

Giant Gold Dredge to Start Up Soon on Pleasant Creek

The Pleasant Creek Mining corporation's giant gold dredge is now nearly completed four miles from Wimer, on the tributary of Evans creek, in Jackson county near the Josephine county border. Operations are expected to begin soon.

The Washington concern, headed by Seattle men, brought the dredge from Alaska, and it is one of the largest in southern Oregon, rivaling the Rogue River Gold company's plant on Grave creek, now closed down. Approximately 600 acres, mostly gravel and boulders, have been purchased or leased. Much of the property has previously been worked, at periods ranging as far back as 1862.

E. B. Hanley is president of the corporation, J. E. Most vice-president and treasurer, and W. H. Horner, who operates the B. and H. hydraulic gold operation on Forest creek, a branch of the Applegate in Jackson county, is treasurer.

The dredge will employ about 20 men, operating three shifts each day, winter and summer. The crew is composed mainly of men formerly employed by D. H. Ferry's Rogue River Gold company dredge.

The dredge is floated on 34x70 foot pontoons and is connected with a 90 foot flume. A settling basin, similar to the one Horner placed last year on Forest creek, is being prepared to settle out mud and mining debris.

The dredge is equipped with buckets with capacity of three cubic feet each.

The new dredge will be powered by an Atlas Imperial Diesel engine since electric power is not available.

For comparative purposes, Horner reported that the B. and H. operation, a smaller concern which continues work, last year expended \$34,000 in wages, \$36,000 in repairs and replacements, and \$7,000 for oil.

Second Twin Arrives Five Days Later

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 10.—(P) The McDonnell baby twins have arrived—the first one last Sunday morning—the other today. (a picture of the parents and the first twin appeared in the Courier yesterday)

A five-pound son was born this morning at a hospital to Mrs. M. C. McDonnell, joining his four-pound brother whose premature arrival 120 hours previously will measure a five-day span in their birthdays.

The excited papa, a bookkeeper, mopped his brow—despite the zero temperature outside—sighed “whe” and sank into a chair with all his cords shattered for a father pacing the local maternity ward.

The babies, named James Charles and John Anthony, are the first babies of the 32-year-old mother.

Elk Valley Snow Deepest Since '19

O'BRIEN, Feb. 10.—What is believed to be the deepest February snow since 1919 had covered Elk valley with an 18-inch depth Thursday, with snow still falling. Trolley cars and a California state highway snowplow were stalled near Grizzly camp.

At an elevation of 1,675 feet the Redwood highway was open to traffic but very slippery. Work was going on night and day to keep the road open over the divide.

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According to reports, the Oregon state supreme court held that W. H. Horner, 2636 Tenth North, Seattle, a minority stockholder in the **Pleasant Creek Mining Company** could not force the company to continue operations with its present equipment. Horner is understood to have insisted the company continue operations with present equipment till the end of the mining season, deferring the installation of new equipment until the company realized a profit. To this end an injunction was obtained to force the company to continue work, but the injunction was dismissed with the supreme court ruling. The company started operations on Pleasant Creek in Jackson County, Oregon, in March of 1938. E. B. Hanley, 2609 Broadway North, Seattle, Washington, is president. J. E. Most, 3420 Cascadia Street, Seattle, is one of the large stockholders in the concern and active in its management.

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The Pleasant Creek Mining Company, E. B. Hanley, 2609 Broadway North, Seattle, Washington, president, is planning to rebuild its dredge to accommodate a trommel, sluices, and a stacker. The concern was recently cleared of litigation of stockholders and has resumed operations on Pleasant Creek near Rogue River, Oregon. William Cox of Rogue River is superintendent.

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ADVICE FROM CITIZENS WHO STUDY PROBLEM

Commend Council For Buying Additional Area; Cautions Against Well Drilling At Springs

The development of the city's Lithia Springs property on the basis of a health resort and a public facility is far more valuable and important than any possible commercial exploitation of the property, the special committee recently appointed by Mayor Wiley to study and recommend development procedure reported today to the mayor and city council.

This committee has held several meetings in discussing the possibilities of development of this valuable property and many phases of such possible development, including the bottling of gas from the springs, the making of dry-ice and other suggested commercial uses to which the property might be put, were considered.

However, the committee came to the conclusion that it would be far wiser not to consider any commercial development other than in connection with a health resort, since purely industrial exploitation of the property might sometime in the future jeopardize the quality or quantity of Lithia water for public fountains in the city, which is recognized as the greatest asset in the property, with thousands of people drinking famous Lithia water, or taking it home in jugs and other containers, from these public fountains.

The committee also commended the city council for purchasing the additional portion of the Lithia springs property from The Citizen's Bank, that is the part used for many years by the Silver interests in both bottling gas and water.

Committee members expressed the hope that the committee would be able to continue its study of the Lithia springs property and passed the following resolution, summarizing its conclusions;

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Ashland. Gentlemen:

We, your committee, consisting of H. C. Galey, Frank Jordan, G. F. Carson, G. M. Green and H. L. Claycomb, recently appointed for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the Lithia Springs property recently purchased from the Citizen's Bank, with a view of making recommendations to the City as to what shall be done with the property, here-with submit our report, as follows:

Whereas, this committee considers the purchase of these springs a judicious investment of great advantage to the city, and

Whereas, this committee believes that the development of the property on the basis of a health resort and public facility more valuable and important than through any commercial development or exploitation, and

Whereas, the supply of water at the city lithia fountain near the Post Office seems, at times to be somewhat inadequate and unsatisfactory;

Therefore, this committee makes the following suggestions and recommendations, viz.:

1. That the city always retain for itself the complete control

of the property and the full use of all the products of the springs.

2. That the city consider the advisability of extending the pipe line, from present source of supply at the springs, on up to tap the waters of the old original "Gillette" spring to improve the quality and quantity of water available at the fountain in the plaza.

3. That a study be made of the present pipe line from the springs to the fountain with a view of eliminating uneven pressure in the pipe, or too low a pressure at certain points, in order to maintain as even a pressure as possible throughout the whole line to preserve the gas content of the water at the same high level as found at the springs.

4. That careful attention be given at all times to the proper and adequate upkeep and preservation of the property, but that no money be spent at present for parking or beautification of the grounds.

5. That some attention and thought be given to the future development of the springs for medicinal and sanitarium purposes.

6. That, whatever eventually may be done with the property, the drilling of a well or wells upon any part of the property be absolutely forbidden at all times, except possibly remote from the springs and from a higher level in event it might be desirable to procure a fresh water supply at some future time.