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WORK RESUMED AT THE COUGAR

Enough Ore in Sight to Run the Mill Three Years.

J. W. Larkin, managing owner of the Cougar, who has been in Sumpter for several days past, left for the mine yesterday. A few men have been employed there for several weeks past; and now Mr. Larkin confirms the report that the Cougar is resuming operations on its former large scale.

There is already enough ore in the mine, blocked out, to run the mill three years. This statement is made on the authority of Mr. Larkin, himself.

Recent tests and experiments with the ore have decided the management to put in roasters. A battery of these have been bought from the North Pole mine and are now being transported to the Cougar. They will reach there one day this week and be installed at once. The cause of the cessation of work a year or more ago was the failure of the cyanide process to save the values in the ores. There is thought to be no doubt that the roasting process will prove successful. The mill will be started at an early day.

W. F. Dillon, for a long time in charge of the business end of the Baker City Gas and Electric company, will occupy a similar position with the Cougar company. He was in Sumpter yesterday and closed a contract with Mr. Larkin to that effect. He returned to Baker City in the afternoon and will go out to the mine tomorrow to begin work. Mr. Larkin says that he will spend much of his time at the property and will per-

sonally superintend operations there during the immediate future. R. A. Marr will be mill foreman.

Electric Lamp for Miners.

A young New York electrician, M. R. Hutchinson, has recently invented a device which ought to prove a special boon to miners. It is an electric lamp and is to be carried in the cap, just as an ordinary miner's lamp is carried, the electric current to be supplied by a storage battery. The battery is less than three pounds in weight and is good for eight to ten hours steady work. It may be carried in a pocket. Indeed, Mr. Hutchinson has built the batteries in such shape that they fit snugly into a pocket. The practical result of the use of such a lamp as this is that the danger of death from fire damp is removed, the valuable oxygen of the air is not burned up as it is by the use of an ordinary lamp, the whole apparatus is clean and compact, moreover the light given is much better than that of any other device used in this way. The lamp should be introduced into every mine where men are obliged to work far away from light and good air. The device should also find a place in cave exploring, well digging or any underground work.—Exchange.

"Now is the Appointed Time."

The O. R. & N. Co. has just issued a handsomely illustrated pamphlet entitled, "Oregon, Washington and Idaho and their resources." People in the east are anxious for information about the Pacific northwest. If you will give the O. R. & N. company agent at Baker City a list of names of eastern people, who are likely to be interested, the booklet will be mailed free to such persons. Yours truly, A. L. Craig, General Passenger Agent.

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STOLE PYX AMALGAM.

Three Alleged Thieves Caught in the Greenhorn Mountains.

Henry Hamby, Jack Rosborough, and A. E. Rutta, now view the liberty and happiness of this world through prison bars. If they look at all, they are looking through the ten of diamonds at the county jail under the chaperonage of Deputy Sheriff Fleetwood.

Hamby, who is not unknown to fame, Rosborough and Rutta will have to answer to the charge of having purloined from the Pyx mill three amalgam plates valued at about \$600. This theft was committed about the middle of October and suspicion at once pointed to these men. Since then the district attorney's office has been quietly working on the case until the chain of evidence seems complete. A few days ago a warrant for their arrest was issued on complaint of Captain White and this was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Jesse Snow. Deputy Snow arrested all of the men Monday night up in the Greenhorns, where they reside, and arrived in Baker City with his prisoners last evening.

They will be arraigned before Justice of the Peace Messick either today or as soon as the witnesses can be procured.

Hamby came into prominence last year on the occasion of the holdup of the Red Boy cleanup August 1

and of the amalgam theft from the same mine later.

It is entirely probable that some startling, surprising and highly sensational developments will crop out during the trial of this case.—Democrat.

Spain's Fool Mining Policy.

Spain has been the classic land of the mining industry since the time of the Phoenicians, and yet the main use the country makes of its rich supply of metals is to sell them to other countries. The splendid iron ore among the mountains of the north coast is hematite of the best steel grade. There is plenty of coal with which to reduce the iron ore, the coal output in some years being worth as much as \$30,000,000; but though Spain has every facility for making all the iron and steel the people need, most of the commodities are imported. There is only one other country that is a great producer of iron ore, and yet depends upon other lands to turn this raw material into pigiron and steel. That country is Sweden, which, however, has a good excuse for selling its ore instead of making iron and steel of it. Sweden has practically no coal, and therefore it is at a great disadvantage, for it is without fuel to smelt its ores, while Spain has both ore and fuel in abundance.—San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review.

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