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## MUCH MINING MACHINERY

**Five Million Pounds Received Here in Twelve Months.**

**IT REQUIRED 250 CARS.**

**One Million Pounds Arrived Within the Past Three Weeks—For the Badger, Baby McKee, Columbia, Bald Mountain and Red Boy—Nine Loaded Cars Now in the Yards and Six at Baker City—Next Year Will Double all These Figures.**

Mining machinery has been arriving at Sumpter so fast and in such vast quantities during recent weeks that it has been next to impossible to keep track of it. During the last three weeks about one million pounds have been received here, or about fifty carloads.

Yesterday afternoon there were nine cars of machinery on the side tracks at the depot waiting to be unloaded. In addition to this there were hundreds of thousands of pounds on temporary platforms, awaiting transportation to the mines. THE MINER was further informed that there were then six carloads at Baker City being transferred from the O. R. & N. to the Sumpter Valley road.

Of the machinery now in the yards and which arrived during the past week, were a boiler and fixtures for the Badger mine, weighing 20,000 pounds.

Three car loads, or 60,000 pounds, were for the Columbia, consisting of a miscellaneous lot for shaft work and the cyanide plant, and also a rock crusher for the mill. This latter has a capacity of 400 tons a day, and is of the most approved modern construction.

During past few days five cars, over 100,000 pounds, have come for the Red Boy, consisting of shafting, boiler fixtures, hoisting beam and other machinery.

Three car loads of ten inch steel water pipe for the Bald Mountain ditch arrived Monday.

There are now in the yards three car loads of machinery for the Baby McKee mine, consisting of one Stilwell-Vale air compressor complete, a standard heater, one 30-horse power boiler, one duplex feed pump, rock drill and 6-foot column, hose and drills, air receiver with fittings, steam pipe, etc.

All this freight has been turned over to the Sumpter Transportation company, to be hauled to the various mines. One piece of the hoisting frame for the Red Boy mine weighs about 20,000 pounds, or nearly as much as each of the four boilers hauled out to the same property some weeks since, thirty horses having been required to pull it over the summit. This piece will be more difficult to handle, however, on account of its height and arched shape.

According to the records of the Sumpter Valley railroad, there has been received at this station during the past twelve months the grand, gratifying total of 5,000,000 pounds of mining machinery, requiring 250 cars to transport it from Baker City here.

It is safe to say that these figures will be discounted during the coming twelve

months. This statement is based on the fact that there are a dozen or more mines tributary to Sumpter that have reached that stage of development justifying the erection of mills. There has been more work done on properties in eastern Oregon during the last year than in the preceding ten years. All these numerous shafts and tunnels have proven this to be a great, permanent gold bearing region. There is now no longer any hesitancy about investing money in boring holes in the ground and many are being bored.

All this means more and still more mining machinery.

Most of this heavy stuff is shipped here either late in the fall or during the winter months, owing to the fact that the snow roads are much better than the dirt ones, and heavy loads are much easier to haul on runners than on wheels. The large quantities of machinery now arriving were timed to reach here for snow road transportation, but the reason is backward and wagons are still in use. Owing to the unusually light rainfall, the roads are now in comparatively fair condition, and every heavy rig and horse in the district are employed transporting machinery and supplies to the mines for the winter.

### Waiting For Material For Hotel.

Work on the hotel has been suspended since Monday, awaiting iron castings from Portland, which are said to have been shipped several days previously. The brick walls and woodwork are now up one story. Work on neither can be continued until this structural iron arrives and is put in place. It is unfortunate that work should have to be suspended during this fine weather. The builders still think that with no other unlooked for delays the structure will be finished by the first of the new year.

### Another Ledge Cut in the Golconda.

John T. English, the managing owner of the Golconda mine, was in the city for a few hours Saturday and stated to a Republican man that on the 400-foot level his men had crosscut an 18-foot ledge of rich ore. The vein, or ore body, having well defined walls, and that while they had drifted only 100 feet on the vein, it makes a splendid showing. The deep sinking plant will soon be in full operation and it is expected that with depth increased wealth will be discovered.—Republican.

### Eight Feet of Copper and Gold Ore.

A brief mention of the fact that the Grizzly Gold Mining company, working property on the summit near the Granite road, had broken into a vein of copper bearing ore, was made last week. Since then it has been learned they have cut through the vein which carried the copper values and report full eight feet of it. Good looking samples of the ore, with a particularly large percentage of copper pyrites well scattered through it, are displayed at the company's office on Mill street.

### Concord One of the Bonanzas.

J. H. Robbins is in Pennington this week. He is expected here Friday or Saturday. On receipt of the news of the last rich strike in the Concord last week, an account of which was published in THE MINER, he went out to the mine and inspected the find, bringing back with him samples of the rock. It is identical with that of the Red Boy and other producing mines in this district. There is no longer any doubt but what the Concord is one of the bonanzas of eastern Oregon.

Never fails—Giant powder.

## MILLS AND LUMBER.

### J. H. Stoddard Buys the Shaw Company Plant.

J. H. Stoddard has bought out the interest of his brother in the Sumpter Lumber company and is now sole owner of its plants. He has abandoned the idea of building another mill, detailed account of which was published in these columns a couple of weeks since.

Instead, he has bought the Shaw Lumber company's mill, on the Bonanza road. This property was recently sold by the Shaw company to J. H. Stalling, of Utah, who paid \$1000 cash. Mr. Stoddard bought his option, and when a representative of the company was here last week, made a new deal and is now in possession of the property.

He is this week putting in an additional boiler and machinery, increasing its capacity from twelve to eighteen thousand feet a day. As soon as this work is done, it will resume cutting lumber.

When the mill was sold to Mr. Stalling there were in the yards 80,000 feet of logs, which went with the mill. These were sawed, planed and stacked on the railroad track. This lumber was subsequently sold to J. T. Hodson, of Salt Lake. Mr. Bloomer, of the Shaw Lumber company, when here a few days since, put in a claim for it, posting notices on the lumber to this effect. The Sumpter Valley road now refuses to furnish cars for shipment, in consequence. J. H. Stoddard holds a bill of sale for it from the Shaw company and so that end of the deal is considerably mixed and the courts will probably be called on to straighten out the tangle. Mr. Hodson is now here trying to get possession.

Manager Stoddard says that he has many orders on hand, but delivery has been almost entirely suspended, owing to the bad condition of the roads. A number of these orders came from Whitney and arrangements have been made with the railroad to haul to the end of the track, beyond the summit, and from there in wagons, where the roads are in comparatively good condition. Two cars are being loaded today for that destination.

The Stoddard Brothers mill recently burned at McEwen, is being rebuilt. The new mill will be a thoroughly modern plant, of 40,000 feet a day capacity, perhaps the newest feature of which is a steam "shotgun" feed. J. B. Stoddard is not interested in this mill.

### Worthy Grand Matron Eastern Star.

Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, of Pendleton, visited this city last week and was the guest of Mrs. Thomas McEwen. Mrs. Vert is worthy grand matron for the state of Oregon for the order of the Eastern Star and was on her way to pay official visits to the lodges at Canyon City, Prairie City and Burns. While in Sumpter a number of the lady members of the order visited Mrs. Vert and talked over the prospect of establishing a lodge in this city. Mrs. Vert is expected to return about November 20, when it is the intention of members of the Masonic and Eastern Star orders to give a social in her honor. Mrs. Vert is a very pleasant and entertaining lady and is an enthusiast in Eastern Star affairs.

### Social Society House Warming.

The Sumpter Social society last Friday evening, held its first session, or house

warming, in the new quarters secured for entertainments and reading room, next that occupied by the Sumpter Townsite company, on Mill street. The objects of the society were set forth by the president, Charles E. Roblin. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Morrell and Mr. DeNeff entertained the members with several musical numbers, after which dancing was indulged in until 11:30. An elegant lunch was discussed by the large crowd of members and their guests, which was greatly enjoyed. The society will meet every Friday evening and promises to do much good socially and in a literary and musical way this winter.

### Municipal Political Pot Boiling.

The latest municipal ticket announced is that headed by Tom McEwen for mayor. S. S. Start is slated for recorder and a council that will appoint C. E. Roblin city attorney. Several other candidates have been mentioned for the various offices, but no other movement has yet crystallized. Marshal Austin wants a reelection and it is said there are a half dozen other candidates for this place. Candidates are required to file their petitions five days before election, which takes place December 24.

### Football For Thanksgiving.

Uniforms for the football eleven arrived Saturday and they have been worn in several practice games since. A game for Thanksgiving has been arranged with the Baker City club, to be played at the race track here. The grounds are now being put in condition. Some excellent material for a team has been found here, which, with proper training, will develop into the pennant winners.

### Grant County Bank Opened.

Cashier Swigget, of the Bank of Sumpter, received a letter from A. P. Goss today, saying that he had opened the Grant County bank at Canyon City, but as the building had neither doors nor windows, it was like doing business out of doors. He stated further that business had opened up even better than he had expected and he was much pleased with the prospects.

"The Portland", conducted by Gus Woodward on Mill street, is fully a representation of its name. A visit will convince you of this.

All kinds of pies, cake, bread, etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite depot and in Neill building. Orders promptly filled.

When you travel the Bourne road remember Barnard has all the latest remedies for dust in the throat.

All crockery ware included in Hawley's sale, beginning Monday, November 12.

Hawley's removal sale begins Monday, November 12, and lasts one week.

Five quart bottles of Olympia beer for \$1.00 at Henry Finger's.

Genuine Olympia oyster cocktails to order at Henry Finger's.

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Special sale of syrups and pickles at W. R. Hawley's.

The best is always cheapest—buy Giant powder.

Something to depend upon—Giant powder.