

POWER DRILLS FOR MINE

LARGEST SINGLE ORDER IN THE HISTORY OF SUMPTER.

Columbia and Oregon Monarch Are Being Extensively Developed—New Mill for the Cracker.

SUMPTER, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Twelve Leyner power drills have been ordered for the Columbia mine, the largest single drill order ever placed by a mine in this district. This order is illustrative of the extensive development being made at some of the large properties. The Columbia order specifies a new drill to this section. It differs from others in that the stroke does not include the steel itself, but merely a piston that hammers the end of the drill. This condition enables the drill to handle a much longer steel than other pistons. In the Columbia order are steel sets of which will finish a hole 10 feet in depth, as compared to the five-foot hole made by the usual power drill.

The Columbia is one of the remarkable properties of the Northwest. Its true worth is unknown, as the management will give no idea of its output. Mining men, however, state that the Columbia 24-stamp mill is kept in operation on ore taken from drifts and raises, no stopping being necessary, and that, while the owners are making money from their mine, they are blocking out a reserve that already makes the value of the mine above \$2,000,000.

Power Drills for Oregon Monarch. Two power drills were also ordered this week by President Robbins for the Oregon Monarch, next to the Red Boy. He has also ordered 200 feet of pressure pipe, which will be used by the company to connect the big Red Boy compressors with the plant of the Oregon Monarch Company, that the air drills may be used in the latter place without the expense of installing a compressor plant. The Oregon Monarch Company is engaged in moving its buildings to the site of the deep crosscut soon to be started, and which was made possible by the recent purchase of five claims adjoining its property, owned by Monahan & Murphy.

W. W. Robbins, formerly superintendent of the Concord, before it was consolidated with the Red Boy, has been retained as consulting engineer for the Oregon Monarch properties, and is directing development.

Mill for the Cracker-Oregon.

The Oregon Development Company, a Minnesota concern, operating the Cracker-Oregon group, next to the E. & E., has ordered a 10-stamp mill. Less than three months ago development on the Cracker-Oregon began in earnest. Since then it has been pushed with great vigor, but the public did not expect that enough ore would be blocked out to justify erection of a mill at this early date. The announcement comes as a surprise. The company has demonstrated great energy in opening the property, which pace is said to be the plan for the future.

MINE'S TROUBLES ABOUT OVER.

Debt and Working.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)

The troubles of the Baisley-Elkhorn mine are nearing an end. The mine was closed down early last Spring, in consequence of a lack of funds and a number of attachment suits. The stockholders, most of whom reside in Connecticut and New York, got tired of putting up assessments and never drawing down any dividends, and they quit giving up. The stockholders were divided. What was known as the Norwich faction were in control of the mine. The other faction, known as the Amsterdam-New York faction, insisted that the failure was due to

mismanagement. Soon after the mine closed down Charles Hayes, formerly president of the Bonanza Mining Company, bought up many of the claims against the mine for 30 cents on the dollar. There was a mortgage of \$20,000 against the property, which, with the claims for wages and material, made an indebtedness of about \$60,000 against the property. It was said Mr. Hayes bought these claims for the purpose of securing the mine, and he was in a fair way to get it until the Amsterdam people secured control of a majority of the stock and with it the right to control the company.

SUMPTER ENTERS A PROTEST.

Will Oppose the Creation of Blue Mountain Forest Reserve.

SUMPTER, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The City of Sumpter has entered a protest against the creation of a forest reserve in the Blue Mountains, with boundaries as indicated by the order of withdrawal. The City Council has unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, There has been withdrawn from public lands of the United States in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon, for the avowed purpose of protecting the water supply of the country, certain tracts of land, and whereas, the water from the streams rising in said Blue Mountains, and

Whereas, We realize the importance of this protecting said water supply, and that it is necessary to prevent denudation of the high hills where these streams supplying water have their source, in order to conserve said water supply, but do not believe that it is necessary in order to accomplish this end to preserve the timber on other lands than those in the high mountains where the live streams have their source; and

Whereas, There are included in said reserve large areas of bottom lands, bench lands and low hills, the withdrawal of which from entry would in nowise tend to conserve the water supply in regions adjacent thereto, and will, in fact, work a hardship on the citizens of Eastern Oregon in that it will retard development of the country by cutting off the free use of timber for mining purposes, and also a large source of revenue derived from the logging and lumbering industry, and will tend to so reduce tonnage in sight as to prevent the extension of railroads throughout this region; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Sumpter, Baker County, Or., that we deem the withdrawal of all the lands included in the limits of the proposed forest reserve as inimical to the best interests of Eastern Oregon, and the citizens thereof, and that before said lands are finally withdrawn from entry, to determine the character thereof and advisability of such withdrawal; and

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the Land Office.

The withdrawal order includes a large portion of the township in which Sumpter is located. Citizens feel that this effort to isolate the city in territory barred to the industries by the Government, is wrong, but the protest being made are based more upon the general effect upon the district than upon strictly local conditions.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN LOGGING.

Gray's Harbor Is Enjoying Unprecedented Prosperity in This Line.

ARBERDEN, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Never in the history of Gray's Harbor has there been such marked activity in the logging industry as at present. Every river and stream that can be utilized to float the product of the

lumberman to market is lined with camps, and all over this section of country the big lumber belts are being opened up by logging railroads where transportation by water is not practicable, and at this season of the year, when there always has been a partial shutting down of work in the woods, operations are being carried on with a magnitude that has never before been equaled. This activity is due to the constantly growing demand for logs and to the anticipated advance in price. Every mill on Gray's Harbor, and practically those in Aberdeen, have fully doubled their capacity during the past year and this, with the construction on new mills now under way here, makes this point a ready market for every log that can be brought to tide water, and those who are best informed on the subject predict that before the close of this year the rise in the price of fir logs will be sharp, even in the face of the present enormous output.

The activity at all the camps hereabouts has resulted in a correspondingly increased demand for men to work in the woods, and at this time of the year, when the towns are usually full of idle men, it is impossible to find a man who can work out of a job. The men, too, are getting the highest wages ever paid here and are in the fortunate position of knowing that they are sought after to work instead of being obliged to ask for it. The wages paid in all the camps in this section is an evidence of the prosperous condition of the logging firms, as well as that of the laborers themselves. Swampers get \$2.50 to \$3 per day; barkers, \$3 to \$3.50; buckers, \$3.50; rigging-slingers, \$3.50 to \$4; fallers, \$3.50 to \$4.50, and hook-tenders \$4 to \$5, with the certainty of being housed and well fed for a few dollars a week. The camps are all trying to rival each other in the conveniences and food provided for their men, as in this way they are always sure of keeping their crews. If the present steady output of logs is continued, and there is every reason to believe it will be increased rather than diminished, the supply of first-class labor here will be far short of the demand. As it is, good men can find ready work in any camp on Gray's Harbor.

NEW OREGON CORPORATIONS.

Articles Filed at Salem During the Week Just Ended.

BALEM, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this week as follows: Cooney Woolen Company, Portland, \$10,000; Charles Cooper, J. R. Cooper, John Annand. Troy Laundry, Astoria, \$15,000; C. J. Sherman, W. H. Norman, John Tait. The Union Flouring Mill Company, Union, \$25,000; Ed Kildie, F. A. Bidwell, H. C. Bidwell. Portland Retail Grocers' Association, Portland, \$300; Fred Dremer, M. A. Raymond, D. E. Dunbar, F. W. Funk. Methodist Episcopal Church, of Mitchell, Wheeler County; John L. Hollingshead, Ellen Keyes, Rena Waterman. Portland Seed Company, Portland, supplementary articles increasing the capital stock to \$50,000. Western Improvement Company, Portland; \$400; A. C. O'Neil, E. M. Rowley, L. F. Schuch. Anchor Fence Company, Portland; \$100,000; N. E. Ayer, George T. Murton, S. B. Lintbicum. Salem Canning Company, Salem, \$20,000; George W. Holcomb, S. E. Holcomb, Frank E. Dooley, E. T. Peterson. Interior Mercantile Company, Canyon City; \$50,000; C. E. Broadwell, W. J. Makiell, William W. Davis.

Rain Threatens Damage to Crops.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)

—Rain commenced falling here at 1 o'clock this afternoon, after several days' threatening weather. If it continues, great damage will be done. Harvesting is hardly half over, and hops are in such a condition that a little dampness will bring lice and even mold.

TO HELP THE SCHOOL FUND

AGITATION IN FAVOR OF PUTTING IDLE MONEY ON INTEREST.

Law With This End in View Falls to Meet Requirements—\$735,000 Now on Hand.

SALEM, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The fact that \$735,000 of the irreducible common school fund is lying idle in the state treasury has caused some agitation in favor of the enactment of a law which will get this money out at interest. Several newspapers which have given the subject attention have overlooked the act passed by the last Legislature having such an end in view. There is a law authorizing the investment of the surplus school funds, but it remains practically inoperative. Prior to 1891 the law permitted the school funds to be lent only upon real estate security. As the whole fund could not be lent in this manner, there was a surplus of over \$500,000 waiting for borrowers. For the purpose of securing an income from at least a part of this surplus, the Legislature of 1901 passed an act which says:

All moneys belonging to the irreducible school fund, hereafter, and all moneys belonging to the State Land Board at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July of each year; provided, however, that, if at any time there be a surplus of either of these funds over and above all loans applied for, the State Land Board may, in its discretion, invest such portion of said surplus as in their judgment they may deem proper in bonds issued by municipal corporations and school districts in the State of Oregon, the legality of such bonds to be approved by the Attorney-General.

Three applications for money have been made under the latter clause of the law quoted. One was by a city, which asked the state to take its bonds at less than 6 per cent; another was by a school district, which offered the state its 6 per cent bonds, and the third was a request from the Port of Portland Commission, that the state take its bonds at less than 6 per cent; another was by a school district, which offered the state its 6 per cent bonds, and the third was a request from the Port of Portland Commission, that the state take its bonds at less than 6 per cent; another was by a school district, which offered the state its 6 per cent bonds, and the third was a request from the Port of Portland Commission, that the state take its bonds at less than 6 per cent.

General, he indicated his opinion that no funds could be invested at less than 6 per cent. When he rendered his written opinion he held that the city bonds were invalid because of irregularities in the proceedings by which they were authorized; that the school district had no authority to sell bonds except to the highest bidder, and that the Land Board had no authority to purchase notes. Thus the three applications were disposed of without a formal decision upon the question whether the law authorizes the board to invest funds at less than 6 per cent. Since the law was passed at a time when good bonds would not bring 6 per cent interest in the money market, it is evident that the Legislature intended that the investments should be made in bonds paying a lesser rate, yet it will be observed that nothing is expressly provided in this particular. The purpose was to diminish the amount of idle money, and to do this investments would necessarily be made upon the same terms as are given by individual investors. If the law does not now authorize the investment of the surplus funds in bonds drawing the usual market rate of interest on such securities, it is clear that the Legislature failed in its intent and that the law should be amended to remedy the defect.

Before the law was passed it was suggested that provision should be made whereby the idle school funds should be borrowed by those counties that run out of funds and would otherwise be compelled to issue county warrants bearing 6 per cent interest. A law of this kind, requiring not only counties, but the state itself, to borrow from the trust funds rather than from individuals, would entail no greater burden upon the taxpayers, while it would help out the school fund.

Then if the surplus not thus used were invested at market rates of interest, the schools would receive some \$25,000 more per year than they do at present.

SALMON PACK IS SHORT.

Puget Sound Canneries Report Decrease of About 65 Per Cent.

WHATCOM, Wash., Aug. 16.—The sockeye salmon which will be packed by Puget Sound canneries this season are practically all in cans. The grand total of cases is about 225,000. It is expected that the pack of silver and dog salmon will bring the total cases packed up to 450,000, as against a grand total of 1,100,000 last year. In short, the pack this season will be about 65 per cent of that of last. Trappers say that the run is over, and they are busy stripping their traps, which take sockeyes exclusively. They maintain that the fish came in the greatest quantities up to the mouth of the Straits of Fuca, but the fine weather which prevailed kept them from coming in. Cannermen say prices will advance at least 25 per cent within the next 30 days.

Two Fishermen Drowned.

ASTORIA, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Two unknown fishermen were drowned in the breakers near the mouth of the river at an early hour yesterday morning. The boat was overturned and the two men were recovered. The boat was painted a dark lead color, and had the letters "B. G." on the stern. Its license number was 284, but whether of Oregon or Washington is not known. Oregon license No. 121 was issued to Albert Halson and Washington license No. 121 was issued to Fred Beaver, of Cosmopolis. It is supposed that one of these men and his boatpuller were the persons drowned.

Rains Put Out Forest Fires.

ASHLAND, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The recent heavy rains in the Siskiyou Mountains have extinguished the extensive timber fires that had been doing so much damage of late in the Beaver, Grouse and Hungry Creek sections. Reports connected with these fires with the feed that has developed recently between the mining men and timber land locators. Advice was state that the miners have been laboring hard with the settlers, millmen and timber locators to put out the fires, and that the real cause was due to the carelessness of campers and hunters.

Veteran Brought to Astoria.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Fred A. Nourse, formerly a resident of Salem, was today brought to the Astoria upon a commitment from Douglas County. Nourse is 82 years old, is a native of Marblehead, Mass., and is a veteran of the Civil War. He draws a pension of \$8 per month. While in Salem he was known as "Professor" Nourse, and gained a wide reputation for a peculiar kind of "trill" which he introduced into all his singing. He is a well-educated man, and was a pleasing conversationalist when not excited over his supposed extraordinary musical talents.

Money to Advertise Ashland.

ASHLAND, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The new officers of the Board of Trade have assumed their duties. They are: President, G. C. Morris; vice-president, J. R. Norris; secretary, Elmer Patrick; treasurer, A. McCallan; executive committee, G. F. Billings, F. D. Wagner and J. P. Dodge. The committee appointed to solicit funds to advertise the town with 100,000 pamphlets has raised \$400 for the work, and the contract for printing them has been awarded.

Apple-Packing Begun at Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—J. A. Whitman, a large fruit-buyer and shipper of this city, began packing the early Gravenstein apples Thursday. The fruit is first quality, being mostly four tier to the box. Fair variety of apples, however, is not very extensively grown here, yet a good crop will be realized by those who have them in their orchards.

Anti-Railroad Commission Men Win.

WHATCOM, Wash., Aug. 16.—Nearly

THE BREWER HAT Grand Opening OF THE FALL SEASON

DISTINCT Fashions In DERBY and SOFT HATS, Comprising the Entire Line of UP-TO-DATE CREATIONS For AUTUMN.



THE STANDARD FOR FINE HATS The Best \$3.00 Hat In the World

SEE OUR MORRISON STREET WINDOW HOW HATS ARE MADE

BEN SELLING LEADING HATTER

complete returns from the Republican primaries, which were held in this county today, show that Governor McBride's friends, who demand the creation of a state railway commission, have been overwhelmingly defeated.

PORTLAND EIKS' CARNIVAL TWO WEEKS SEPTEMBER 1ST TO 13TH Inc. TWO WEEKS DAZZLING ILLUMINATIONS, SPLENDID INDUSTRIAL DISPLAYS, GORGEOUS DECORATIONS, PARADES AND MUSIC, GRAND REPRODUCTION OF THE PAN-AMERICAN MIDWAY With Additional Up-to-date Attractions CONGRESS OF TRAINED WILD ANIMALS DOG and PONY CIRCUS THE PROJECTOSCOPE MOORISH PALACE STAR OF EGYPT 10 MAMMOTH TENT SHOWS CONGRESS OF ALL NATIONS BEAUTIFUL ORIENT PALACE OF ILLUSIONS JAPANESE THEATER MEXICAN VILLAGE THE GERMAN VILLAGE CONTINUOUS VAUDEVILLE PERFORMANCE BY FAMOUS ARTISTS OF EUROPE AND AMERICA 7—GREAT FREE SHOWS TO BE SEEN ON THE MIDWAY WITHOUT CHARGE GREAT FREE SHOWS—7 SEVEN GRUNATHO SISTERS WORLD-FAMOUS AUSTIN SISTERS THRILLING SLIDE FOR LIFE BIGNEY, THE GREAT HIGH DIVER BALLOON ASCENSION THE WONDERFUL CYCLE DAZZLE LADIES' MILITARY BAND Ferris Wheel Miniature Railway Ferris Wheel Miniature Railway EXCURSIONS AND REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS AND STEAMBOATS