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Carson Hill placers

Powder River

Trail Creek

Neil M. Gibson, 348 Escobita, South Gate, Palo Alto, California, is believed to be behind the extensive testing and development work which was carried on last year and will be continued this year in the Grande Ronde district of Union County northwest of Baker, Oregon. Harry Howell will continue in local charge this coming season. The property includes the Indiana mine and ground bonded from H. H. Salisbury and Bill Berg, both of Baker, Oregon. If tests are favorable installation of a dragline dredge and washing plant is planned.



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H. F. England will install a medium dragline dredge between Sumpter and Starkey on the Grande Ronde River. England operates in Boise Basin, Idaho on a large scale, using a 4,000 yard dragline in the Placerville district.

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It is reported that A. T. Slawson, Mohawk Building, Spokane, Washington, has established a brokerage business and will underwrite the Carson Channel Gold Syndicate. The mining company was organized last spring to carry on hydraulic mining on the Grand Ronde River in Union County, Oregon, near La Grande. Harry Mimnaugh is president.

Camp Carson Crew Starts Mine Season

Leave for Hydraulic Property This Week

Fred Chrisman of North Powder is leaving this week with a crew of men to begin the 1940 season at Camp Carson hydraulic gold mine at the head of Grande river. The crew was organized by E. J. Minnaugh of Spokane, president and manager of the Carson Channel Gold syndicate, operators of the property for the second season. The manager will return in Mid March to stay for the season.

According to estimates, the company has opened about 30 million yards of gravel in the channel with approaches 1900 feet in width. The gravel is said to contain values from 30 to 50 cents per yard and can be mined for 5 cents. They have 50 claims on royal purchase from Mrs. Oliver of La Grande and last year installed 1400 feet of pipe and raised 300-foot earth dam in Turner gulch to regulate water flow through the mile of ditch. They operate with two five-inch giants. Water for about six months' operation is available from the river.

Plans for the season include development of water at both Round meadow and Black meadow, the former to tap waters of Clear creek. Piping at present will be handled in the old face just east of Camp Carson.

Equipment being taken in includes a Denver mineral jig to recover gold sulphides in the gravel and an amalgamation machine using a hydraulic principal of separation.

Harry Howell, former Camp Carson superintendent, is now working for the Porter interests in Alaska.