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SNOW CREEK TO THE FRONT.

MINE MAKES GOOD SHOWING IN HIGH GRADE ORE.

Manager Smith Returns From Property and
Reports Things Looking Good—Fine
Quality of Ore Being Extracted—
Plans for Mill Soon to be Completed.

F. D. Smith, of the engineering and mining firm of Browne & Smith, general manager of the Snow Creek mine in the Greenhorn district, returned this week from a trip to the property and reports everything moving along very encouragingly. A steady force is at work and 164 feet of crosscut was completed last month. The company is now blocking out ore, getting ready for the ten-stamp mill which is to be built this summer. This plant is to have a daily capacity of twenty-five tons and Mr. Browne is now at work on plans for its construction. He has also just completed a map of the new workings of the mine.

The property is making an extraordinarily fine showing. From five sets drifted on the ledge averages of \$30.65 were obtained, making the sixty-seven tons of ore thus extracted and placed on the dump worth \$2,053.55. The total cost of mining this amount of ore according to Mr. Smith's time book and expense sheet was \$98.65.

When the fact is taken into consideration that the milling of this high grade ore costs only about \$1 a ton, the profit is clearly seen. Besides this the company has between 1,500 and 1,600 tons of ore now on the dump. All the ore is free milling of a fine quality.

By actual experiment, Mr. Smith finds that it is cheaper to do the development work himself than to let it to contract. Up to March 1 the work by contract cost \$6 a foot. Since that time Mr. Smith has been employing men and having it done under his own supervision with a cost in the present crosscut of only \$3.36 a foot, including everything except the fixed expenditures. The company will soon have the plans of its new mill completed and will be ready to start mining operations on a more extensive scale.

TEMPORARILY SUSPEND WORK.

Operations at Don Juan Stop on Account
of Accident to Pump.

Operations at the Don Juan, in the Greenhorns, have been temporarily suspended on account of an accident to the pump. A. E. Dagany has superintendence of the property during the absence of N. H. Thibault, who recently left for Montreal on business connected with the company.

It is understood that repairs are to be made and operations resumed in a short time.

TALK OF THE TOWN

George J. Barrett, of Granite, is in the city today.

John Thomas, of the May Queen, was in the city this week.

W. C. Calder returned today from a business trip to Baker City.

Mrs. Jerome Brown left today for a two weeks' visit to relatives in Spokane.

O. C. Wright, president of the Blue Bird, made a trip to the property this week.

Judge J. D. Goss has returned from the east, where he has been for several months past.

William Miller, a prominent business man of La Grande, is in the city, the guest of W. C. Calder.

Dr. E. W. Mueller, of the Smelter company, left last week on a business trip of several days to Portland.

Rev. James Byers, of the Presbyterian church, returned last week from a ten days' visit to North Dakota.

J. B. Stoddard, general manager of the Sumpter Lumber company, is building a large addition to his residence on South Mill street.

The Order of Lions gave a very enjoyable dance last night at the K. of P. hall. Refreshments were served and dancing continued until a late hour.

Frank Slaughter, foreman for the Sumpter Lumber company, in the construction of its log dam, received a wire yesterday announcing the serious illness of his wife at Portland. He left at once to join her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carter, of Boise, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Compton, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brown, of Hotel Sumpter. Mrs. Brown is their daughter.

Easter Program.

An appropriate musical and literary program will be rendered next Sunday evening at the Methodist church, at 7:30. The program is being prepared by the Sunday school, assisted by the choir.

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