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SAWMILL TO BE BUILT IN SUMPTER BY HEWITT

Seymour H. Bell Closes Deal for Erection of Big Plant Involving Expenditure of \$100,- 000 and Furnishing Employment to 350 Men.

Telegraphic advice was received from Seymour H. Bell this morning at Portland stating that the deal with Henry Hewitt, Jr., president of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company, for the erection of a big lumber manufacturing plant and sash and door factory at Sumpter, has been closed and the papers all signed. Mr. Bell left Saturday to meet Mr. Hewitt in Portland and perfect negotiations. He will return tomorrow.

The plant which it is proposed to install in this city will consist of a saw mill, with a daily capacity of 100,000 feet, and an up-to-date sash and door factory, involving the expenditure of over \$100,000 and employing between 300 and 350 men. The Hewitt Land company, which is a branch of the St. Paul and Tacoma company, owns 13,000 acres of timber land around Sumpter, which will furnish the mill, it is estimated, with about 200,000,000 feet of lumber thus insuring a supply for this big concern during a term

of years. Mr. Hewitt is among the wealthiest lumber operators on the Pacific coast, and his standing is too well known to deserve separate comment. It is understood that work on the new enterprise is to be started in a short time.

The company with which Mr. Hewitt is connected is one of the most extensive lumber manufacturing concerns in the world and, of course, has a market for its product already established. It is stated that the only obstacle to putting in the mill at Sumpter was the prohibitive freight rate charged by the Sumpter Valley railway, which was originally built for a logging road, and is owned by lumbermen, for hauling the output to the O. R. & N. at Baker City, from which company, of course, no trouble was experienced in securing satisfactory terms. That it has been finally decided to build here, would, therefore, seem to indicate that the report of a competing railroad between Sumpter and Baker City is founded on fact.

AMAZON GROUP TO BE DEVELOPED.

J. G. English in Sumpter Looking After Cracker Creek Properties.

J. G. English, of Danville, Illinois, one of the well known investors in Sumpter properties, was in the city Sunday looking after his mining interests, and left for Baker City and Seattle, where he is also interested. He formerly owned the Golconda and the Concord and is now interested in the Amazon group, in the Cracker Creek district.

Although Mr. English is 82 years old, he is active, hale and hearty, and takes a keen interest in his business affairs. He says he looks upon Sumpter as one of the coming gold camps of this country. It is reported that development work will be continued on the Amazon group this season.

PAYMENTS ON MAXWELL MADE.

The Elkhorn Consolidated Settles for March and June.

Two payments of \$15,000 each for March and June were made last week on the Maxwell by its present owners, the Elkhorn Consolidated Mining company, of Minneapolis. This well known property, it will be remembered, was sold last July to this company by Neil J. Sorensen and company, of this city, and Mr. Sorensen acted as local manager of the new concern until last December.

The Maxwell is situated alongside the Highland, now being pushed by the Sorensen company, and is one of the best developed properties in the Sumpter district. It has over a mile and a half of tunnel and the work is being pushed ahead right along.

Returns to Sumpter.

Dr. A. G. Greenlee, who left Sumpter last October to look after

some mining business in the Willamette Valley, in which he was interested, returned Saturday and will resume the practice of dentistry in this city. He has taken office over the Basche Hardware store.

ATTENDED K. of P. CONVENTION.

Sumpter Delegation Twenty Strong, Went to La Grande.

A delegation of about twenty Knights of Pythias from Sumpter attended the district convention at La Grande Saturday. The third degree team work was exemplified competitively and Pendleton carried away the honors. The Sumpter push assisted Huntington in the contest. The boys say it was a warm occasion and they had the time of their lives.

Sixty-two members took the D. O. K. K. degree. Seven of the victims were from Sumpter. Their names are, R. H. Miller, H. S. Durgan, Charles H. Chance, Louis Walker, Frank Shelton, Mr. Kirby and W. D. B. Dodson. The delegation returned home Sunday morning.

Placer Operations to Begin Soon.

Preparations are being made to begin operating the Olive creek, Pine creek and Stice's gulch placer mines controlled by the Killen, Warner, Stewart company as soon as the water moves. Ample reservoirs have been built and the ditches are being cleaned out preparatory to beginning work the earliest moment the weather will permit. The company is getting supplies on the ground already to start the proposition going.

Eye Removed.

Jesse Simons, an employee of the Payche mine, was struck in the eye by a crowbar yesterday and was brought to the city last night about midnight. It was found necessary to remove the injured member and Dr. Brock successfully performed the operation. Mr. Simons expects to leave shortly for Portland to join his relatives.

Sumpter Spirit.

There is a spirit of push and advancement characteristic of the people of Sumpter that is found in no other town in Oregon. You feel the influences of this spirit the moment you come in contact with the people and before you know it you are completely hypnotized and in the power of those who are pushing to the front of the procession.—Morning Democrat.

Goes to New York.

D. L. Killen, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, left yesterday afternoon on a ten days' or two weeks' business trip to New York city. Mr. Killen is going to look after a deal that has been on for some time and it is probable on his return he will have some interesting facts to disclose.

LEAD STRUCK AT HIGHLAND MINE.

Neil J. Sorensen & Co., Fiscal Agents Have Nothing to Say.

It was learned this morning through what is considered reliable sources that the lead in the Highland crosscut was struck yesterday. The report, however, is not verified by Neil J. Sorensen & Co., fiscal agents for this mine, nor is it denied. A MINER representative called on the firm this morning and endeavored to learn what there was in the report, but found there was nothing for publication, though it was not denied, which would seem to indicate that there is something to it. The firm would not even admit that anything had been heard of this character, but simply stated that there was nothing to give out.

The information which THE MINER received in regard to the matter was that the lead had been struck at a distance of 75 feet. If it is true that it has been struck in so short a distance, it will mean a great deal for the company.

BIG DEAL FOR SHEEP RANGE.

M. B. Gwinn, of Boise, Leases 60,000 Acres for Summer Pasture.

M. B. Gwinn, of Boise, Idaho, who arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by his brother, J. H. Gwinn, of Pendleton, has just closed a deal with George T. Parr, of the Eastern Oregon Land company, at Dalles, for the lease of 60,000 acres of land in the Blue Mountains, located in Baker and Grant counties. Mr. Gwinn is secretary and treasurer of the Idaho Wool Growers' association, and is largely interested in this industry. It is his intention to use the land just leased as a summer range for sheep, and he will stock it up with between 25,000 and 40,000 head as soon as the season opens up. The deal was closed here yesterday.

J. H. Gwinn is also an enthusiastic sheep man and occupies the same position in the Oregon Wool Growers' association that his brother does in the Idaho association. Both men are also connected with the New York Life Insurance company.

New Firm on Deck.

The J. H. MacCallum company has opened offices over the Neill Mercantile company's store and will handle mining properties, life, fire and casualty insurance. Mr. MacCallum is an experienced mining man and knows the country well. It is safe to predict that he will do his share of the business.