



THE SUMPTER MINER

THE E. & E. WILL RESUME OPERATIONS ON AUG. 1.

Former Superintendent Thomas Arrived In The City Today And Will Again Take Charge of Mine.

It is more than probable that the well known E. and E., one of this camp's big producers, which has lain idle for the last four years on account of litigious entanglements, will resume operations by August 1. John Thomas, who had superintendence of the property for four and a half years during the time it was leased by John Longmaid, arrived here this morning, having been sent by Jonathan Bourne to do the necessary repair work and get things in shape for beginning operations at the time stated. It is understood that the matters of contention regarding the mine are to be finally adjusted about the first of July, and it is thought by August 1 the damages resulting from the long period of idleness can be repaired and things gotten in shape for operation. Mr. Thomas said:

"I leave for Bourne this afternoon to make an inspection of the E. and E. and find out what is to be done with a view to resuming operations about August 1. While I cannot

state finally that the mine will resume on this date, since there might yet occur some hitch, yet this is the present intention."

Mr. Thomas is well known in the camp as an efficient mine superintendent. During the Longmaid lease of the E. and E., he was superintendent, and it is reported that the property cleared over \$200,000. Since his absence from this camp he was for several years superintendent of the Mountain Lion at Republic, but lately he has been in the mining regions of Arizona, New Mexico and California. Comparing Sumpter with other camps with which he has been connected, Mr. Thomas says:

"I have visited nearly all the prominent mining camps of the west since I left Sumpter, and I have yet to find a camp which I believe promises as bright a future. I honestly prefer Sumpter to any mining camp I have ever seen, for the reason that I believe it is the richest and has the making of the greatest mines in the country."

RUMORED DEAL.

Reported That North Pole Is Negotiating For South Pole.

A rumor to the effect that there is a deal on between the North and South Pole mining companies for the acquisition of the latter's holdings, has been in circulation for several days. A matter which might lend some color to the report is the fact that Emil Melzer, superintendent of the North Pole, is in the city today and held a conference with the South Pole people, though it is known, however, that a division of the claims held in common by the companies is contemplated. The conference probably was relative to this, and had nothing to do with the

sale of the South Pole.

W. W. Robbins, general manager of the South Pole, when approached regarding the matter, stated that the report is absolutely without foundation and that no negotiations of this nature are pending or have been thought of. The South Pole has valuable holdings, however, which join the North Pole's end lines, and contain a continuation of the same vein system. The property would be a desirable addition to the North Pole's present interests.

BONTA'S ELECTRIC ROAD.

Preliminary Survey Finished and Permanent One to be Started at Once

One of Major Bonta's surveying crews passed through the city this afternoon enroute to Baker City, having finished the preliminary survey for the electric road between Baker and the John Day valley. The crew stated that work on the

permanent survey is to be started at once and pushed through as rapidly as possible.

COMMITTEES FINISH WORK.

Elaborate Program for the Fourth to be Circulated at Once.

The various Fourth of July committees have practically completed their work, and the program will be distributed tomorrow.

The committees have arranged quite an elaborate and interesting program covering the 3rd and 4th, and providing for the numerous sports and festivities heretofore mentioned. The financial committee has met with liberal response and succeeded in raising over \$1,500.

Returns From Wedding Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Durgan returned Monday from their wedding trip, and will go to house keeping in a few days. They were met at the station by a delegation of friends who bestowed the usual formalities of such occasions.

MR. WHEELER AT VALLEY QUEEN.

Inspects Property And Well Pleased With Its Management.

G. H. Wheeler, of Wheeler & Co., New York, fiscal agents for the Blue Bird and Valley Queen, who has been here for some time past, returned yesterday from a visit to the later property, well pleased with superintendent Gray's management, and with the showing being made at the mine. In company with Superintendent Gray, Mr. Wheeler inspected the workings and states that he is thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which development is being conducted and more than pleased with the prospect.

Tunnel No. 2, which is being driven for the main ledge encountered in the upper workings, is now in 175 feet, and from the appearance of the formation it is evident that the vein is being approached. At the point where the vein is intersected on the No. 2 level a vertical depth of 340 feet will be obtained, which will give, figuring in the dip of the vein, in the neighborhood of 500 feet of backs. While at the property Mr. Wheeler had several assays made which averaged from \$25 to \$37.

In tunnel No. 1, where the vein was encountered at a distance of forty feet in good values were shown, assays running \$40, \$67 and \$86. Work is being pushed right along and it is the purpose of the management to place the property on a paying basis at the earliest moment.

ACQUIRE STOCK IN HIGHLAND.

SECRETARY SHELTON RETURNS WITH INVESTORS FROM EAST.

Says Property Has Made Wonderful Showing Since He Was Away—Plan of Development—People Who Accompanied Him Carry Away Large Blocks of Stock.

J. F. Shelton, secretary of the Neil J. Sorensen company, returned a few days ago from the east, accompanied by H. N. Hagstade, of Grand Forks, Minnesota, and John Hennessy, of Lakota, North Dakota. The party was met at Baker City by President Neil J. Sorensen, and proceeded at once to the Highland. Mr. Shelton has been away for two months and was most agreeably surprised by the splendid showing being made on the property. He says:

"When I left the drift on the Glasgow vein was in a distance of only nine feet from the crosscut, and while good ore was in sight carrying uniform values, I was not prepared to witness such a vast change in the character of the ore which had taken place with the advance of work. The Glasgow shoot has not been encountered. This at first eighteen inches wide has now strengthened to over four feet and carries some of the finest ore I ever saw. The drift is now in better than 120 feet from the only crosscut which has been made. At the point crosscut the ledge showed a width of sixteen feet.

"It is the purpose of the management to crosscut again when the Bannock Burn shoot is reached. This shoot which has been proven shows surface values of from \$35 to \$40, and it is probable that it will be encountered within the next few feet. The vein looks very much like it is being entered now."

Both Mr. Hagstad and Mr. Hennessy were well pleased with the property. The former was already a stockholder but largely increased his holdings and the latter acquired a large block of stock before leaving. Both say that they found the Highland a very much more promising property than they expected. While there three samples were taken across the vein which showed the following values:

No. 1, \$61.06; No. 2, \$43.83; No. 3, \$33.65. This was sufficiently convincing to establish their good opinion of the Highland, if further evidence were needed.

Both gentlemen returned home Monday, and Mr. Shelton left today to look after the company's interests in the east.