

RAILROAD TO GRANITE

E. W. Bartlett and F. S. Stanley Get Data on Tonnage.

E. W. Bartlett, register of the United States land office at La Grande, and Hon. F. S. Stanley, representative in the state legislature from Union county, returned yesterday from Granite. Both of these gentlemen have interests in the big Grande Ronde Lumber company, and are directors of the railroad company recently incorporated to build from Hilgard to Granite. The purpose of this trip into the hills was to get statistics regarding the tonnage which the country will offer the road when built.

To a MINER man Mr. Bartlett stated that the result of his investigations was very gratifying; much better, in fact, than he had hoped for. He found that there are immediately tributary to Granite eighteen mines, carrying base ores, which are sufficiently developed to at once become shippers as soon as transportation facilities are provided, with reasonable rates. Some of these mines have already shipped ore, hauling it to Sumpter in wagons. All are owned by men who are prepared to work their properties and are anxious to do so, only awaiting the advent of a railroad. Then there are fifteen free milling propositions contiguous to the road, all of which produce more or less concentrates, which must be sent to a smelter. From this source he thinks he can count on sixty carloads a month. The amount of base ore mined can not, of course, be estimated, but will increase with development, which will be stimulated by the building of the road.

They rode out along the line of the proposed road as far as Crane Flats.

There are now a corps of fourteen surveyors in the field, W. P. Chalk, the chief, being an experienced mountain engineer, having been on the O. R. & N. survey. The preliminary survey has been run as far as the western slope of the divide between Sheep and Trail creeks, and the heaviest grade found is only twenty-seven feet to the mile. The snow has not thus far interfered with the progress of the survey in the least.

The line will be fifty miles in length, the estimated cost of which is one million dollars, including rolling stock. It is understood that plenty of four per cent money has been secured for the enterprise.

Sale of the Mastiff Mines.

The Mastiff group of two claims, three miles from Granite, and adjoining the Cougar, owned by Howard & Cove, was sold last week to a Spokane syndicate for \$75,000, \$4000 down, \$21,000 in four months, balance in one year. The Mastiff is essentially a prospect, but its remarkably high surface values, and its contiguity to mines of established permanence caused its sale at the snug figure stated.

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