

## INDEPENDENCE CONTRACT LET.

### George Barrett Will Do Extensive Work on This Property.

Mr. J. W. Burch, one of the Spokane owners of the Independence mine near here, spent several days in the camp the fore part of the week, returning to Spokane Tuesday. While here he made a thorough examination of the mine, had the underground workings surveyed, and also let a contract for a considerable amount of future development work.

The contract was secured by Hon. Geo. J. Barrett, who had the lowest of four bids. It calls for \$3,100, and is to consist of 200 feet of drift, 45 feet of upraise to tap the bottom of a shaft, to sink on the ledge 100 feet. Mr. Barrett will commence working on the contract immediately after the Fourth, when a crew of ten men will be put on and the work pushed as rapidly as possible. Two shifts will be worked in the drift, and three eight hour shifts in shaft. R. E. Lalonde is to have charge of the work.

The owners of the Independence are deserving of commendation for the thorough and practical manner in which they are developing the property. That they are pleased with the results is shown by their expression of pleasure at each visit to the property. — Grnalte Gem.

## INSPECTED HIAWATHA.

### Minnesota Representative Reports Favorably on Property.

At the instance of the Gray Investment company, incorporated, a prominent Minnesota business man, arrived here Saturday, and accompanied by Tom C. Gray, secretary of the company, visited the Hiawatha group in the Cable Cove district Sunday with a view to closing a deal for a large block of stock on which an association of Minnesota people have held an option for some time. It is understood that the Minnesota representative made a thorough inspection of the entire group, and while Mr. Gray has no very definite information to give out, from what he intimated, it was inferred the representative was

well pleased, and that the Minnesota people will put a fund for continuing development operations on a more extensive scale.

The Hiawatha is a group of four claims located in the Cable Cove district paralleling the Valley Queen, and is operated by the Hiawatha Gold Mining company. Development work is now going on. On both the Hiawatha and Emma claims, which adjoin, the former being situated on the Lake Creek slope and the latter on the Monumental, shafts are being sunk on the vein. The Hiawatha shaft, an incline, is down thirty-four feet in ore, the bottom of which assays \$48 a ton in gold. The Emma shaft is down twenty-eight feet and has \$13 ore. The two shafts are 700 feet apart.

The present work is being done with a view to determining the trend of the veins at depth, and also the best location for a crosscut to tap the two ledges of the property.

### Resolution of Intention to Improve Auburn Street.

Be it Resolved by the common council of the City of Sumpter in meeting duly and regularly assembled, that the City of Sumpter through its proper officers, intends to improve Auburn Street from the West line of Ibox Street Easterly to a point where the West line of the alley in the center of block 11, Sumpter Heights, McEwen's addition to the City of Sumpter, as shown on the plat of said addition, of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Baker County, Oregon, extended Southerly would intersect said Auburn Street.

That said improvement shall consist of establishing a grade of said street, removing all obstructions therefrom, grading the same to the grade so established and laying all necessary gutters along said street.

Said improvement is to be made at the expense of the property owners to be benefited, as provided by the City Charter.

Adopted by the council this 27th day of June, 1903.

S. S. START,  
Recorder of the City of Sumpter.

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