

REBUILDING SAW MILL.

Sumpter Lumber Co. Erecting on a Different Site.

J. B. Stoddard is rushing work on the new saw mill of the Sumpter Lumber company, having commenced a week ago.

The new mill will not be erected on the site of the old one, burned two or three weeks since, but a mile and a half to the south, in a heavily timbered canyon. The purpose in changing the site is to get the mill nearer the logs, as it is easier to haul lumber than logs. The office, sales yard and planing mill will remain at the old stand. The lumber will be hauled from the new mill to the yard in town and sold from there. The point where the mill is now being built is three-fourths of a mile from the railroad, and a connecting spur can be built with little expense for grading, if it becomes necessary.

The new mill will be a model of convenience, of about the same capacity as the old one, cutting from 25,000 to 30,000 feet of lumber a day, and will be in operation in a few weeks.

The Sumpter Lumber company has a large stock of all kinds of and dimensions of rough and dressed lumber on hand and can supply any and all orders.

Last Wednesday night the saw mill belonging to Stoddard Brothers, near McEwen, was burned to the ground, the loss being \$7,000 or \$8,000, with no insurance. On the plant burned here there was only \$500 insurance, which is said to be the only fire policy ever taken out by the Stoddard Brothers, or their father.

Skeleton of the "Missing Link."

J. G. Crawford and Orin Beam, of this city, have just dug up on the farm of George Cochran in Tangent precinct, a skeleton, which may well cause inquiry as to its origin and whether or not it is one of the long sought missing link. All the bones were secured and they will be articulated as soon as possible, in order to show what kind of a creature they were once the frame of. They indicate a man of 4 feet 8 inches, of large bones. The skull lacks the usual sutures. It is 18 inches in circumference, four inches smaller than that of the average skull of the white man. The jaws are large and protruding and the teeth perfect. The vertebrae have an additional bone. The bones of the legs and feet are normal, like those of a man, but in the arms the radius and the ulna bones are about two inches longer than the humerus bone where they are generally considerably shorter, indicating an arm that reached considerably below the knee. The bones of the fingers are longer than those of a man. The skull is known as lophocephalon. The skeleton is not that of an Indian, being distinctly different. What is it?—Albany Democrat.

Rich Land South of Shaniko.

It has been the opinion of many that all that portion of country lying south and southeast of Shaniko was unfit for anything but grazing; but we will venture the opinion, and let time be the proof of our assertion, that ere a half-dozen years roll by thousands of acres of land that is now belonging to the government will be plowed and cereal crops raised thereon. The land is a black loam; the soil is deep and its richness can but be of the very highest quality. Soon houses and homes of happy families will dot the prairie where now is nothing but rolling hills.—Shaniko Leader.

Amalgam from the Gold Ridge.

Baker City papers of Saturday published encouraging reports from the Gold Ridge mine. Regarding the first cleanup, the Republican said: Mr. Balliet returned from the mine last night, bringing

with him part of the cleanup for ten days run of the ten-stamp mill. This was amalgam brushed off the plates and amounted to nearly \$1000. Mr. Balliet says that the plates were not cleaned and that there was probably double that amount of coarse gold in the mortars, besides ten tons of concentrates that will go perhaps a little better than \$325 to the ton. The new pump recently installed on the lower level is doing splendid work and can handle 400 gallons per minute if needed. On the lower level the crosscut is close to the main ore ledge and when that is cut it will block out a new lot of 50,000 tons of ore. There are now 500 tons on the dump and 10,000 tons in sight.

Carpenter at Bonanza Heir to a Fortune.

Harry Barnett, a carpenter employed at the Bonanza mine, has received a letter from a brother in Boston, Massachusetts, stating that they are among the number of 63 heirs to an estate lately discovered in that city while looking up the records of some other property. The estate consists of 10 acres with the improvements thereon in the heart of the city of Boston and has a taxable valuation of \$15,000,000, on an average of about \$250,000 for each heir, although some will receive less, according to the number of each family of the heirs. The property has been under a ninety years lease, which expired about five years ago. The heirs are descendants of General Israel Putman of Revolutionary fame. The proceedings necessary to prove heirship and obtain possession of the property have been begun by a committee of five selected by the heirs, all of whom have been traced except five.—Democrat.

Medium.

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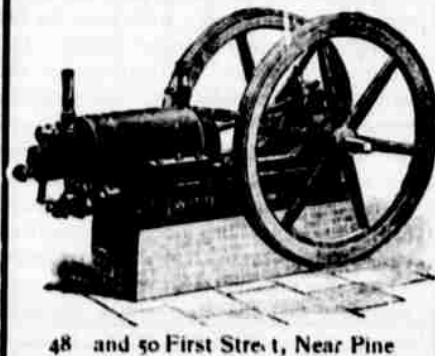
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