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## WILL FURNISH ELECTRIC POWER

### R. E. STRAHORN BUYS A. W. ELLIS' WATER RIGHT.

**Will be Harnessed to Drive Dynamos at Company's Power House—Great Improvements Planned for Sumpter's Electric Plant.**

R. E. Strahorn, owner of the Sumpter water works and electric lighting plant, has bought from A. W. Ellis the water right used on his placer ground west of town. The consideration is not known. The water is not fit for domestic purposes, but will be utilized for power. It will drive dynamos night and day, serving as an adjunct to the steam engines in the power house for the lighting plant at night, and supplying all the needed electric power during the day. It is very probable that the half dozen or more water wheels now in use around town by private parties will have to be replaced by electric motors, which will be a most gratifying change to those who have elsewhere been accustomed to the latter.

It will be between thirty and sixty days before this water power can be properly harnessed and converted into electric energy.

It is further reported that one of the two or three water-electric power companies that are installing plants is endeavoring to secure a contract from Mr. Strahorn to furnish him with all the power he needs, and that he is favorably considering the proposition. It is thought that this is the Red Boy company, as it can doubtless deliver the goods at an earlier date than any of the others, it now having a large force of men engaged improving its Olive lake water right.

Mr. Strahorn is expected in Sumpter the latter part of this week, when there will be "something doing," and the public will be duly and correctly informed.

### Payment Made on the Mayflower.

The third payment on the Mayflower claim, in Cracker Creek district, was made in this city Saturday to J. B. Fryer, who negotiated the sale for the owner, Fred Knuth, of Sumpter, to McMinnville, Oregon, people. The Mayflower is located 2700 feet west of the Goleonda. The purchase price is reported to be \$3000.

### Are Here to Buy a Mine.

C. M. McClaren, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, returned this forenoon from a few days visit to Baker City, accompanied by J. N. Emery and Dr. J. K. Pollock, of the same place. The latter, accompanied by Warren Cable, left at once on horseback for the Rock Creek district to inspect a group of claims that

Mr. McClaren has been negotiating for during the past two weeks. Messrs. McClaren and Emery will go out tomorrow. The gentlemen represent ample capital and will buy a property here before they return east, which will be energetically developed under the supervision of Mr. McClaren. Mr. Emery was in Sumpter last fall.

### Great Work at Minnesota State Fair.

Professor W. S. Eberman returned Sunday from the east. He, with M. E. Bain, E. F. Warner, H. L. Stewart and Mr. Snyder, the last named of Duluth, had charge of a most excellent display of eastern Oregon gold ores, nuggets and dust at the Minnesota state fair at Minneapolis, collected and exhibited by Killen, Warner & Stewart. They distributed large quantities of advertising matter for this district and firm, including 4000 copies of *The Miner*. Professor Eberman says that the enterprise was a pronounced success, from start to finish and in every respect. M. E. Bain went to the head of the lakes with Mr. Snyder, and has succeeded in financing the Esmeralda and Overland companies. Both gentlemen will be in Sumpter in a week or ten days and start work on those properties.

### Encouraging News From the Friday.

Chief Clerk Donahue, for Neil J. Sorensen & Co., says that he hasn't heard anything from Mr. Sorensen since he wrote ten days since from Chicago, stating that he had bought a mill for the Friday. Letters from Superintendent Griffith, at the mine, state that development work is progressing satisfactorily and that ore bodies are already blocked out that will keep the stamps dropping for more than eighteen months, and that he is impatient for the arrival of the mill, as it is getting to be quite a problem to handle the ore being taken out, in extending the workings.

### Returned From Thunder Mountain.

L. C. Beckwith, who left Sumpter several months ago to have a try at the boomed Thunder Mountain country, returned here a day or two ago, with his mind at rest concerning the widely advertised riches of that section. He says that he has carefully prospected the entire region and he wouldn't perform the assessment work to secure a clear title, except for the timber. For any other purpose it isn't worth five dollars. And the Dewey mine, whose stock is selling at a premium in the east, is not all it is cracked up to be, either, in his opinion.

### Will Run a First Class Hotel.

A. J. Denny has purchased the Capital hotel and is now the sole proprietor of that popular hostelry. Mr. Denny's long experience in the hotel business insures the fact that hereafter it will be a first class hotel and thoroughly up-to-date. It will be conducted on the European plan and the table and accommodations will be equal to the best. The house will be open day and night and meals will be served at all hours.

## RESUME WORK AT CONSTELLATION

### All Deals for Sale of Property Called Off.

C. H. McColloch returned this forenoon from Portland, where he went two weeks since, on receiving telegraphic information of the serious illness of his son. He reports that the little man is on the road to recovery.

Mr. McColloch, who is secretary of the Constellation Gold Mines company, says that the directors have finally called off all pending negotiations for the sale of that valuable property, have decided to resume operations at the mine and will push development work as fast as possible. To raise some money needed at once, 50,000 shares of treasury stock has been offered for sale at the mere nominal price of ten cents per share.

The Constellation group consists of ten claims, situated in Big Limber gulch of the Cable Cove district. The existence of a continuous ledge has been proven through the entire length of five claims. The length of the several ore shoots have not yet been demonstrated, but open cuts have disclosed good rock about everywhere in that distance.

There are several tunnels on the property, aggregating four or five hundred feet of work. Most of this is done near the creek, and all is on the vein, or else the ledge has been encountered in very short crosscuts. The lead is a parallel to that of the Gipsy King and Queen and only 1400 feet distant, the ore being identical in character, full of sulphurets. About one year ago the writer was in the first tunnel driven, when it had drifted on the ledge about twenty feet, and a handsome ore body he never saw.

The full face of the tunnel, top, bottom and sides, were all in ore, glittering like cut glass in the wavering light of the three or four candles there at the time. Fifty assays taken from a dozen different places on the property gave an average assay of \$27.44.

This is unquestionably a great property and it is hoped that the reorganized company will put it at an early day where it belongs, in the producing class.

### W. H. W. Hamilton Buys Sumpter Property.

W. H. W. Hamilton, wife and daughter returned to Sumpter Sunday from the Palouse country in Washington, where they have been for some months past. Last winter Mr. Hamilton bought two or three farms in that vicinity. He has just finished harvesting and threshing his wheat, and made good money, but is not enamored with rural life and will make Sumpter his home in future. Monday he bought the J. W. Cowden residence, on North street, and the hospital building now occupied by Drs. Pearce and Anderson, and has taken

possession of both. He says that he purchased the hospital as a home for sick and disabled knockers. He goes out to Cable Cove district tomorrow to start work on the Gipsy Queen, which property he now owns individually.

### Rich Ore From the Buckeye.

W. H. Gleason was showing today some wonderfully rich specimens of ore from the Buckeye, on the other side of the divide from the North Pole, which is owned by himself and J. N. Doane. He pounded up a piece of rock the size of his fist, not very fine, panned it, and from this, besides a string of fine colors, he got a half dozen pieces of gold, still retaining some white quartz, the size of a pea. He says he has full three feet of such ore. The length of the shoot is not known. Thus far the ledge has been uncovered by open cuts, but now a tunnel will be driven, 900 feet in length, that will give an equal vertical depth.

### Well Pleased With Quartzburg.

C. W. Colby and A. D. Schach, of Spokane, who have been prospecting in the Quartzburg district all summer, passed through Sumpter a few days since, on their way home. They expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the Quartzburg country and their success there this summer, having made four very promising locations on a free gold ledge. They did the necessary location work and more, revealing the existence of a true fissure vein, the rock from which pans coarse gold freely. Next season they will open up the property.

### Rushing Work on Rock Creek.

A. J. Hillaker has returned from Minneapolis and is now at the Monte Cristo, on Rock creek, preparing for active work all winter. The \$15,000 payment due on the property August 1 was met promptly and development is being rushed as fast as men and money can do it. Mr. Hillaker says he met Killen, Warner & Stewart's representatives at the Minnesota state fair, watched the work they were doing and is sure it will result in great good to this country in general and themselves in particular.

### Last Payment Made on Owl and Elephant.

Yesterday W. H. W. Hamilton, representing the Baltimore syndicate that bought the Owl and Elephant, Cable Cove district, made the last payment on that property, to K. P. Plowman, of Boise, Idaho. It was due today, but was paid yesterday to accommodate Mr. Plowman, who wished to leave for home. The Owl and Elephant mine has about 700 feet of workings on the vein, which averages fifteen feet in width. Some good ore has been encountered, and plenty of it.

The celebrated Gund's—"the beer of good cheer"—always on draught at Dunphy's The Club.

If in want of clothing, see Neill Mercantile company.