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### Cleaning of Old Bridgeport Mine Ditch Is Planned

BRIDGEPORT, Mar. 11.—(Special)—E. B. Knight left by motor Thursday for Boise, where he will confer with a contractor for the cleaning of the old Clark's Creek mines ditch. This ditch has been abandoned for several years as there was not much mining work being done but with the opening of so many new mines it will be reopened and made larger to carry water from the Burnt river reservoir.

Chet Van Petten, who was injured last week when the mine tunnel in which he was working with his son, Gordon, caved in, is still in a very serious condition at the St. Elizabeth hospital.

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**FILE BUSINESS NAME**

Courthouse — "Ancient Channel Project" has been recorded as the business name under which company mining the Given-Nichols ground at Bridgeport will operate. Maxwell C. Milton, Edward T. Knight and J. B. Porter are the partners.

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## Placer Substitutes Pumps for Ditch

Bridgeport—(Special)—A large pumping plant was brought in Monday from Boise by truck for the Ancient Channel Mining company and is being installed. Water will be pumped from Burnt river to the mine with the pump until such time as it will be possible for water to be brought through the old Clark's creek ditch.

Considerable work was done on the ditch this summer but the ground became so dry it was impossible to get the water through the full length of the ditch. This company is operating on the Givens Nichols ground.

The Relyea brothers, who have a lease on the mine at the mouth of Pine creek, have their machinery all installed and are washing steadily every day with very good results according to reports.

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## Remove 55 Feet Overburden at Mine

That the gravel near Bridgeport contains considerable quantities of gold is evidenced by the extensive development undertaken by new owners of the Nichols-Givens property who are preparing to mine about 1000 yards a day as the water supply can be assured.

About 55 feet of overburden has been ~~stripped~~ and it is expected that a huge 20-yard tractor carry-all will be used to bring the gravel to the screening plant which has just been set up. Messrs. Knight and Porter are two of the engineers in charge. Water will come from Burnt river.

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## \$20,000 Price Paid For Bridgeport Mine

**Givens, Nichols  
Sell Rich Placer**

Bridgeport—(Special) — Messrs. Porter, Ed Knight and Milton, who had an option on the Walter Givens-Wilbur Nichols mine, took up the option Saturday and will take possession soon. The option was for \$20,000.

The new owners expect to install new and heavier machinery and will do extensive work as soon as the Clark's creek ditch is cleaned and repaired to carry the needed water. At this time the ditch is cleaned as far as the Sullivan ranch. Mr. Givens still has several mining claims on Burnt river, which with the help of his son will continue to operate. Mr. Givens, accompanied by J. O'Connor, expects to leave by motor about May 1 for California where they will investigate some mining property.

It is understood Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will go to Eugene where they have a milk farm.

The Givens-Nichols property was developed over the last few years, climaxing a year ago when the men announced they had extensive gravel deposits ranging in value from \$3 to \$30 per yard. The announcement and rumors previously started a flood of claim location filings on adjacent ground. However, the local men found their facilities inadequate to mine the gravel and they began dicker-ing for sale.

The gold is very coarse and of high fineness. The old gravel beds are badly tilted and mining is done at some depth. Water had to be pumped. It is understood the property may be developed with adequate water and mined in considerable volume.

## MINE IS SOLD AT BRIDGEPORT

**Givens and Nichols  
Sell Mine; Men  
Escape Injury**

Special to The Democrat-Herald  
BRIDGEPORT, April 20—Holst brothers of Grandview, Idaho have their new machinery on the A. C. Jones mining property near Malheur City. They are installing it and will soon be ready for operations.

A mining deal was closed Saturday by Porter, Knight and Milton, who took up their six months option on the Walter Givens and Wilbur Nichols mine. The mine was sold for \$20,000. Mr. Givens and Mr. Nichols have owned the mine for several years and have continued to take out gold in paying quantities. Mr. Givens has other mining property here and will continue to operate it, assisted by his sons, Carl, Johnny, Ray and Rex. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols plan to leave soon for Eugene and other points and may locate in some of other locality. Work is rapidly progressing on the Clarks' creek ditch, which will carry water to the mining property.