

interests; total receipts, \$36,813; total cost, \$22,243; now prospecting for back channel. Dietz Co., located in 1864, paid good wages all the time. Tyack Co., located in 1861, 4 interests; paid all the time from \$16 to \$20 a-day to the hand; this year better than ever, washing up sometimes over 100 ozs., and looking more promising as they go into the hill. California Co., located in 1861, 2 interests; total receipts to 1865, nearly \$500,000; total cost, \$150,000; now working a small sluice; three white men and two Chinamen; making from \$15 to \$20 a-day; considerable ground left. Cornish Co., located in 1861, 8 interests; paid expenses to 1866; that year paid a dividend of over \$400 to the interest besides wages, most of the shareholders working; in 1867 up to September paid over \$8,000, at cost of \$4,000; still paying better as they go into the hill. Steadman Co., located in 1861, 4 interests; up to 1863 total receipts nearly \$60,000; at a cost of \$15,000; still working and making good wages. Allen Co., located in 1864, 1 interest (colored man); could not be worked till 1866; from that time to the present paid from \$25 to \$30 a-day to the hand; considerable ground to work. To these may be added, the Browse, Wilson, Bradley, Forward Cos., in fact, the whole of the immense flat stretching thence to the Junction of McCullum's Gulch, paying in about the same proportion, but which will all be worked henceforth to the *best advantage*, by being thoroughly drained by the Bed Rock Flume. This company also have a large amount of good ground, hitherto lying idle, but which also will be brought into operation under the hydraulic system, and contribute immensely to the general receipts of the season. I may here remark, for they deserve my saying so, that it is almost impossible to estimate the benefit this Corporation will be to the upper portion of the Creek, within the limits I am now describing, if they adopt a safe and liberal policy towards the miners. Under such management, I consider, they have one of the best properties in the country. Below the canyon, some of the most marvellous claims existed, and I could go on saying the same of them as I have of those above it, until your patience was exhausted. It is enough to say that the old celebrated Diller claim, which paid in one day 103 lbs. of gold; the old Barker claim, which enriched its owners, will be drained by Mr R. Dexter; it is expected in time for this season, and if so, that ground and the rest stretching up to the mouth of the Canyon, will again yield immensely. Then below these claims, down to Camerontown, including some twenty or thirty good claims, the whole Creek will be a scene of active labor, if the Bed Rock Drain is only secured against accident. In my opinion, the miners ought to see to this themselves. A common *benefit* is a common *interest*. To secure a successful season, at any time, is no trifling matter to the miners; to the country at large, in this particular period of its crisis, it is all important the world should see how really rich you are, and that can be done if the drain-