

**TO WORK PLACERS.**

**Operations to Start at Mule Gulch, Spanish Gulch and Quartz Gulch Soon.**

The placer mines on Mule gulch, which is a part of the Spanish gulch mining district, will be the scene of active operation again this season. Messrs. R. A. Hines and C. W. Brown took their departure last Monday for their placer property on Mule gulch and will begin to put everything in readiness for another season's operation.

C. P. Johnson will also leave soon for the placer property owned by himself, W. H. Johnson, of John Day, and Robert Cannon, of Spanish gulch. Arrangements have been made to operate their property again this season, which yielded such a handsome cleanup, when last operated two years ago.

From each of these parties that are interested in Mule gulch properties the Blue Mountain Eagle learns that quite a heavy snow fall prevailed throughout that locality during the past winter and that the mountains and gulches contain more snow at present than usual at this season of the year. This insures an excellent water season for each of these properties.

Messrs. C. L. Roddick and Frank Fitch, the former one of the owners of the Quartz gulch placers, have been engaged during the winter in drifting on a rich deposit of gravel on that property near what is known as the upper reservoir. They have taken out a large amount of gravel which they will run through sluice boxes as soon as there is ample water for such purposes.

Just what will be their reward for their winter's work is not known, yet it is believed will be excellent, since most of the gravel prospects well.

As soon as the water season opens and these gentlemen have completed the run of their gravel through sluices, work will be commenced on the Quartz gulch placers by Messrs. C. L. Roddick, J. F. Klink and Frank Sels. They have some good ground which they will work this season, and with a good water season will do well.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

**GOLD OUTPUT OF ALASKA.**

**Great Activity in the Northern Gold Fields.**

The latest statistics of the Canadian Yukon show that the gold output of the Canadian Yukon since the country was first entered by the whites exceeds \$80,000,000. Records show that the money sent from Dawson to the outside world by postoffice money order last year aggregated \$1,264,000.

In 1902 the gold commissioners' office at Dawson did a great deal of work, indicating the continual activity of the camp.

Activity is shown to have existed in quartz prospecting by the fact that 1135 quartz claims were recorded in the period.

Messages from Dawson to the outside world last year numbered 13,071; received from outside, 14,229. In addition to this, press matter was transmitted numbering in aggregate 856,472 words.

Persons arriving in Dawson in 1902 numbered 2,247 from the upper

river, and 1,083 from the lower river; total 3,320. Persons departing numbered 3,137 by the upper river, 2,252 by the lower river; total, 5,389. Excess of departures over arrivals, 2,069. The excess of departures over arrivals is to a large extent an exodus of those who will return this season.

Machinery imports have aggregated, it is estimated, \$5,000,000. Nearly all of this has been for mining purposes.—Journal for Investors.

**Cracker Highland Company Organized.**

The Cracker Highland Gold Mining company has been incorporated by John C. Davies, Dan Cahill and L. C. Stickney. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 shares with a par value of \$1 each. Sumpter is named as the head office of the company.

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