

POWER HOUSE TO BE BUILT.

**PRESIDENT STRAHORN HERE
ARRANGING DETAILS.**

**Survey Under Charge of Juessen & Clark
Started Yesterday—Location of Light-
ing Plant Will Not be Known Until
Engineering Work is Completed—Old
Ellis Ditch to be Rebuilt and Pipe
Line to Furnish Water Power—Con-
struction to Start at Once.**

President Strahorn, of the Sumpter Water and Light companies, arrived the city last week. Accompanied by Mrs. Strahorn he has just returned from an extended trip to Europe, and is here to undertake the erection of a new power house, and other extensive improvements to both the light and water systems. While the general plan of the improvements, President Strahorn states, has been worked out, the details are not in shape now to give to the public. The engineering under charge of Juessen & Clark was started yesterday, and definite details will be known within a few days, when work on the new power house and the proposed pipe line will be started immediately upon the determination of these matters.

The general plan is the erection of a power plant, developing 500 horse power at low water season, probably within the city limits, to be run by water furnished by a pipe line from the old Highline-Ellis canal, some two or three miles in length. The survey will determine the point at which the old canal will be tapped and also the location of the power house. The canal is to be rebuilt and the water which is to furnish the motive power for the new plant, will be conveyed in a not less than sixteen inch pipe. This may, however, be of greater capacity, President Strahorn states. The present power plant will be used as an auxiliary to the new plant.

Arthur C. Babson, engineer for the General Electric company, of Portland, is now in the city making arrangements for the machinery needed. The necessary data regarding the location will be determined by the survey within a few days and actual construction will follow shortly.

ACTIVITY AT QUARTZBURG.

Original Locator of Copper Ridge in the City.

W. W. Reese, of Prairie City, the original locator of the Copper Ridge, now included in the Standard merger, was a business visitor in the city this week.

Mr. Reese says that the Copperopolis has put on an extra crew of men. The Dixie Meadows has its sawmill recently installed running, and is building a road from Quartzburg to haul in the machinery ordered a short time ago.

Off For Idaho.

H. A. Reese, a Cripple Creek mining man, and J. A. McLaughlin, of Lincoln, Nebraska, secretary of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, who have been in the city for several days, left Saturday for Silver City, Idaho, where they are interested in

certain mining properties. They will return to Sumpter the latter part of next week.

To Perfect Details.

Hon. J. H. Robbins left yesterday for Baker City to meet with the stockholders of the Basche-Sage Hardware company and perfect details regarding the late consolidation. The new corporation assumes control June 15.

Here On Visit.

J. E. Killen, of Adams, Nebraska, brother of D. L. Killen, president of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, arrived in the city Monday. He will probably spend a good part of the summer in Sumpter visiting his brother.

BETTER ROADS ARE NEEDED.

**Commissioner Brooks Visits
Vicinity And Help In This
Direction Looked For.**

J. C. Brooks, of Half Way, a member of the board of county commissioners, spent several days in Sumpter and vicinity this week looking over the road situation, and gathering data for the meeting of the board which occurs at Baker City today. In company with W. H. Gleason, also a member of the board, he drove up Cracker Creek Monday to inspect the road from Silver Creek to the Columbia. This piece of road was built by private individuals, and the county has been asked to accept it and keep it in repair. The survey has already been ordered, and viewers will be appointed shortly.

The Cable Cove mine operators are reduced to the necessity of paying extra transportation charges on account of the bad condition of the road between here and that point. About six miles of the Sumpter end of this road is in fairly good repair, but the rest of it is such that freight charges, it is stated, are increased at least one-fourth. Several operators are ready to ship ore but are deterred on this account. This matter was brought before Commissioner Brooks, and yesterday in company with Tom Gray, superintendent of the Valley Queen, he went over the route, leaving in the afternoon for Baker City. It is understood that the operators may expect assistance from the county in this direction before long.

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