LITE 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, 700 Incandescent and 50 Arc Lights—Large Force of Men on Water Works—Be Completed December—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 5-horse power boiler, 4-horse power Curtis engine, a dynamo for supplying 700 incandescent and arc lights and 50,000 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 arks 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 sets, consisting of the city takes ten. The city council has not yet decided definitely how many street lamps will be necessary, but it has decided that four 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 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 plant. It has been increasing the number every day until now there are 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 Pigeon and Wind creeks, 74 inches in it, or a flow of something over a million gallons a day, 750 gallons every minute. Besides this current supply, the reservoir holds over one million gallons. It is constructed at an elevation of 200 feet above the business center of the town, about 150 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.

There and a half miles of main will be laid, one, a 10-inch pipe being used to convey the water from the reservoir down town.

Then it will be seen that Mr. Vinson is a benefactor to the town; that while he is earning an honest dollar for himself, he is bestowing every citizen of Sumpter, not only by supplying them with conveinances and comforts demanded by modern civilization, but more materially by knocking the bottom out of the almost impossible prevailing five and eight and even one and one-half per cent insurance rates. With this inexhaustible water supply, excellent protection is furnished, and insurance rates by all lines of equities should be cut in 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: the fact, active, busy is beav 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 representatives 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 smaller 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 70 tons capacity, claim it would cost approximately $1,500, not including the money necessary to purchase ore when in operation; that the pay roll in connection therewith would be $500 to $600 per month and that if the citizens of Sumpter would subscribe them to the extent of $1,000, 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.

Col. Hudson Quit at the Right Time.
J. Nat Hudson, at present editor of the Cave Ledger, founder of the Sumpter News, was in town last week. While here he paid a friendly visit to THE MINER office and inspected admittingly 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.

Resistance Should Be Abated.
What is already a public nuisance, and which fairly 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. Steps taken at once to clear the obstructions, which the small volume of water in the stream can not wash away.

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