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Columns have already been written—in fact, volumes—upon the wonderful richness of the gold mines of Colorado, the Black Hills and Arizona, but we desire to call attention to a new company in the field, the Eldorado Placer Gold Mining Company, Frank S. Taggart, secretary, 319 Cambie street, Vancouver, B. C. This company is organized for the purpose of working the "Double L" placer claims on Cayoosh creek, British Columbia. The history of British Columbia practically commenced with her placer mines, and it is an oft-repeated tale how upwards of \$60,000,000 in gold was cleaned up in the creek beds in the early sixties, commencing on the Fraser and continuing to its source. In those days immense fortunes were made, but the transportation charges were so high that the mines were worked to disadvantage. The discovery of gold on Cayoosh creek is recent. The immense discoveries of gold along its banks last fall, notably the Golden Cache, led to a large amount of prospecting, and the discovery of a network of veins rich in free milling gold along the mountain slopes bordering Cayoosh creek. This naturally directed attention to the working there for alluvial gold. Cayoosh Creek is the natural "sluice-box" for a rich gold bearing district and has been sluicing away for ages the yellow metal which nature has released from such rich quartz reefs as that of the recently discovered Golden Cache mines and others yet to be discovered. Cayoosh Creek diggings were discovered by Chinese in 1886. This affords a remarkable instance of placer deposits which have remained undiscovered in a country supposed to be well-known. The greater portion of the gold has been taken out by primitive

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