

A Worthy Enterprise, Iowa Hill

We are informed by correspondence from Iowa Hill, in this county, that a company has been organized in that town with a capital stock of \$100,000 for the purpose of cutting a ditch to bring water on the divide from the north fork of the American river. This promises to be the most worthy enterprise undertaken by the citizens of Placer for many years, and we freely say, may all praise be given to its energetic projectors. There is, perhaps, no district in the State of California that contains richer mines than those on this divide; but, notwithstanding this fact, their owners are comparatively poor, for no other reason than the want of water to work them. They have waited with patience for the consummation of Von Schmidt's famous Lake Tahoe water project but have waited in vain. At last, seeing the folly of depending on the windy projects of scientific men, they have taken the matter in their own hands, and with an abundance of practical experience, which is much better than theoretical science, aided by perseverance and industry, they are bound to put it through. Half of the stock is already subscribed and the survey has been completed. Fourteen miles will be the length of the ditch, with a capacity for carrying over 7,000 inches of water. A force of Chinamen have been set to work, and our informant says, "Just a year from this time we expect to see the water running down the divide." The engineers deem this one of the best water rights in this State. Our correspondent, referring to the time when this ditch will be completed, says: "My long experience in the mines enables me to say, almost to a certainty, that this divide will be one of the most flourishing mining sections in the State."

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