

Columbia & Stanislaus River Water Co.

Organized, Oct. 21st, 1854, in the town of Columbia, Tuolumne County, under the Incorporation Act of this State, approved April 14th, 1853, with a Capital Stock of \$300,000, divided into 1500 Shares.

The Company commenced operations the 19th day of March 1855, on the line from Columbia to the South fork; Since which time 36 miles of the main trunk of the canal have been excavated and finished; besides 3 miles of fluming, some of which is over 60 feet in height, 2 large reservoirs and some 5 miles of distributing ditches, making a total of 44 miles of canal and fluming that have been built in ten months:

The Company is now ready to run water to the mining localities of Yankee Hill, Knickerbocker, Saw Mill, and Brown's Flats, Italian Diggings, Bald Mountain and Sonora, and by the first of March next to Columbia, Gold Springs, Springfield and Shaw's Flat and their vicinities, covering an area of Mining Country equal to 25 square miles.

The first division (12 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles) of the line from the dam on the South fork of the Stanislaus River, to a point where water can be turned off to reach the southern part of the County (through the Hydraulic canal.) The canal is three feet deep and six feet wide in the bottom, with the usual slopes, and 16 feet fall to the mile.

The second division (12 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles) from thence to Columbia, being 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide in the bottom, and a fall of fifteen feet to the mile.

The first division will pass 300 tom streams. The second 175 streams.

The first division will afford numerous sites for Saw Mills in the sugar pine region.

The upper division of the line from the South fork to the main River, five different surveys have been made by the Company's Engineers up to this time. And the last survey has proved that by a tunnel of 3000 feet in length through the dividing ridge, the main River can be reached with 11 miles of canalizing, and 5 miles of fluming. Making a total of not over 16 miles from the dam on the South fork, to the dam on the main River, where a 500 tom stream can be had the year round, with an abundance of timber for fluming on the route. This latter route will reduce the cost of the work at least one fourth, or \$75,000.

The canal to the main River will be 10 feet wide in the bottom, and three feet deep, or of sufficient capacity to pass from 400 to 500 tom streams; and will be finished by the first of September next. Having a supply of water during the dry season, in Tuolumne County.

The Company offer to let Water Power to any amount on the line of canal, for Mill purposes. We invite the attention of Lumbermen to the importance of having Water Power during the dry season, so near the mining regions.

NAMES OF THE OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.—JAMES W. COFFROTH.

TRUSTEES.—JOHN JOLLY, A. C. GOODRICH, JAMES McLEAN, C. H. ALBERDING, Columbia; GEO. W. DUNN, Sonora; N. A. TOLMAN, Jacksonville.

CHIEF ENGINEER.—W. W. FINNEY.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER.—R. M. WILSON.

SUPERINTENDANT.—ANDREW FLETCHER.

SECRETARY.—FERDINAND FIEDLER.