

Idaho County Mining

(Continued from previous page) cord' in the Buffalo Hump was leased to Walt Reamer who trucked about 500 tons of ore to a mill at Elk City.

"The Baker-Seigal Company, under the direct supervision of Mr. Linder, operated a power shovel, trucks and washing plant on the gravel of Baker Gulch.

"Gnome Gold Mining Company ceased operation during the summer of 1937.

"Lester Strack had a placer operation on Crooked River.

"The Mt. Vernon dredge was moved from Deadwood and put into operation on Crooked River bars.

"They intend to resume digging with the first spring thaw.

"The Haigh mill has been constructed at the mouth of Crooked River to handle custom ores from prospects in the several surrounding districts.

Edwardsburg District
"Golden Hand, Inc. located on Cache Creek, a tributary to Beaver and Big Creeks, worked a few men and milled some ore."

1939
Burdorf-Marshall Lake District

A large increase in output in gold and silver in this district was reported primarily from gold ore from the Golden Anchor Mine. The rest of the district output was chiefly placer gold recovered by hydraulic and sluicing operations at the Golden Rule and Laughing Water Properties and gold ore from the Leadville and old Kentuck mines.

Salmon River
"Green and Kuneey operated a power shovel and stationary washer at The Large Bar in 1939 from January 15 to April 10, when work was suspended and was by far the most important producer in the Camp Howard Dist."

Other placer producers included the Rosebud, Burgrid, White Bird and Snare properties.

Clearwater River District
"Small amounts of placer gold and silver were recovered in 1939 by sluicing operations at the Lindgren claim near Pardee.

Dixie District
"The output of gold in the Dixie district increased 325 ounces in 1939, owing to the gain at the Dixie and Alpha properties. About 85,000 cubic yards of gravel were handled by the three-quarter cubic yard dragline and stationary washer at Dixie placers.

"The rest of the district output was principally gold ore from the Ontario Mine and placer gold from the Capitol claim.

Elk City district
"The one and one-half cubic yard dragline and floating washer of the American River Mining Co. handled 246,500 cubic yards of gravel in 1939 and accounted for most of the gain in the Elk City district. Placer operations included the Lucky Coin, Little Million, Columbus, and Gold Hill properties.

"The lode output of the district was chiefly gold ore

from the Blue Ribbon, Mary K., Black Lady, Buster, Slicker, Quartz, and Last Chance Mines.

Florence and French Creek District
"Most of the placer gold produced in 1939 was recovered by the dragline and floating washer at the Sterling property on Sand Creek and by sluicing operations at various claims on Salmon River near French Creek. The chief producers of lode gold were the Gold Bug, Golden Dyke, and Waverly Mines.

Kilchen Creek District
"A little placer gold was recovered in 1939.

Lolo Creek District
"Small lots of placer gold were marketed in 1939 from the Alice and Lolo claims.

Lower Salmon River District
"Most of the output from placers along the Salmon River in 1939 came from drift mining and sluicing operations at the Frank Halke, Grubstake and Sunshine properties.

Maggie and Pete King Creeks Dist.
In 1939 a little gold-silver ore from the Selway mine was shipped to a smelter, and a little placer gold was produced from the Nugget and Sunnyside claims.

Newsome Creek Mining Co. continued dredging operations on Newsome Creek in 1939.

Orogrande District
"The Mount Vernon Mining Co. was the largest producer of gold in the Orogrande District in 1939; the company operated the 2-cubic foot bucket dredge on Crooked River from April 14 to November 22."

"The Orogrande-Frisco Gold Mines, Inc. largest producer of gold in the district in 1938, was idle in 1939. The lode output of the district was chiefly gold ore from the Penman Mine treated by flotation.

Ramey Ridge District
"The Snowshoe property by far the most important producer in the Ramey Ridge District, was operated throughout 1939 by the Pierce Metals Development Co."

Riggins (Salmon River) District
"The Shorte Bar Mining Co. operated a two-and-one-half cubic yard dragline and floating washing plant on property three miles above Riggins on the Salmon River in 1939.

Robbins (Buffalo Hump) District
"Nearly all the output from the Robbins district in 1939 was gold ore from the St. Louis Mine."

Selway River District
"A little placer gold was recovered in 1939 by sluicing operations at the Happy Day and Maytag claims.

Simpson (Salmon River) Dist.
"Various small scale operators continued to work bars along the Salmon River near Luchle. The chief producers in 1939 were the Kalts B., Butcher Bar, and Betty Jean Properties.

Snake River District
"Gold was recovered by sluicing operations in 1939 at the Bonanza placer.

South Fork of Clearwater River
"A little placer gold was recovered in 1939 from stream gravel near Sites."

Ten Mile District
"The output of gold from both lode and placer properties in the Ten Mile district decreased in 1939. The decline in output of gold ore from the Blackbird mine, operated by the Clearwater Mining Co., accounted for most of the loss at lode mines and the drop in placer production was due to suspension in August of 1939 of dragline dredging at the Leta B-Kono property. The Lone Pine mine continued to be the largest producer of gold in the district; about 6,150 tons of gold ore were treated by amalgamation and concentration. Other fairly large producers of gold ore were the Center Star, Blackbird, and Shamrock properties.

"Most of the placer gold produced in the district was recovered hydraulic and sluicing operations at the Key Claim.

Warren District
"Bucket dredging continued in 1939 to be the chief source of gold in the Warren district. The Warren Dredging Co. operated its three-and-one-half cubic foot bucket dredge throughout the year and treated 1,134,000 cubic yards of gravel; it was the largest producer of placer gold in Idaho County.

"The Baumhoff-Fisher Co., also a large producer of placer gold, operated its 3 1/2 cubic foot bucket dredge from March 21 to August 6 and treated 432,000 cubic yards of gravel. Most of the remainder of the district output in 1939 was gold ore from the Rescue, Gold King, Little Giant (Unity), Harding, and Silver King properties, and placer gold from the Poorman, Buck Diggins, and Smith Gulch claims."

1940
Ten Mile District
"The Lone Pine Group, a partnership, was held under lease by Andrew McGregor and O.C. Thompson, who turned the property back to the original owners. An average crew of 30 men was employed. It is rumored that F.O. Miller, and son of Clarkston, Wash.; the owners, will treat customers in the 35 ton mill.

"North Hill Mining Co. reports 182 feet of development work during the year with a crew of 4 men.

"The Newsome Creek Mining Co. moved its plant to Unity Ore in July.

"The Gold Hill Placers Co. operated a two-and-one-half yard dragline and washing plant on ground above the workings of the Newsome Creek Co. The outfit is owned by Melvin L. Howell and Raymond K. Calhoun of Stockton, Calif.

"Eight men were employed at the Golden Fleece near Golden.

"A crew of 14 men was employed in mill construction and surface work at the Center Star Mine, which the Eli-Nevada is operating.

"The McAdoo Gold Mining

Co. installed two small stamp mills and produced about five tons of gold ore daily.

"A small amount of dump ore was milled by the Mountain Gold Producers, which acquired the New York, also known as the Shamrock Mine, under bond and lease from H.W. White of Tekoa, Wash. The property is on the north side of Fall Creek, four-and one-half miles from the Fall Creek Settlement.

"The Elk City Gold Mining Company . . . shipped ore to the custom mill on Crooked River.

Florence Dist.
"Junoboo Mining Co. Inc. made mill run tests with present pilot plant. A crew of four were employed.

"Included among properties operating in the Florence district which have made good returns during the summer months when water was available are: the Old Waverly holdings being operated under lease and lead by Fred Johnson as the Monte Cristo, the Idaho Quartz claims operated by Otto Eglolf, which is being operated as the Gold Bug by C.E. Drinnon; the Archie Dadaley quartz property; the continued placing of the old townsite of Florence by James Ward, Theodore Holt and Mackey Williams; the Orvia Heilman placers and the Walt Jones placers on the upper end of the east fork of the Sand Creek where a small dragline and bulldozer have been utilized.

Orogrande District
"Gold Master Consolidated Mining Co. Inc. reports cleanup and surface work only.

"The Pasadena Mines, Inc., operated its Moon group of claims one mile east of Orogrande. J.M. White, Orogrande, is manager.

"Penman Mines Corp. employed a crew of 37 men on production during the year and report the property was further developed to the extent of 1,350 feet of tunnels, 385 feet of raises and 870 feet of crosscuts.

"The H. and H. Mining Co. operated a floating dredge on Crooked River employing a crew of about 12 men.

"The Sunset was operated by E. Hutcheson. It is stated that better than \$100 ore was shipped from the Puetz claims.

"The Diamond Hitch gold mine was developed to some extent.

Dixie Dist.
"Bonanza Mining and Milling Co. employed an average crew of six men who are stockholders of the company and under an agreement will share the net proceeds. The mill is located on the American Mines Group of 3 claims one mile north of Dixie, held by lease and option.

"Salmon River Placer Company's property is held under lease and option.

"Because of activity on the placer bars on the Salmon River and the development on the Fairer property in the same district, roads have been constructed through the breaks to the river.

Elk City District
"Elk City Gold Mining Co.,

with a crew of four men completed \$1,500 worth of development work.

"The Blue Ribbon mine was operated by the Boyd Brothers who used the American Eagle mill.

"Mineral Zone Mining Corp. added new equipment and reopened the old Colonel Sellers mine, three miles northeast of Elk City.

Frank Ruby had a power shovel and washing plant on Little Elk Creek.

The Red Fir was worked by Richard S. McKee, of Natches, Wash.

"A crew of 8 men was employed at the Black Lady property until the month of March. Surface work was performed by a bulldozer uncovering vein showings. Underground work was confined to cutting these surface showings by crosscut tunnel.

"Lessee are mining ore from Grant Litchfield's Mankato mine and shipping to the Bunker Hill Smelter at Kellogg.

Warren District
"Iola Consolidated Mines corp. Ltd. leased 10 claims in the Warren District. A crew of 3 men was employed installing equipment and rehabilitating old workings.

"Unity Gold production Co. employed a crew of 5 men but no substantial development work was reported.

"The Baumhoff, Fisher and McDowell dredge was dismantled and moved to Moose Creek in Lemhi County by Fisher and Higgins.

W.R. McDowell worked a crew at the Rescue property and milled some custom ores during 1940.

"A small floating dredge was moved from Little Smoky Creek in Camas County and put into operation in what is known as the 'narrows' at the lower end of Warren Meadows by the Baumhoff-Fisher interests.

"The Warren Dredging Co., operated throughout the year with a crew of 17 men."

Burdorf-Marshall Lake Dist.
"The 50-ton mill of the Golden Anchor Mining Co. was operated throughout the year. With a crew average of 54 men this company was the largest operation in the district and ranked sixth in production of gold in the state.

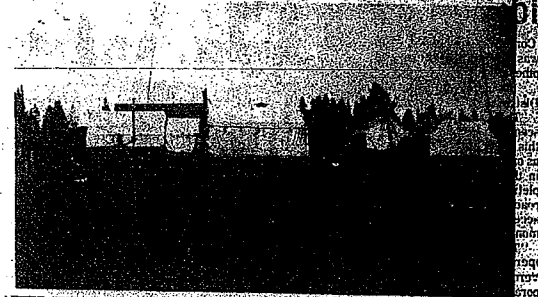
Kimberly Gold Mines Inc. employed an average crew of six men during the fiscal year, mostly driving a tunnel on the Digger vein.

"Treasure Knob Mining Co. purchased a compressor and steel sharpener and plan to operate during the winter. The property includes the Snowstorm, Rule and Jupiter group of claims.

"At the Gold Crest near the Golden Anchor, E.T. Fisher employed a crew of 15 men exploring the property.

Salmon River District
"American Rand Research Corp. is continuing to develop the property under lease.

"Idaho Rotary Gold



AFTER THE FIRE in Elk City, tents were erected to serve as buildings until individuals could build again.—Photo Courtesy Foster Morgan.

Dredging Co. constructed a suction dredge on the Salmon River above Whitebird.

"Horseshoe Bend placer Inc. was operated.

"The Salmon River, from the mouth of French Creek to the Box Canyon below Whitebird, had the usual quota of placer miners throughout the year.

"The China Garden placer property was purchased by the Arrowhead Mining Company."

From this year on, the Mining Industry in Idaho Journal shows much decreased mining operation

in the county. The Free Press will reserve writing this for a later time.

However, mining has apparently gone down hill in

the area, judging from the number of operating mines now, compared to the booming '30's in Idaho County.