

LIGHT AND WATER

W. L. VINSON TO FURNISH SUMPTER PLENTY OF BOTH.

He Takes Charge of the Electric Light Plant October 1—Will Put in New Machinery, 750 Incandescent and 50 Arc Lights—Large Force of Men on Water Works—Be Completed December 1—One Million Gallons a Day.

W. L. Vinson will take charge of the electric light plant October 1. As soon as he gets control it will be operated all night. By the middle of the month he will have installed new machinery of far greater capacity than that in use at present. There will be a 150-horse power boiler, 125-horse power Corlis engine, a dynamo for supplying 750 16-candle power incandescent lights and 50 2,000-candle power arc lights.

There are at present only 250 incandescent lights in town, that being the full capacity of the plant. There are several arc lamps in position on the streets around town but no light radiates from them. Mr. Vinson says he already has orders for several hundred additional incandescent lights and about forty arcs, supposing that the city takes ten. The city council has not yet decided definitely how many street lamps will be necessary, but it has decided that the streets shall be lighted.

Not satisfied with turning night into day; the work not being sufficient to keep him interested, Mr. Vinson is rushing his water works plant to an early completion. Last week he put twenty men to work digging the ditches from the reservoir to the city for the conduit pipe, and has been increasing the number every day until there are now employed fully fifty men. And Mr. Vinson says he will be ready to supply customers with water by December 1.

When completed, no town in the state will have so ample a supply of pure water as that furnished Sumpter. It comes from Pole and Wind creeks, 75 inches of it, or a flow of something over a million gallons a day, 770 gallons every minute. Besides this constant supply, the reservoir holds over 1,000,000 gallons. It is constructed at an elevation of 200 feet above the business center of the town, about 1,500 feet from the city limits. With this natural pressure, gravitation and other natural impediments considered, a stream of water can be thrown over about seven of the tallest buildings in town, piled on top of each other.

Four and a half miles of main will be laid at once, a ten inch pipe being used to conduct the water from the reservoir down town.

Thus it will be seen that Mr. Vinson is a benefactor to the town; that while he is turning an honest dollar for himself, he is benefitting every citizen of Sumpter, not only by supplying them with conveniences and comforts demanded by modern civilization; but more materially by knocking the bottom out of the almost prohibitory prevailing five and eight and even ten per cent insurance rates. With this inexhaustible water supply, excellent fire protection is furnished, and insurance rates by all laws of equity should be cut in two at least. This will save the citizens of Sumpter thousands of dollars annually and keep the money at home.

Mr. Vinson is a good, valuable citizen; his clear, active brain is busy with other gigantic projects for the good of the community at large, as well as himself—he is worth a carload of ordinary men to any town.

Meeting to Consider Smelter Proposition.

A meeting of many of the representative citizens of Sumpter was held at the opera house Monday evening to determine as near as possible what disposition

be made of the matter of establishing the smelter plant mentioned in last week's issue of THE MINER. After a canvass of the situation during the past week, it was found that the original subscribers to the proposition in the district were more in favor of giving a bonus to the company offering the plant for sale, and allowing the manufacturers to operate it, than to take the responsibility upon themselves (which no doubt is a wise move, as if the plant can be operated successfully by experienced people there is no doubt it would be a benefit to the town for more reasons than one. The parties offering the plant for sale, which it will be remembered was of 50 tons capacity, claim it would cost approximately \$15,000, not including the money necessary to purchase ores when in operation; that the pay roll in connection therewith would be \$5,000 to \$6,000 per month and that if the citizens of Sumpter would subsidize them to the extent of \$5,000, they would supply and operate the plant themselves. Some differences as to how the matter of payments of the subsidy should be made took up the principal time of the meeting. This question will probably be decided at a later date, if ever.

Col. Hudson Quit at the Right Time.

J. Nat Hudson, at present editor of the Cove Ledger, founder of the Sumpter News, was in town last week. While here he paid a friendly visit to THE MINER office and inspected admiringly this thoroughly up-to-date printing plant. When asked if he hadn't quit Sumpter too soon, he replied: "No, I think I got out just at the right time—I'm not overly fond of hard work." And that remark seemed to imply that he appreciated the true situation in the newspaper business here at this transition period.

Nuisance Should Be Abated.

What is already a public nuisance, and bids fair to create much sickness in town, is the dumping of refuse in the creek crossing, at the foot of Granite street, thereby stopping the small flow of water, and causing a stagnant pool to form. It is to be hoped this matter will receive attention from the proper authorities, and steps taken at once to clear the obstructions, which the small volume of water in the stream can not wash away.

TIME CARD.

LINES OF THE

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SUMPTER-CANYON ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv	Sumpter	Ar	10:30 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar	Clifford	Lv	2:00 a. m.
7:40 p. m.	Lv	Clifford	Ar	7:30 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Ar	Austin	Lv	5:00 a. m.

Connecting at Austin with stages for Canyon City and interior points.

1:40 p. m.	Lv	Clifford	Ar	7:30 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar	Bonanza	Lv	6:30 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pix, Robinsonville, Wortley, Virginia, Don Juan and Felcher mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv	Sumpter	Ar	10:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar	Granite	Lv	7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Boy, Bantze and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-HOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv	Sumpter	Ar	9:30 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	Ar	Bourne	Lv	8:00 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Ar	Columbia	Lv	7:30 a. m.

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