

## WILL BUILD CONCENTRATOR.

Owners of Golden Wizard Say  
That Reduction Works  
Will be Put in.

R. L. Frary, of Nottawa, Michigan, and Dr. M. E. Clark, of Three Rivers, Michigan, who are interested in the Golden Wizard Property, in the Deer Creek district, left Monday after a visit of several days. The purpose of the trip was to look over the situation with a view to putting in a concentrator at the mine. In company with J. M. McPhee, manager of the property, these gentlemen made a trip to the mine Sunday. They also visited the Golconda, and several other mines in the district. Before leaving they stated that it is the intention of the company to install a concentrator at once. It will probably be a hundred ton plant to begin with, but arrangements will be made to increase its capacity as the work advances. This is their first visit to the property and they are highly pleased with it. They think Sumpter is the best mining camp in the country, and that everything points to a rapid development of its mineral wealth.

At the Golden Wizard, drifting on the ore body at the 120 foot level will be continued until the snow goes off and the situation is relieved of water. A shaft will then be sunk to the 300 foot level. The company recently installed a deep sinking plant which is now in operation.

### GREAT BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Many Houses Being Erected and Still  
More Contemplated as Season Advances.

There is greater activity in the building industry at present in Sumpter than there has been for a long time. The movement in this direction is only preliminary to still greater development which is sure to follow as the season advances. There is great demand for more residence property. The population of Sumpter is increasing rapidly. People are being attracted here by the rich mining country adjacent to the city, and a necessity for more houses becomes at once apparent. Here is a partial list of the houses just being started, or under process of construction:

George T. Allen, Mr. Evans, Mr. Vedder, all in Sunnyside addition, block No. 4; F. O. Bucknum, near Methodist church; W. Wade, Ibe and Auburn streets; W. R. Hawley, North and Bonanza streets; J. H. Kauffman, St. Louis addition, just finished.

Various other buildings are contemplated. Investors realize that this is a profitable field. It is a difficult matter now to obtain houses for rent, and it will become more so when the spring business opens up, if the building industry is not made commensurate with Sumpter's commercial growth.

### Low Price of Silver Stimulates Gold Mining

The gradual depreciation in the price of silver to its present value of 48 1/4 cents per ounce has done much to stimulate gold mining. The sanguine ones who long hoped for better prices have long since given up that

hope, and nothing now is anticipated for silver in the way of better prices. Mexico and China are striving to make some arrangement which will be advantageous to them. In the proposition recently submitted to the United States they practically ask that Mexico, and other countries desiring to do so, shall issue a new currency ratio of about 32 to 1, this currency to be maintained at a stated value by the governments interested controlling the quantity of currency coined and abolishing free coinage. These coins shall be accepted for public debts at gold parity, a gold exchange fund being maintained at the capitals of the countries entering into the agreement. The silver dollar of the United States, though containing only about 37 cents worth of silver, is maintained in this manner. Of course, in governmental transactions, silver is not exchangeable for gold, excepting at bullion rates. The United States is only requested to give its moral influence to the plan, and not to enter into it further than that. Were Mexico, China, Siam and other countries at present giving serious consideration to their monetary systems to adopt the gold standard, it is difficult to say what effect it would have on the money markets of the world. It is doubtful if there is at present sufficient gold in existence to make this practically possible, and in view of this fact, the proposed plan of Mexico and China seems to have much to recommend it.

### Ten Dollars Reward.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Henry Thompson, civil engineer by occupation, age 25 years, height 5 ft 11 inches, weight about 170 pounds, dark hair, rather small brown eyes, complexion fair, front teeth crowded. Last heard of at Baker, City, Oregon, about six months ago and at that time intended going to Sumpter, Oregon. Ten dollars reward will be paid for information of his whereabouts. Address, CAMILLE PERSONI, Care Madison Theatre, Seattle, Wash.

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