

CONTRACT LET FOR STAMPS.

AT THE I. X. L. AND HIDDEN TREASURE.

Superintendent Kelly Here and Sent Out Force of Men—Work Resumed—Cross Vein to Be Drifted On—Mill Will Be Running By July 1—Good Values.

Fred T. Kelly, superintendent of the I. X. L. and Hidden Treasure in the Greenhorns, was in the city yesterday and engaged a crew of men to continue development operations on the property. They were sent out yesterday and started work today. The first work to be done will be pumping out the shafts preparatory to resuming the drifts on the ledges. Another object in Superintendent Kelly's visit to the city, was to purchase lumber for the buildings to be erected at once preparatory to the installation of the five stamp mill mentioned in an issue a week or so back. The contract for delivering the machinery has already been let, and the consignment will arrive within about two weeks. It is expected to have the mill in operation not later than the first of July.

Both the Hidden Treasure and the I. X. L. are well developed properties. With the exception of some work of minor importance which Superintendent Kelly had done after his return from Spokane a few weeks ago, nothing has been done in the way of general development since last February. After pumping out the shafts the first work will be to start a drift on the 100 foot level from the I. X. L. shaft on the connecting vein between the two main ledges and continue it a distance of about 500 feet to the Hidden Treasure shaft, and at the same time continue the drifts on both the veins. Connecting these parallel veins, which are separated some 400 feet from each other, is a diagonal crossvein connecting the two shafts. The object is to drift on this as well as the leads. Both leads have already been drifted on several hundred feet from the shafts. The ore on both properties averages well, and picked samples have given high values.

Browne Goes East.

A. B. Browne consulting engineer for the Snow Creek mines, accompanied by Mrs. Browne, left Monday for New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other eastern cities, to be gone about three weeks. Mr. Browne goes

in the interest of several important mining deals.

Go Fishing on Snow Shoes.

Harley Wood and John Riggs returned this week from a fishing trip to Olive Lake. Six miles of the distance in to the lake had to be made on snow shoes, and there was ice still on the lake. Notwithstanding these disadvantages they brought back a very nice lot of trout.

Promising Field For Investor.

Daniel Norman, of Chicago, was in the city several days this week looking over the mining field. Mr. Norman visited several of the properties here and thinks Sumpter is one of the most promising localities for the investor in the country.

Executive Committee Meets.

The executive committee of the First National Bank held its usual monthly meeting Monday. J. W. Scriber, of La Grande, the only out of town member, was present at the meeting. Ordinary routine matters were transacted.

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