

fact, a man now a resident of San Joaquin Cord gulch, are wonderful properties, and summer.

ago prospectors were looking for placer. This property is located a short distance gold only; they would pass over the rich up McCord gulch, and with proper work little north and east of the Cable Cove quartz ledges without giving then the sec- performed it would prove a profitable ship- section, which is now attracting the attenend thought. Some of the now famous per of ore. The Old Soldier and Tom tion of the leading mining men, both here mines of Sumpter and Granite were seen Paine, properties of Mr. Hackett, also lo- and in the east, and will be the scene of by prospectors as far back as 1860; in cated about a quarter of a mile up Mc- greates' activity in eastern Oregon this

The Rock Creek district is situated a

State.	Gold.	Silver.
California	14.377.200	912,800
Colorado		20,292,200
Idaho	2.067,173	4,500,000
Montana		16,750,000
Oregon	1,175.726	150.000
Washington	826,873	300.000
In connection w	ith the abov	e comes the
report of the Un	ited States	assayer in
charge of the assa		

county, California, located several quartz although they are not being worked at claims in the vicinity of Granite in 1800. present, their value is known. Either It is not, however, the object of this article to dwell to any extent on any mining time indefinite. There will be some mines district other than the one referred to-the Nelson placers.

While it is a fact that these diggings have, to a certain degree, been worked out, there is yet considerable ground being profitably worked. A Portland firm, or company, now the owner of a part of the Nelson placer ground, at the mouth of tor's pick. Maden brothers, Barker and Salmon creek gulch (now known as Baker gulch), is the possessor of some rich diggings.

Baker & Harryman are also in possession of good placer ground in this vicinity, are procured. While it is a fact that these duced rain instead of snow .- Telegram.

of these claims could keep a mill busy for opened up in this section that will surprise the world as anything can be. Every points in the mountain districts of the

indication points that way. Some of the greatest of eastern Oregon mines are as yet sleeping in their mossy graves, undisturbed, undiscovered and unknown, waiting to respond to the tap of the prospec-Harryman, James Cavan and several others, have some exceptionally good quartz claims in this vicinity, all of which show strong leads from which good assays

## Half the Usual Snowfall.

Oregon's snowfall up to date is about half the average of other years. Forecast \$21,607,500; gold, \$4,960,000, lead, \$900,-Official Beals has received reports from 43 410; total, \$68.723,160.

coast and eastern Oregon. With but a single exception the reports indicate considerable of a deficiency in the snow fall. This exception is a point in Union county, where an average snowfall is reported. The difficiency is about the same in the Coast range as in the Blue mountains of eastern Oregon. The reason for the shortage in the snow crop is the high temperature during December, which pro-

tana, who has announced his estimate of the metal out put of that state for 1900, as follows: Copper, \$41,246,250; silver,

## Lively Times Ahead.

Hon. John M. Burke, the prominent Northwest mine promoter, who has been operating in Butte for the past six months, is expected to arrive here in a few days. Also a number of Baker county mine owners and mine promoters are abroad and are expected to return this month. Many big deals are talked of and lively times in mining are probable in the near future .- Democrat.