburg AREA

..... ELEVATION

..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY

..... DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S)

Address

OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat. _____

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

PLACER MINES

No change in Lindgren's report of 1900, which is quoted below, is to be noted. Locally the gross production from the Dixie placers is reported from \$600,000 to \$6,000,000. Probably the lesser amount approximates the truth. The depth of the gravel and the condition of the bed-rock was not learned, but if these were proven suitable it might pay to install a dredge.

Placer Mines.—The Dixie creek placer mines were discovered about 1862, and were reported rich, though no data as to production are at hand. Raymond's report for 1870 contains the statement that at that time there were 100 white men and 200 Chinamen employed,

and that the fine, scaly gold was 860 fine. In 1873 the creek is reported as turned over to Chinese labor. In 1882 two small hydraulic plants were in operation, producing \$30,000 (Mint report). At the present time very little placer mining is done.

"The placers consist of the gravels accumulated in the present creek to a depth of 10 to 15 feet. The workings extend upstream from Prairie for 5 miles, or to the entrance of the diorite canyon, where the grade becomes very steep. The width of the gravel-covered river bottom is from 300 to 800 feet, the whole of which has been worked.

"Six miles east of Prairie are the old Spanish Diggings, which have yielded a moderate amount of gold. The upper end of John Day valley contains no placers. On the east side of Dixie Butte are the old placers of Happy Camp, still worked on a small scale by Chinese. Northwest of the same mountains are the Ruby Creek placers, still worked by whites and Chinese. Small placers are also reported from the head of Camp creek."*

*W. Lindgren. The Gold Belt of the Blue Mountains of Oregon.
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CY RODDICK, veteran placer miner of Canyon City, Oregon, will continue his Quartz Gulch operations. He will also have Pete Mitchell in charge of a hydraulic crew on the Dixie Creek gravel bench above Prairie City.

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PLACERS