

## CONTRACT FOR TUNNEL LET.

### Dr. Mueller Visits Property and Arranges for Improvements —Good Work at Copper- opolis.

Dr. Ed. W. Mueller, general manager of the Standard Consolidated Mines company returned last week from a visit to the property. He is laying plans to carry on work extensively this summer. The contract for the completion of the Willie Boy tunnel has been let. This will cut the vein in a week or ten days at a depth of about 300 feet. He has also contracted for drifting on the Cleveland ledge from the Standard's lowest crosscut. This drift is in ore now at nearly 200 feet and is gaining depth with continuance. It is the purpose of the general manager to continue this drift a distance of something over 700 feet to connect with the drift from the lower Willie Boy crosscut. Workings higher up in this vein indicate that the entire length of this drift will be in good ore and will block out very high grade ore in at least three shoots.

Steps are being taken toward extensive improvements and additions to the property. Large ore reserves have already been blocked out in the upper workings of the vein. While in the Quartzburg district, Dr. Mueller visited the Copperopolis, situated one mile from the Standard. He says he found Superintendent Gibbs doing good work in pushing his long crosscut and that he should intercept the vein within the next few days. The property looks good. It has a vein between fifty and sixty feet in width, carrying on the outcrop three percent of copper. It has a well equipped plant and development is going ahead at a good rate.

The roads in the district, Dr. Mueller says, are rapidly drying up and will be in first class condition in a week or such a matter.

### RAPID PROGRESS OF SUMPTER.

### Dr. Damerell, of Nebraska, Says City has Taken Great Strides Since His Last Visit.

Dr. Robert Damerell and J. A. Tomlinson, of Red Cloud, Nebraska, arrived in the city last week to look after mining investments in the district. Dr. Damerell is already interested in the Stices Gulch and the Olive Creek placers, operated by the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, and Mr. Tomlinson has mining property in Alaska, but is desirous of acquiring interests here. It is the first visit of the latter to the camp, and he is well pleased with the outlook. Dr. Damerell was here last July. Speaking of the changes and improvements which he has noticed in Sumpter since his last visit he says:

"If I am to judge the general progress of the camp by the progress the city has made since my last visit, I will necessarily have to come to

the conclusion that the mining industry is moving at a pretty rapid rate. Improvements and additions are to be observed on every hand. New brick blocks are to be seen all over the city, and there seems to be a big increase in the general volume of business. Sumpter certainly has a very bright future."

#### Examined the Mammoth.

A. B. Browne, of Browne & Smith, consulting engineers for the Oregon Mines Exploration company, visited the Mammoth property in the Ibox district last week for the purpose of gathering data for a report to the board of directors. He says the Mammoth company is working a good force of men and doing a lot of development work.

### SAW MILL FOR THE MIDWAY ALSO.

### Plant Ordered Last Week and to be Installed at Once.

In addition to the hoisting plant, compressor, boilers, pumps and other accessory mining machinery mentioned in last week's issue as having been ordered by the Geiser-Hendryx company for the Midway mine, a complete saw mill outfit was ordered last Saturday which is to be installed on the property. The saw mill will have a capacity of 10,000 feet a day and will be used exclusively to cut lumber for the buildings which are to be erected.

The machinery for the lumber plant is to be shipped at once, and will be set up when it arrives, which will probably not be over thirty days. The saw mill is expected to arrive before the mining machinery, and it is the intention of the company to have its buildings all up and everything in readiness when the latter gets here, which will be perhaps something like sixty days. By the recent action of the directors in authorizing continuous development work, the company is in a position to operate the property on an extended scale during the coming summer. It is ably financed and there will be no lack of funds to carry forward the work as outlined.

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