

CLEARING SITE FOR BIG MILL.

Chief Engineer West, Sumpter Valley, Gets Data for Side Track to be Put in Later.

J. A. West, of Baker City, secretary and chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company, was in the city Monday taking preliminary observations for a siding which is to be put in for the accommodation of the Sumpter Lumber company. In company with J. B. Stoddard, general manager of the lumber company, Mr. West went over the ground and visited the mill site to gather the necessary data.

The Sumpter Lumber company is making active preparations for the installation of its big plant. A force of thirty men under the superintendence of G. T. Slaughter, is now at work clearing the mill site and excavating for the log pond which is to be put in at the confluence of McCulloch and Cracker creeks. A dam is to be built at the junction of the two streams to catch the logs which will be floated down. The preliminary work is to be vigorously prosecuted and work on the plant proper begin at an early date.

TO ATTEND BANQUET

Sumpter Citizens Invited to Return Spread at Baker City Thursday Evening.

E. L. Manning received a telephone message yesterday morning from C. A. Johns, of Baker City, authorizing him to send out invitations to attend a return banquet at Baker City tomorrow evening, April 2, for the one given here December 6, to prominent citizens of Baker City. Some twenty-five or thirty invitations will be issued. Senator Fulton is to be in attendance and will be the guest of honor. The affair will be nonpartisan and will partake of the nature of an industrial occasion.

A special train has been provided for the trip, and the visitors will leave here some time in the afternoon, probably late, returning the same night.

GOLCONDA'S DIVIDEND \$15,000.

Understood That This is Beginning of Regular Quarterly Payments.

It was stated in THE MINER last week that it was understood the dividend to be declared by the Golconda company, April 1, would amount to one-half a cent per share. Official information was secured here Friday that this statement is correct. The total dividend declared is \$15,000 or one-half a cent a share.

The promise of the management that the Golconda would become a dividend payer by the end of the fiscal year has been verified. It is understood that this payment means the beginning of regular quarterly dividends.

Shelton Goes East.

J. F. Shelton, of the Neil J. Sorensen company, left Sunday to visit the several offices of the com-

pany in the east. He will be in St. Paul, Chicago, Duluth and various other cities where the firm has branch offices, and will return to Sumpter in about three weeks.

STRAHORN WILL SAIL APRIL 10.

Arrive Here May 1 and Start Work on Power House at Once.

Superintendent McCammon, of the water and electric companies, received a letter from President Strahorn, who is traveling in Europe, stating that he expected to sail from Liverpool for New York about the 10th of April and will arrive here May 1.

Nothing will be done in regard to selecting location for the new power house, or the details of its construction until after President Strahorn's arrival. When he comes it is understood that work on the plant will start at once.

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