

CONFIDENTIAL

HAMILTON-TAYLOR RANCH (placer)

UPPER APPELATE DISTRICT

SOUTHERN OREGON MINING COMPANY (dredge)

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Chas. Austin of the Oregon Placer Mines, Inc., Gold Hill District, stated that he was retained by the old Glide Foundation to operate their dredge on Poorman Creek, and discontinued his employment when the company officials interfered with his management of the dredge. He then did a certain amount of testing for the Glide Foundation; after which the name and ownership was changed, somewhat, and reappeared as the Southern Oregon Mining Company, and operated on Lance Placer, Gold Hill District.

Mr. Austin stated that he tested the ground in the vicinity of the Hamilton-Taylor ranches for the Glide Foundation, and that his values averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cubic yard. There were a few hot spots in recent bars adjacent to the river, but to secure anything like a million yards of gravel would run the average down to $1\frac{1}{4}$.

He stated that Mr. Taylor was very unhappy about his results, and intimated that some previous company had drilled his (Taylor's) ground and that it averaged \$1 a yard. Eventually, Taylor brot the logs to Austin, who found that the values from the holes were indicated thus:

cts.

1.74 (these values are approximate and
1.35 not actual)
1.47,
etc.

Taylor figured that the values meant dollars instead of cents and Austin said that he was unable to convince Taylor that the values were as stated.

Apparently, the present dredge set-up has done no particular testing of this particular ground. However, Mr. Bowdish stated that they would, of course, prospect ahead of the dredge.

Ray C. Treasher,
Field Geologist,
October 3rd, 1940.

STATE GOVERNING BOARD
W. H. STRAYER, CHAIRMAN, BAKER
ALBERT BURCH MEDFORD
E. B. MACNAUGHTON PORTLAND



STATE ASSAY LABORATORIES
402 E. I ST., GRANTS PASS
J. E. MORRISON
MINING GEOLOGIST
ALBERT A. LEWIS
ANALYST
2102 COURT ST., BAKER
JOHN ELIOT ALLEN
FIELD GEOLOGIST
LESLIE L. MOTZ
ANALYST

EARL K. NIXON
DIRECTOR
ARTHUR M. SWARTLEY
CONSULTING MINING ENGINEER
RAY C. TREASHER
GEOLOGIST
F. W. LIBBEY
MINING ENGINEER

STATE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND
MINERAL INDUSTRIES

329 S. W. OAK STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON

Replies should be
addressed c/o State
Assay Laboratory
400 E. I Street
Grants Pass, Oregon

HAMILTON-TAYLOR RANCH (placer)

UPPER APPLGATE DISTRICT

Owners: Charles Hamilton and Edwin Taylor

Operators: Southern Oregon Mining Company, Dr. O'Rear, pres.; John W. Cotton, secy-treas.; San Francisco. J. D. Bowdish, Medford, Oregon, superintendent.

Location: Applegate River, sec. 33, T. 38 S., R. 3 W.

Equipment: see Lance Placer ^{Gold Hill area} for Southern Oregon Mining Company equipment. New set-up is the same except for minor changes in the Bodinson Dry-Bank washer.

~~It is expected that operation will begin about the last week of October, 1940, and was discontinued in March 1941. The dredge was moved to~~
Front Creek just below Rock

Ray C. Treasher,
Field Geologist,
October 3rd, 1940.

Mining Jour. Nov. 15, 1940

The Southern Oregon Mining Company has completed moving and is now reassembling dredging and washing equipment on the Hamilton-Taylor property on the Applegate River. The company has been operating the Lance placers for the past year and before that worked on Poorman's Creek. A one-yard Marion shovel and Bodinson washed with an 80-yard an hour capacity are being used. John D. Bowdish, 1260 Sunset, Medford, Oregon, is in charge.

see G. P. Lourier 10/10/40

CONFIDENTIAL

HAMILTON-TAYLOR RANCH (placer)

UPPER APPLGATE DISTRICT

Owners: Charles Hamilton and Edwin Taylor

Operators: Southern Oregon Mining Company, Dr. O'Rear, pres.; John W. Cotton, secry-treas.; San Francisco. J. D. Bowdish, Medford, Oregon, superintendent.

Location: Applegate River, sec. 33, T. 38 S., R. 3 W.

Equipment: see Lance Placer for Southern Oregon Mining Company equipment. New set-up is the same except for minor changes in the Bodinson Dry-Bank washer.

It is expected that operation will begin about the last week of October, 1940.

Ray C. Treasurer,
Field Geologist,
October 3rd, 1940.