

## BONDED THE ELDORADO GROUP.

**J. H. MacCALLUM CO. SECURES  
CONTROL OF WELL KNOWN  
PLACERS.**

**Operations to Start When Season Opens—  
Reservoir Capacity to be Increased—  
Hydraulics and Other Machinery to  
be Put in—Company Aply Financed  
by Eastern Capitalists.**

The J. H. MacCallum company, of this city, has bonded the well known Cow Creek placer claims owned by the Eldorado Placer Gold Mining company. The bond was made Monday and includes the group of five rich placer claims on Cow Creek, together with water rights, ditches, giants, piping, etc. The stock of the Eldorado company, is divided into 500,000 shares and is included intact. The property is located six miles from Lockhart, which is on the Sumpter Valley railroad. The five claims are as follows: The Newberry Placer claim, 1,500 feet in length; the Badger, 700; the Smoothbore, 1,500; the Hudson, 1,500; the Mandy Ellen, 3,000. Included in the sale is 90 acres of fine timber land which will serve a valuable purpose in the construction of flumes, reservoirs and other improvements.

These placers are among the richest in the eastern Oregon gold fields. They were passed over by early prospectors for the reason that the deposits were too deep to be successfully worked by pick and shovel and required capital to put in hydraulic appliances. Thorough prospecting, however, has proved beyond any question the valuableness of the claims. During the prospecting operations last spring one nugget was taken out worth \$18. A cubic yard of dirt yielded \$89 in placer gold, and one pan produced \$1.50. From a hole ten feet square and eight feet deep \$195 in nuggets and gold dust was taken out. There are a great many people in Sumpter now wearing nuggets from these claims.

The new concern is abundantly financed by eastern capital, and operations are to begin as soon as the weather opens up. Many improvements are contemplated. The present reservoir is inadequate and further capacity is to be added at once, together with hydraulics, and other improved machinery. The new owners will develop the property on an extensive scale.

### BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR DISTRICT

**Colorado Man Says Sumpter is All Right  
and Has Bright Prospects.**

H. Emens, of Victor, Colorado, representing the Lyner Engine works, of Denver, was in the city several days last week in the interest of his firm. He made trips to the principal mines around Sumpter. He says:

"I am familiar with the Cripple Creek district. In fact, I have had superintendence of several properties there. I look upon the Sumpter district as one of the most promising of the country. There can be no question regarding the richness of the deposits and the abundance of the ore in the surrounding country, and when one takes into consideration the fact that very little of this wealth has been

developed, the present activity and the interest manifested all over the country in Sumpter, he will naturally come to the conclusion that the district is on the eve of an unprecedented development. Beyond doubt it is one of the most promising camps in the country."

### Help Build Up The West.

The low rates from the east to the west and the northwest, February 15 to April 30, will undoubtedly bring out thousands of settlers. Where they will go is largely a question of inducement. If you are interested in securing any eastern people for your section of the west, send their names and addresses to the undersigned. All the facts and figures about the trip will be promptly sent them. H. S. Rowe, General Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 134 Third Street, Portland, Ore.

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