

1. Name of property: IDLE CITY MINES Harney County.
Operating company (or individual): Gold Gulch Mining Co., incorporated in Oregon
in 1937.
Agent is attorney Lars Bergsvick of Portland.
Address: Burns, Oregon
Location of property: SW¹/₄, Sec. 4, T. 21 S., R. 32 S.
Acreage of holdings: Several groups of claims.
2. History of property: Mr. Pardee has done some drifting over a period of about 10 years and claims to have made one shipment of "ore" to Salt Lake, grossing about \$2500. He had an improvised mill in which he amalgamated some gold. The shipment presumably was concentrates and hand-picked "ore". Pardee has leased his claims to the Gold Gulch Mining Company, and C. W. Riddell hopes to combine all the properties and make a substantial development starting with a small placer operation which may carry the balance.
3. History of production: This is a camp which had some production many years ago, both in placer and in quartz, but there is no data as to the amount of either.
4. Developments: Pardee has a drift from which he produced the ore mentioned in paragraph 2. We did not visit it. There is an old incline shaft reputed to be about 100 feet deep near the Riddell camp. Riddell has recently started an adit on the west side of the gulch from the old shaft, has laid a track from the adit to the little mill he is building, and expects to mill the product. He plans to mine the bottom of the gulch with a short low-head ditch. A few hundred feet of pipe-line are in place.
5. Equipment: Small mill building containing improvised trommel, hydraulic separator, and jigs ready for installation; expect to install crusher. Set-up is inadequate and impractical. Topography: Rolling foot-hills south of Strawberry Range; relief probably 300 feet; the area is on the South Fork of Trout Creek, whose minable placer channel is 100 to 300 feet wide. Gravel is light, no large boulders. Country rock: Apparently meta-volcanics. Elevation: about 5500 feet. Timber: Scraggly pine; inside Malheur National Forest. Water: Intermittent creeks; all dry at time of visit. Snow fall: Prevents placer work about 3 months in winter. Climate: North edge of southeast Oregon semi-desert. Power: No high line or water power available.
6. Geology -- general and local: Rocks, such as seen, are mainly meta-volcanics. There is a shear zone that dips at a high angle in a westerly direction, and sulfide mineralization seems to be concentrated therein. Future of property will depend on result of needed exploration.
7. Metallurgy: Mill is a small hand-made affair. Trommel is made of 30 gal. oil drums. Some sort of a cone classifier. A jig of sorts is also present. Power seems to be a Model T Ford engine.
8. Remarks: Mill is constructed to concentrate dump material from old inclined shaft mentioned in paragraph above. Dump material alleged to carry about \$6.00 in gold. There are only a few hundred tons of the dump, and it is oxidized; obviously impractical to expect a profit from re-handling this material. Placer phase may return a profit if properly operated and if values are adequate but should be considered as incidental in property

program. Plan of exploration should be carried out to determine possibilities of known veins. Old shaft should be pumped out, examined, and sampled. Pardee's property should be examined and carefully sampled. Program of surface trench of known veins should be carried out to determine continuity of veins, distribution of values or shoots, if any, and possible vein intersections. Work on mill should be discontinued.

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Idle City District Placers

Harney County

Trout Creek has been placered in the past for several miles in Sections 4 and 9, T 21 S, R 32 E; and in sections 32 and 29, T 20 S, R 32 E.W.M. It is said that the creek has produced over \$80,000 in the past. At the present time there are a number of claims, and more claimants.

Owners: Placer and quartz claims of the O.J. Darst estate (John Biggs, Burns, administrator) leased to the "Gold Gulch Mining Company", Clyde Riddell and Bros., Portland, Oregon.

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R.W. Hibbard and Roskie: placer claim.

Roy Dickenson and Albert Cross: Idle City property, "Faith" claim above Roskie's.

Parley Williams: 3 placer claims

Ernest Williams: Jumbo Prospect, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S.W. of Pardee Mine, quartz claim.

Geology: The placer claims are of the gulch types, the gold coarse to fine, and rather rough. Probably derived from the small stringers and veins within the district. Gravels not over 100 feet wide at any point, up to 20 feet in depth. Bedrock ~~xxxxxxx~~ of much altered andesitic material. Boulders relatively small, less than 2 feet diameter. Values not determined, originally probably quite rich.

Miscellaneous: Water supply deficient, only workable by sluicing method for a few months of the year. Transportation 9 miles to the Burns-John Day Highway at the Crow Flat Ranger Station, by forest road.

Informants: Parley Williams

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Idle City Mine Idle City District Harney County

Owners: Albert Cross, Ray Dickenson. Leased to "Gold Gulch Mining Company", Clyde Riddell, engineer, Riddell, and Goodsell.

Location: Section 4, T 21 S, R 32 E.W.M.

Area: One claim, the "Faith".

Equipment: Small ball mill and table, several good cabins, track, etc.

History: Discovered about 1892, said to be the first of the quartz veins worked in this district, which was mainly placer operation, producing about \$60,000.

Development: Incline 120 feet on vein about 20-25 feet wide, started on the foot and ended on the hanging wall. Ore crosscut of 80 feet, no drifts. Dip about 45° at surface, steepens further down.

Metallurgy: Heavy sulfide ore said to contain lead, zinc, gold and silver (galena, sphalerite, pyrite).
Assays said to average \$ 13.00 at \$20 per ounce, and up to 50 ounces silver.

At the present time the lessees plan to reopen the Idle City incline, and truck ore from the Pardee mine to the small mill put up during the summer of 1939, from which concentrates will be shipped.

Informant: N.E.Pardee

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Pardee Mine Idle City District Harney County

Owner: N.E.Pardee, Burns, Oregon, leased to "Gold Gulch Mining Company".

Location: Sections 4 and 9, T 21 S, R 32 E.W.M.

Area: 5 unpatented lode claims and one placer.

Equipment: Forge, track, car. shed. good cabins.

History: First located about 1900 by O.J.Darst, acquired in 1929 by Pardee. Production said to have been \$ 1560 from small pocket on surface. Present tunnel driven to get depth on this shoot. Vein in tunnel said to assay \$25.40 across 4 feet.

Development: Surface workings and 312 foot tunnel, N 75° W, caved.

Metallurgy: Small ball mill and table (noww moved to Idle City Mine) produced concentrates at a ratio of 12 to 1, said to assay \$59.50 gold and 8 ounces of silver. Concentrates are heavy pyrite sulfides. (Does not check with vein assays stated).

Miscellaneous: Open season said to be from May to December, with a winter averaging over 100 inches of snow. Forest road 9 miles to the Burns-John Day highway at Crow Flat Ranger Station.

Informant: N.E.Pardee

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airline northwest of Suntlet. These buttes bear the popular name of the rimrock or lava bed sheep. This wild sheep resembles the Rocky Mountain bighorn, but the two varieties are not identical. The lava bed bighorn ranged over a large part of eastern Oregon. There is a good deal about both varieties in *Mammals and Life Zones of Oregon*, by Vernon Bailey. There is a popular notion that there was at one time a post office called Ibex in the vicinity of the buttes, but the compiler has not been able to find any trace of it in post office records.

IDANHA, Marion County. Idanha is a place on North Santiam River about four miles upstream from Detroit. Idanha post office was first established June 20, 1895, with Alma Kriesel postmaster. It has operated intermittently.

IDAVILLE, Tillamook County. Idaville was platted about 1870 by Warren N. Vaughn, and the land was part of his donation land claim. He named the place for his oldest daughter, Ida Vaughn.

IDEA, Gilliam County. Idea is obviously an odd name for a post office, but that is the record. This office was established February 5, 1886, probably in section 10, township 4 south, range 22 east. This locality is about six miles east of Condon. James W. Hyatt was the first postmaster at Idea and he was succeeded by Royse James. James' tenure of office was very short and the post office was closed July 26, 1889. What little business there was, was turned over to Gooseberry. In September, 1948, J. D. Weed, of Condon, told the compiler that it was intended to name the post office Ida for the wife of a local settler, but somewhere along the line the name was misspelled.

IDLEYLD PARK, Douglas County. Idleyld Park is one of Oregon's mystery names. The place is on North Umpqua River near the mouth of Rock Creek, a locality formerly served by Tioga post office, later by the Hoaglin office. In January, 1946, K. D. Lytle of Roseburg, division engineer of the Oregon State Highway Commission, wrote the writer that about 1918-19 an amusement hall was built in the place and the owner named it Idleyld Park for a similar place he had heard of in California. There is a post office in California named Idyllwild. If that name is the genesis of the Oregon name, there has been some fancy confusion along the line. As nearly as the writer can determine, the post office at Idleyld Park was established December 1, 1932, by change of name from Hoaglin. Earl D. Vosburgh was postmaster at the time.

IDOL, Harney County. A post office with the name Idol was established on the Harney County list as of March 25, 1892, with Joseph Morris first and only postmaster. The office was closed to Harney on August 9, 1893. In 1947 Archie McGowan of Burns wrote the compiler that in the early '90s gold was discovered on the head of Trout Creek north of Harney. There was a mild stampede to the diggings, but the gold petered out. Even to this day after the spring freshets small grubstakes of very fine gold are recovered. Joseph Morris, better known as Joe, moved his store from Harney to the new camp, which was called Idol City. No one seems to remember why this name was selected, unless it was because gold was the idol of miners the world over.

IGO, Gilliam County. In July, 1946, J. D. Weed, then district attorney at Condon, sent the following information about Igo: "Igo was a post office in the Ferry Canyon country, and it was named for John Igo, an early settler. There is a Grange hall there at the present time

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