

CONTRACT FOR TUNNEL LET.

Five Hundred Feet to be Driven at Buckhorn—Work Started.

O. C. Wright, secretary and manager of the Buckhorn group, who is now in New York on business connected with his several properties here, wired T. S. Van Vleet, with whom he is associated, last week to let the contract for 500 feet of tunnel at the Buckhorn, and proceed with work at once.

It is the purpose of the management to open up work on the Buckhorn this season and make a big showing toward the development of the property. The company is officered by conservative business and mining men, which coupled with the fact that the property itself is a gilt edged proposition, assures a prosperous future.

Following are the officers: President, William Lawrence Green, vice-president and treasurer Banks & Co., law publishers and booksellers, Albany, New York; vice-president, W. E. Davidson, of Marr & Davidson, mining brokers, Sumpter, Oregon; secretary and general manager, O. C. Wright, president Blue Bird mining company, Sumpter, Oregon; treasurer, G. H. Wheeler, New York; superintendent of mine, E. J. Thorp, Sumpter.

IMPORTANCE OF SUMPTER'S SMELTER

Its Completion Marks the Beginning of a New Era of Progress for District.

Speaking of the importance of the Sumpter smelter, the American Mining News, of New York, says: "The first smelter of any importance in Oregon will soon be completed at Sumpter. Its completion will mark the beginning of a new era of prosperity for Oregon mines, especially in the eastern part of the state. A great quantity of ore which has heretofore been let go to waste because it was not of a sufficiently high grade to warrant its being shipped some hundreds of miles to a smelter can now be treated with profit, while ore which assays at high figures will yield a better return. Oregon mining papers express the opinion that the fact that the state contained no smelter or government assay office, accounts in a great measure for the loss to the state of the credit that is due for a larger mineral production than is given by the United States Mint.

"There is an immense quantity of ore in different sections of the Sumpter district awaiting treatment

by smelters. It would not pay to ship this ore out of the district, and, therefore, it has remained on the dumps. Partially developed claims are at present lying idle for this reason, only the necessary assessment work being done. This will be changed with the establishment of the smelter, and these properties will now be worked and made to pay. The buildings are fast approaching completion and the machinery is about all in place. There are fifty-six ore bins, consisting of thirty-eight large ones and eighteen smaller. A roadway has been graded for a railway spur and another for wagons. The ore bins are so arranged that neither road interferes with the other, the wagon road being above the railway. The sample mill contains two large crushers and two sets of rolls. The samples are automatic and connect with two belt elevators for carrying ore from the lower floor. One big crusher on the lower floor is capable of crushing 400 tons of ore per day.

"A briquetting building in which concentrates and flour dust and all fine ores will be molded into bricks has also been added to the plant. The room is supplied with a platform elevator.

"The sample mill will handle 400 tons of ore per day, and while the smelter furnace will not accommodate that amount, its capacity can easily be increased. The initial smelting capacity of the furnace is 150 tons a day."

Help Build Up The West.

The low rates from the east to the west and the northwest, February 15 to April 30, will undoubtedly bring out thousands of settlers. Where they will go is largely a question of inducement. If you are interested in securing any eastern people for your section of the west, send their names and addresses to the undersigned. All the facts and figures about the trip will be promptly sent them. H. S. Rowe, General Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 134 Third Street, Portland, Ore.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, April 10, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

JOHN MCPHERSON, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2222, for the purchase of the n 1/2 s w 1/4 sec 14 and n 1/2 s e 1/4 sec 14, in township No. 10 south, range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 11th day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: Georg Winborg, Iven Jeffries, Zachary S. Gard, Martin P. Foss, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of July, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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JAMES R. LANDRETH, of Sumpter, county of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2223, for the purchase of the n 1/2 s w 1/4 and s w 1/4 sec 14, and n w 1/4 sec 14, of section No. 14 in township No. 10 South, range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 11th day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: Martin B. Mercer, Samuel L. Campbell, William E. Davidson, Ed. Hudson, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of July, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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WILLIAM E. DAVIDSON, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2221, for the purchase of the w 1/2 n e 1/4 and n e 1/4 n e 1/4 of section No. 11, in township No. 9 south, range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 11th day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: Ernest L. Manning, Lawrence M. Welsh, Robert Marr, and Thomas W. Davidson, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of July, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 31, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ZACHARY S. GARD, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2100, for the purchase of lots 3 and 4 and e 1/2 s w 1/4 of Section No. 9 in Township No. 10 South Range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Thomas Moore, Roy Miller, Daniel W. Wilbur, Iven Jeffries, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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IVEN JEFFRIES, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2111, for the purchase of the s w 1/4 n e 1/4 and w 1/2 s e 1/4 section No. 7, and n w 1/4 n e 1/4 of section No. 18 in township No. 10 south, range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Zachary S. Gard, Roy Miller, Thomas Moore, and Daniel W. Wilbur, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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JENNIE TIETJEN, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2170, for the purchase of lots 1 and 2 and e 1/2 n w 1/4 of Section No. 7 in Township No. 10 South, Range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1903. She names as witnesses: Bert Gard, John Buffenmeyer, Thomas Moore and Iven Jeffries all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, April 17, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

GEORG WINBORG, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2228, for the purchase of the s w 1/4 sec 2, w 1/2 n w 1/4 sec 8 and s e 1/4 n e 1/4 of section No. 7, in township No. 10 south, range No. 17 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 1903. He names as witnesses: William R. Johnson, John McPherson, Jules D. Riggs, and Ralph Hatley, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 14th day of July, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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ALEXANDER S. WATT, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2008, for the purchase of the e 1/2 n w 1/4 and lots 1 and 2 of section No. 10 in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, Ralph Mead, and James Collins, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 14, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ANNA WEIGAND, of Bourne, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2009, for the purchase of the w 1/2 n w 1/4 and n e 1/4 n w 1/4 and n w 1/4 n e 1/4 of section No. 28, in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1903. She names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, and William A. Green, of Sumpter, Oregon; Frank Zerlaut and Henry S. Morrison, of Bourne, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Sumpter Oregon, March 4, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

SAMUEL A. BERNESSER, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2017, for the purchase of the s e 1/4 n w 1/4 and n e 1/4 s w 1/4 and w 1/2 s e 1/4 of section No. 20, in township No. 11 S., range No. 18, E. W. M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 19th day of May, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, George Wright, Sr., and Ralph Mead, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 19th day of May, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 14, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

FRANK ZERLAUT, of Bourne, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2006, for the purchase of the s w 1/4 of section No. 21 in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, and William A. Green, of Sumpter, Oregon; Henry S. Morrison and Anna Weigand, of Bourne, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 16, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

JOHN G. F. YEAGER, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2200 for the purchase of the e 1/2 s w 1/4 and lots 3 and 4 of section No. 10, in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 8th day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, Ralph Mead, George Wright, Sr., all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.