

BURNT RIVER ROAD A GO.

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TAPS RICH DISTRICT.

Fine Agricultural Valley Put in Direct Communication With Sumpter—Forty Miles Long by from Five to Ten Wide, and One of Best Farming Districts in Eastern Oregon—People Anxious to See Highway Built and Will Contribute Generously—Work to Start Soon.

The road between Sumpter and the Burnt River valley will undoubtedly be a go. F. E. O'Rourke, who, in connection with Mayor McColloch, is promoting the enterprise, left yesterday for Burnt River to get the matter well in hand. He has had the notices declaring the intention to build the road posted according to law. Three are required, one at each terminus and one equidistant between the two. The Burnt River people are anxious to contribute money and work toward the construction of the road, and it is believed that Sumpter will respond liberally also when the subscription is presented, not to mention the aid which the county will undoubtedly render. The plan is to rush matters just as rapidly as possible and get the work started just as soon as the weather will permit.

The entire distance from Sumpter to King's ranch in the Burnt River country, which the road is to traverse, is twelve miles, but on each end some three miles of road is already built, so the new road to be constructed is not over six or seven miles. The promoters of the road feel practically assured that there is going to be no hitch, and that it will be put through this summer beyond any question.

The new road will put the rich Burnt River Valley in direct touch with Sumpter which is its natural market point. The valley is from five to ten miles wide by forty long and contains one of the best agricultural lands in eastern Oregon. It is abundantly fertile, producing all kinds of fruits, vegetables and grains of this section, and also a great deal of attention is paid to live stock. A large percent of these products upon the completion of the road, will naturally seek a market here, thereby establishing trade relations between the two points to the mutual benefit of each. Even under the present conditions the ranchers have brought much of their stuff here, but the distance has been so great that it militated against the exchange of commodities. The proposed road will cut down the distance some ten miles and place this rich country within easy access to Sumpter.

Lead in Strasburg Crosscut.

P. A. McPhee, mayor of Alamo, and well known hotel keeper there, is in the city today. Things there he says are generally looking good and he predicts a prosperous season. The lead in the Strasburg has been crosscut with fine ore showings and

good work is being done in other surrounding properties.

PRESIDENT WRIGHT HAS GONE EAST.

Blue Bird Nearing the Producing Point—Buckhorn to Be Developed.

O. C. Wright, president of the Blue Bird Mining company, left yesterday on a three weeks' business trip to New York and other eastern cities, to meet people already interested in the property, and interest others.

The Blue Bird is now nearing the producing point and, as has been stated, it is the intention to install a mill this summer. The mill has already been arranged for but its capacity has not yet been fully decided upon. It will at least be a ten-stamp mill, but the probabilities are that it will be more.

Arrangements are being made to start work on the Buckhorn, a sister property, and officered by the same people. It is the intention of the company to keep a force at work here and push developments during the coming season. The Blue Bird has developed into one of the safe properties of the district and there is every evidence that the sister property will make an equal if not a better showing.

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