

"This property is located at the old postoffice of Illahe, three-quarters of a mile below the present postoffice of the same name. It is on the northwestern side of the Rogue and is owned by T. W. Billings.

"Mr. Billings states that the first work on the property was done in 1856, and that the present ditch was started 11 years ago by H. J. Russell, who began to mine 7 years ago. The present owner bought the property from Russell's heirs on October 6, 1911, and it has been worked every winter since then. He says he took out \$156 in one month the first year, and that during the second year he cleaned up \$300 in gold dust, and stored $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons of sand averaging \$272 per ton, which was subsequently washed away. During the third winter Post and G. P. Murch tried to use a Sweet gold machine on the property, but the result was unsatisfactory, as there was so much clay in the gravel that the machine became badly clogged.

"That portion of the gravel which has been most extensively mined averages 9 feet thick and is covered with about 4 feet of overburden. It is an old high terrace, and the owner claims that at least 2 other such terraces or channels exist on the property. Several engineers have examined the property, and one named Post claimed that the gravel averages 40 cents per yard in gold. Another named G. P. Murch claimed that it ran only 25 cents per yard. Most of the gold is fairly coarse, and of a flaky nature. The larger pieces are found near bedrock and some of these are worth as much as 25 cents. No attempt to save platinum was made until the winter of 1914-15. During an 80 hours' run made then, a quarter of an ounce of this metal was secured. The bedrock is black Eocene shale, together with some sandstone".

"A thousand miner's inches of water is brought to the property in a ditch. This gives 180 feet to 200 feet fall where Mr. Billings has done most of his work, and 100 feet fall to the higher bars". (Ref: Parks and Swartley, 16:101 quoted).

No additional information.