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BUILDING MILL ON CRACKER-OREGON

Big Force of Men Now at Work There.

There are more than forty men now at work on the Cracker-Oregon group, in the Cracker Creek district, under ground and above.

Twenty-five of these are grading the site for the mill. The contract for erecting the building and installing the machinery has been let to John Laidlow, a millman of long experience, who arrived in Sumpter last spring and who has erected stamp mills all over the world. For eight years he was with the Treadwell company, in Alaska. Jervis, Right & Co., who own a sawmill near McEwen, are furnishing the 100,000 feet of lumber required to build the mill, four carloads of which have been delivered. It will be large enough to accommodate twenty stamps, and the engine and boiler of sufficient power to operate that number, though only ten will be installed at present.

This machinery should have arrived here from Chicago now, and is daily expected.

Number 1 crosscut is now in twenty-five feet beyond the blind ledge cut two or three weeks since, where the fabulously rich ore was found, and is thought to be about seventy feet from the main vein. No drift has been run on the vein already cut. Yesterday Everett Brown, the resident director, brought into town another one of those marvelously rich pieces of rock. It weighs about fifty pounds, and is plastered over and permeated with yellow gold.

E. G. Stevenson Back From Butte.

E. G. Stevenson returned Monday from Butte, where he attended the meeting of the International Mining congress. He says nothing of any importance was accomplished, but thinks that under the reorganization some good will be accomplished in future. Mr. Stevenson says he returns to eastern Oregon with more faith in its mines than he ever had before. He was privileged to examine carefully several of the big producers around Butte, and found that they followed little four to six-inch seams of ore down three hundred feet, before large ore bodies were encountered. Here the surface showings are all far better than this, and he believes many great mines will be developed.

Find \$2000 Rock in Cracker-Summit.

Word was received here Monday that on the previous afternoon a rich strike had been made in the Cracker-Summit, a body of ore having been uncovered that assays \$2000 in gold. The details of this find are not known here at this writing. This is the property which H. W. B. Smith owns, in partnership with

some Spokane people. He lived at the mine and superintended the work last season. At present he is on the road for a Baker City house, and has not yet learned of the strike, unless he has received a telegram that has been following him for two days.

Coal Near the Friday Mine.

Neil J. Sorensen & Co. received a letter yesterday from Superintendent Griffith, of the Friday mine, stating that he had discovered indications of a good quality of coal under the lava capping in that vicinity. He will at once prospect the ground with a drill, to ascertain the depth and extent of the deposit. If coal in sufficient quantities is found there, the Willow creek district will be given an impetus that will send it ahead of all its neighbors, as the lack of fuel is the only drawback to the region. It will also materially increase Friday dividends.

Base Ball Sunday Afternoon.

There will be a base ball game here Sunday afternoon between the Elks of Baker City and Sumpter. An excursion train will be run out from Baker and it is thought several hundred people will be aboard. It will leave here on the return trip at seven o'clock in the evening. All of the local team has not yet been selected, but Walt Cronin, who has the matter in hand, says it is going to be a winner. Hauswirth will be in the box and Fontaine behind the bat, and they constitute a good battery.

Air Drills at Work on Crown Point.

T. F. Barbee, of the Crown Point mine, had some trouble in getting the air drills recently installed there to work satisfactorily. He secured the services of Tom Moen, one of the best machinists in the west, and warned everybody in the district to keep away while he was at work. When Tom finished the machine was working to perfection, and the drills are now boring into the mountain for the big ledge, which has been the objective point of three years hard work.

General Warren Longs for Eastern Oregon.

R. H. Kemp received a day or two since a letter from General Charles S. Warren, dated San Francisco, September 5. The General says Tonopah, Nevada, is a hot camp, and that in San Francisco every man without money is looked upon as a highwayman. He is organizing a company in that city, but says it is "an uphill pull with a cold collar," and he hopes to back in God's country again soon, which of course means eastern Oregon.

Ask Western Union For a Wire.

J. G. Goss has been circulating a petition in town, requesting the Western Union Telegraph company to put in a wire from Baker City to this place. The petition has been largely signed. There is no doubt it would be of great benefit to Sumpter and a remunerative business proposition for the Western Union company.

SALE OF SUMPTER ELECTRIC PLANT

R. E. Strahorn Will Close the Deal Tomorrow.

R. E. Strahorn, owner of the Sumpter water works, is expected to arrive in Sumpter tomorrow.

He comes here at this time for the purpose of closing a deal for the purchase of the electric light plant, negotiations for which have been pending for the past two or three weeks.

The terms of the sale have practically been agreed upon, but just what they are those interested refuse to divulge at this time. Seymour H. Bell, supposed to be one of the heaviest stockholders, says it is no sure thing that the sale will be made. He dearly loves to make a big deal, however, and it is not often that he turns down a bunch of money that will choke a cow—and Mr. Strahorn can produce it in that size roll.

No man who has ever invested money in this town or district has proven to be a more valuable friend than has Mr. Strahorn, and THE MIXER hopes that he will secure the plant. And if he will now only take up this Townsite company's holdings, citizens of Sumpter will be comparatively happy.

Suit Against Two Mining Companies.

Colonel John Temple Grayson has brought suit against the Baby McKee and Last Chance Mining companies and Oscar Townsend, asking for an injunction against the removal of the general offices to Cincinnati, the appointment of a receiver and the payment to him of monies claimed to be due. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff owns stock in both companies; that both companies owe him large sums of money for services rendered; that both companies are Oregon corporations; that the Baby McKee Consolidated Mines company, a corporation of Arizona with office in Cincinnati, and the defendant Oscar Townsend, conspired together, relocated said mining claims and deeded them to the new company last named and have abandoned all interest in the old companies in an effort to freeze out the plaintiff. Plaintiff prays for the appointment of a receiver, pending litigation; for money due for services amounting to over \$2000; for the setting aside of the relocations; for the annulment of the deeds made by Townsend to the new company; for a perpetual injunction; for the holding of annual meetings and the election of boards of directors of the original companies, the majority of whom shall be residents of Oregon.

Killen, Warner & Stewart Incorporated.

The firm of Killen, Warner & Stewart has been incorporated under the name of the Killen, Warner & Stewart company, the members of the firm being the

incorporators. They, W. E. Lindsay, of New York, and J. A. McLaughlin, of Nebraska, are the directors; D. L. Killen, president; H. L. Stewart, vice president; J. A. McLaughlin, secretary; W. E. Lindsay, treasurer; E. F. Warner, auditor. The company is capitalized at \$250,000. The old firm has deeded to the company all of its holdings in the several mining companies which it has handled. Development work on these will be pushed as rapidly as possible, other properties will be taken up, mines will be bought and sold and a general mining business transacted. This old firm has doubtless brought as much money into eastern Oregon as any other one influence and the new company will operate on a still more extensive scale, and accomplish greater things for the gold fields of eastern Oregon.

Another Seattle Mining Man Here.

Mr. Carter, of Seattle, arrived in Sumpter Monday, and went out to the Cracker Creek district yesterday. He is there to examine the Gold King group, on the other side of the North Pole ledge from the Cracker-Oregon group. If it suits him, he will take it up and begin the work of development at once. Mr. Carter has been operating in mines on the Sound for a half dozen years past, and has established first class eastern connections, that enables him to swing any kind of a deal that looks good to him. His visit here is the result of some missionary work done by Captain A. W. Anderson, of Seattle.

Installing Sinking Plant on Excelsior.

Fred Laek, of Baker City, has been in Sumpter more or less for several weeks past. He is superintending the extensive development work now in progress at the Excelsior, adjoining the Red Boy on the north. Yesterday he awarded to E. Nordyke the contract for putting in place the gallows frame and erecting the buildings for the sinking plant. A part of the machinery is already on the ground; the remainder and the big timbers will be delivered at an early day. Contractor Nordyke will go to the mine and begin work next week.

At Work on California Concentrator.

Ten or a dozen miners at the California came in from that mine Monday to spend a few days in town, while underground work is temporarily suspended. The boilers which furnish power for the air drills are being moved a hundred or so yards to a point where the concentrating plant is being erected, the purpose being to have all power under one roof. Dr. Moulton left yesterday afternoon for Portland to attend to the shipment of the machinery and to have some change made in the engine previously ordered.

For the finest cigars, both Key West and domestic, the choicest confections, pocket knives, ice cream, cider, tobaccos and stationery, go to Sturgill's, on Mill street, near Granite.

No headaches from Giant powder.