

MINING ACTIVITY IS ON THE INCREASE IN THE PRAIRIE CITY AREA

"Mining is looking up in the vicinity of Prairie City, and we are looking for a better year next season," stated W. R. Clark, of Prairie City, when in Baker Wednesday on business.

"One of our new projects which is operating and the owners express themselves as being well pleased is a shovel dredge on Dixie creek near Prairie," he said. This is the English & Hilliard dredge, which was moved from lower Sumpter valley a few weeks ago. The company made a thorough test of the Dixie creek ground before making the move, and reports received from there state the work is proving successful. Much of the ground being worked is through tailings where the ground was worked by the placer miners of early days.

In the quartz properties on Dixie creek, Mr. Clark also states there is considerable activity. Cam Reece, a well known miner and operator of Prairie City, has returned to the district after an extended absence, and is again at the Colorado property where

he is carrying on development work with encouraging results.

L. V. Blankman, who last year built a mill on Dixie creek to do custom milling in addition to treating ore from his own properties, has his plant running.

At the Ophir, in which Mr. Clark is interested, A. B. Hanks has a crew of miners employed in development work. The work is understood to be making good progress.

Burton Miller, mining man and former merchant at Austin, with his son-in-law, is operating at the Dunn property. They have recently installed a small mill and expect to soon have it in operation.

At the old Dixie Meadows mine, a small force has been working for sometime retimbering the old workings and catching up caved ground. This work is reported as being about completed and it will soon be possible to complete the sampling and inspection of the property that is planned.