

Charles L. Austin of the Austin Engineering Company of Sacramento, California, is installing a dragline dredge on Galls Creek in Jackson County near Gold Hill, Oregon. Operations will be under the name of **Oregon Placer Mines, Inc.**, with Austin as president and general manager. C. C. Zimmerman is secretary-treasurer. Headquarters are at Gold Hill. The equipment consists of a one-yard Northwest dragline and dryland washing plant. The washing plant, built by the Harris Welding Works of Roseville, California, has a 75-yard per hour capacity. It is of standard design, except that it is equipped with pneumatic tires and moves under its own power in operation and on the road. Hungarian riffles and screens are used. Undercurrent will be used temporarily for testing the possible value of concentrates. Water is pumped from the Rogue River by Byron Jackson highhead six-inch pump with 2,500 feet of six-inch pipe, the latter supplied by the Sacramento Pipe Works. The gravel is stated to average 35 cents a yard.

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Production was started October 15, 1940, by the **Oregon Placer Mines, Inc.**, Charles L. Austin, Box 568, Gold Hill, Oregon, president and general manager. The company, whose holdings are on Galls Creek near Gold Hill, is handling 1,000 yards daily, using a dragline dredge and dry washing plant equipped with riffles and jigs. Twenty men are employed. C. C. Zimmerman is secretary-treasurer and William E. Zimmerman is vice-president, both of Gold Hill.

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