# THIS THE BANNER YEAR with water, especially surface water, has

# was Never so Active.

When asked by a Portland Telegram reporter if there would be any new mines put on the dividend list this season, W. C. Cowgill, of Baker City, said:

"This will be the banner year in eastern Oregon mining circles. Notwithstanding that it is a presidential election year, with the usual accompaniment of the cry of hard times and slow business, there are fifty per cent more people in the hills of Baker than ever before, and representaexhaustive examinations of properties are such mines as the Golconda and Red Boy increasing their capacity for output, but eight or ten new properties will be added to the list of producers before snow flies. Today the new 10-stamp mill for the Golconda, including ten concentrators and other machinery, arrived from San the output of that mine.

"The Red Boy's deep sinking plant will the Brazos, which will then soon be a will have its mill up in 60 days; it is more rapidly getting ready for a mill; the Union people will soon be ready for a mill and big strike of rich ore in the lower work- fall ditch. ings, and says they must have a mill at

there will be at least half a doxen new Oregon."

Free Coinage. They are down 315 feet, 18 full claims, or 360 acres. the result of their new machinery, and lowest level. From there they will begin are at work and two giants in operation, drifting this week and will cut the main and a good cleanup is expected here this ore chute in about forty-feet. There is fall.-Granite Gem. every indication that they will strike it

# Colorado Man Favorably Impressed.

J. M. Allen has just returned from a week's trip to the mining districts of northeastern Oregon and reports that the country is rapidly progressing and making great strides towards becoming one of The production of this section already month and is constantly increasing. The ores in most cases carry gold, although there is some silver. The average value of the ore in gold per ton, he stated, was about two to five ounces. The deepest shaft in the district is down about 400 feet, although at Sumpter greater depth has been attained and values accordingly higher. The veins are wide and well demuch by reason of too much snow. With were knocked off the ledge from the surthe disappearance of the snow the trouble face outcroppings.

all gone. Colorado Springs men are largely interested in the mining interests of Oregon, and are taking an active part In Eastern Oregon Mining in the development of the country. A new exchange has just been started in Portland and several prominent mining men from this city are members, the secretary of the exchange being F. J. Hard, of this city. Hon. Jos. H. Hutchinson, formerly caller of the "Old Exchange" in this city, is the caller.-Denver Daily Mining Record.

#### PLACER MINING REVIVAL.

### Properties Being Actively Worked in the Granite District.

The North Fork of the John Day promises ere long to regain its old-time reputives of large capital are already making tation of a producer of placer gold. The reason that but little gold has been taken with a view to investments. Not only out of its rich gravel banks during the past few years is that some of the best properties have been tied up, while others have been worked only in a desultory manner. This year the record will be different.

At the Thornburg Placers, Manager Wm. S. Duncan has a force of eight men Francisco and will be installed and in at work, together with two giants, makoperation by August 1st. This will double preparations for more extensive operations a few weeks latter. This property is already equipped with four foru-inch giants all soon be on the ground; Al Geiser will and has a water fall of 150 feet from a in a few days order a 10-stamp mill for mile ditch. Several derricks are being set up for moving large boulders, and as producer; the Chloride will put on a mill soon as they are in place all four of the or cyanide plant before fall; the Virginia giants on the ground will be set to work mowing down the rich gravel banks. than likely that the Venus will put on a Two more six-inch giants have been ormill before winter; the South Cougar is dered, but they will probably not be used before next season, when the three-mile Gold Mining company, near Cornucopia, flume under construction will be comis talking about a mill; the Copper Butte pleted. The new flume will give a fall of too feet. A 250-foot tunnel is also being are figuring on a smelter. Frank Scheibe, dug through solid rock, through which superintendent of the Red Boy Hill mine, will be minded a gravel bank that can not came into Baker yesterday and reported a now be effectively handled with the 150-

Within the past few months extensive building improvement have also been "Taking all in all, Baker camp is in a made at the placers, and it is a question state of unprecedented prosperity, and whether there is today a better equipped property in the state. The large bunkproducers this year. Machinery men say house is furnished with spring beds and that it will be the biggest year in their equipped with a bathroom, finely appointline of business in the history of eastern ed lavatory and patent closets. Everything is built with a view of comfort for Speaking of development work, Mr. the men. Manager Duncan pays regular Cowgill said: "The swiftess work in miner's wages of \$3 a day. Few other the Golconda district is that just done by placer mines in the state pay the same Vic Schilling and Ed. Cannon in the wages. The Thornburg placers comprise

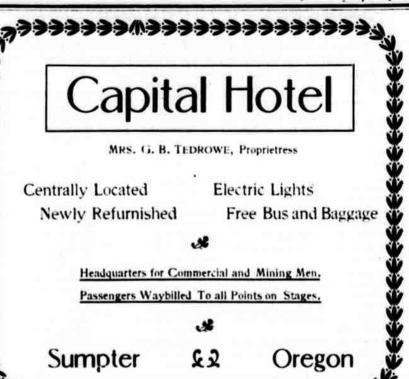
At the Klopp placers, about five miles have commenced making a station on the above the Thornburg diggings, three men

# Badger Will be Patented.

Superintendent Alfred Brile, of the Badger Mining company, of Susanville, is taking the necessary steps to secure a patent to the group of mineral claims known as the Badger group. The survey of the properties is being done preparatory to the accomplishment of the end desired. This group of claims, consisting of the the best mining districts in the country. Badger, Great Eastern, Steamboat, King of the Hills, Fern, McOuaid and Hughes were recently purchased of John Hughes, of this city. They have been the scene of considerable development work during the past year, and rank among the best properties in eastern Oregon .- Long Creek Eagle.

## Rich Free Gold Ore From Susanville.

C. S. Van Duyne is displaying some exceptionally fine specimens of free millfined and like nearly all other sections, ing rock, which he says comes from a new they need only to be opened at greater discovery near Susanville, on which he has depth to show greater values. At the a bond. It is very dark in color, resembpresent time the snow has all disappeared ling iron ore, and is studded with coarse except in isolated spots and in the high gold, some of the particles being as large mountains, so that work is not hindered as wheat grains. He says these samples



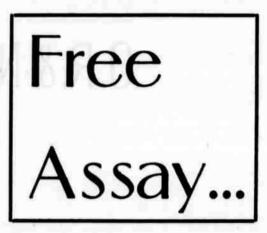
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