

# Placer Gold Mining Location, Made At Gravel Pit of Hoover Dam, Now Lends Credence to Rumors of Nugget Finds

## \$1,000 Assay Report of Six Companies Man Recalled As Dam Worker Finds Monument on Arizona Short; Doubt Expressed As To Locator's Rights

Talk of the probable finding of real gold on the Boulder Canyon project today centralized on the gravel pit, with the discovery today that a placer claim recently was staked out at the pit.

Rumors of assays running surprisingly high have persisted; some well known Boulder City men having been quoted as having shown nuggets of fair size which they found adjacent to the Colorado river where the rock for the construction of the dam is being removed. One such sample is said to have assayed more than \$1,000 a ton, though the reliability of the statement has not been found.

A monument with location notice was found today at the south end of the gravel pit, on top of the ground, where the dragline has not yet excavated for gravel. The locator's name is given as F. N. Beller.

Some doubt as to whether Six Companies, Inc., would permit the working of a claim on a spot where the dragline before many weeks will be taking out gravel, has been expressed on the reservation.

While government authorities point out that new mining claims are not being made in the reservation area, all claims that are legitimate are now being taken over by the government.

The opinion has been expressed, however, that if a claim can be worked before it interferes in any way with work on the dam, it can be worked by the locator.

This matter doubtless will be threshed out in the near future, for, with the location of this claim

it is indicated the locator intends to go ahead.

Workers at the gravel pit state they have seen men moving about the ground there on recent occasions, apparently making a close study of the ground.

The claim recently marked has a rock monument, with claim assertedly recorded as the "Dam Pirate" mine, in the "Callville" district, according to the dam worker who found the monument today, and who informed the Journal of its existence.

This brings to mind past rumors that men have been seen hauling pick-up loads of gravel from the vicinity of the gravel pit, in the night time. Following of the location notice was followed today by treks to the vicinity by several Boulder City men who are known to be interested in mining.