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ENTERPRISE MINE WORKED BY HAND DURING DRY SPELL

One of the smaller hydraulic operations which is yielding a good return on the investment is the Enterprise mine on Indian creek, in the Holland district. It is 15 miles from Holland on the Bolan Lake road, about 53 miles from Grants Pass.

The mine is owned and operated by M. H. and H. L. Akerill with the help of two other men, making a crew of four when in full operation. Sufficient water has not been available to start hydraulic operations so far this year and only pick and shovel work has been carried on, according to M. H. Akerill. About \$50 a week is being taken out in this fashion while waiting for the water.

The mine takes in several adjoining claims which together cover 620 acres. One giant is operated on the gravel bank and another is used on the water wheel to run the hoist. There are 1700 feet of pipeline, 100 feet of four-foot sluice, an automatic reservoir, or "self shooter" to control the water flow, approximately a mile of highline ditch giving a hydraulic head of about 350 feet, sky-line derrick, saw mill, lumber cabin and miscellaneous small tools. The total investment comes to approximately \$4000 or \$5000, counting the labor involved in installation and the equipment itself.

A large part of the equipment had to be packed in to the mine as the forest road, which now goes to within one mile of the site, was built only three years ago. The owners established the claim 13 years ago and development work has proceeded gradually from that time to this.

The original claim was purchased from the late George Colvin who worked it in a small way. There were only a few small tunnels when the Akerill brothers took it over. The latter located two more claims adjoining the property to make certain of a clear water right.

With warmer weather and rain, conditions are becoming favorable to start the large giants for the season's operations.

The Akerill brothers own another claim in the Galice district about a mile and a half from the forest road which is still in the stage of early development.