

TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

CONNECTION WITH THE OUTER WORLD SECURED.

Inland Telephone Company Will Put Telegraph Instruments in the Sumpter Office in a Few Days.—Its Long Distance Wire to Connect With the Postal Telegraph Lines.

While in Portland last week, W. C. Calder closed a deal with the Inland Telephone company, whereby Sumpter will secure in a few days telegraph connections with the outer world.

The plan is to put in telegraph instruments here and use the company's long distance wires for transmission of dispatches. The Inland Telephone company sustains cordial business relations with the Postal Telegraph company, and the business of the former originating in Sumpter will be delivered to the latter. The two companies have offices in Portland, Spokane, several intermediate points and in all important towns on the Pacific coast, so there will be no difficulty in getting a wire to any desired point.

The Sumpter Townsite syndicate guarantees the Inland company to do a business amounting to \$300 a year. As the syndicate's necessary telegraph tolls will undoubtedly amount to far more than this, the service is in reality costing no bonus.

The telegraph instruments have been ordered shipped here, and the company will be ready for business at an early day.

In the meantime General Warren has received an official reply from the Western Union company, accepting his proposition to construct a line from here to Baker City and connect with that company there, on condition that it will not parallel the line for three years and then buy it at cost. To string this wire would cost about \$7500, which expenditure the arrangement with the Inland company obviates, and the deal with the Western Union has been declared off.

Sensible Sheepmen Have No Trouble.

Taylor Hill, of Prineville, who took 6,000 head of sheep to Pendleton for shipment to British Columbia, tells the Times-Mountaineer that "grass has been unusually fine this year, because sheep were sold down so close last year," and adds: "I want to say that, although I heard about trouble ahead from people who would shoot sheep being driven through the country, and was naturally on the lookout for some trouble, none of it was met. I could not ask for better treatment from people anywhere, and am inclined to think that if sheepmen in passing through that part of the country south of Pendleton will strive to regard other men's rights, they will avoid most of the trouble of which we hear so often. No

one offered to molest me at any time or place, and, in fact, showed a disposition to help me rather than to hinder me." Mr. Hill stated that prices were on the top notch now, and that even at \$2 for lambs and \$3 for ewes, buyers are having difficulty in securing any more than are called for in contracts made some time ago.

Meeting of the Sumpter Club.

Owing to the fact that none of the recently elected officers were present, the meeting of the Sumpter club last Friday evening was adjourned until Tuesday evening, without transacting any business. The matter of the proposed purchase of the opera house block was not considered—and this is "so," not especially because you see it in THE MINER, but because circumstances chanced to shape themselves that way. Notices were issued yesterday by President Vinson announcing that the meeting which was intended to be held last evening would be postponed, by request of a number of members, until next Saturday evening, when organization of the club will be finally perfected. At that time the opportunity to become charter members will be closed. A full attendance is especially desired.

Smelter Gets Fifteen Acres of Land.

Last week THE MINER quoted H. Meinhard as stating that the smelter which he proposes to put in here will receive only five acres of land as a bonus. In another column today is published among the court house records an agreement whereby A. W. Ellis promises to deed to H. Meinhard fifteen acres, situated south of Mill addition to this town, on condition that the smelter is erected on that ground in one year from October 2, the date of the agreement. How this discrepancy in the amount of the land to be given as a bonus occurred, will probably be explained later. The smelter is now calling for bids on 200 cords of pine wood and 18,000 bushels of charcoal, to be made of green black pine, and delivered at Sumpter, time not stated. Bids should be submitted to P. R. Bishop, at the Climax mine.

Sale of the Red Boy Mine.

"The famous Red Boy mine in the Sumpter district has been sold for \$3,000,000," is the message which is telephoned up from the Sumpter district. The matter has been kept quiet, but we have it on good authority, and there is little doubt but the sale has gone through. The purchasers are said to be the London parties who have been negotiating for the property for some time. The price, \$3,000,000 is a large one, but not in comparison with the value of the property, the mine being considered one of the greatest in the section. The Red Boy is a free gold proposition with ore bodies of immense magnitude, although the average values run about \$15 to the ton.—Spokane Stock Report.

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