

MIDWAY TO SINK.

**Hoist Practically Completed
and Operations Will be
Started Oct. 10.**

Low Walker, superintendent of the Midway, and C. H. Barnard, who has had charge of the Midway sawmill, are in the city today. Mr. Barnard finished cutting the lumber for the Midway buildings at noon yesterday, and the mill is now closed indefinitely.

The shaft house has been completed, Superintendent Walker says, and with a few minor details the machinery for the hoist has all been placed. The dynamo is yet to go in but all the parts are on the ground. The shaft house, it is claimed, is the second largest building of the kind in the state.

Sinking has been held back some what on account of the delay in obtaining supplies, but Mr. Walker says things will be ready for operation by October 10. The shaft is going down on the foot wall. It was put down about sixty feet by hand before the machinery was installed. The new hoist has a depth capacity of 2,000 feet.

VALLEY QUEEN VEIN NO. 4.

**Shows Good Strength And
a Satisfactory Quality
of Ore.**

Tom C. Gray, superintendent of the Valley Queen, came in last night from the mine to attend the races. The drift on the vein No. 4, he states, has been carried in fifty feet, showing good strength and a satisfactory quality of ore.

Mr. Gray's plan is to continue this drift for the main lead of the property making a shorter cut than it would to drive the crosscut to tap the ledge as was the original intention. It is thought that the vein can be reached in about seventy-five feet further, and the distance from the face of the present crosscut is perhaps greater than this. The crosscut, however, is to furnish the main working level, and it will be completed after the necessary exploration work has been finished.

HIGH VALUES CONTINUE.

Albert Geiser, of the Geiser-Hendryx company says that the third shipment of the rich Tabor fraction ore will be made just as soon as he can get teams to haul it to the railroad. This he thinks he can do within the next few days. The former shipments are now being treated at the Tacoma smelter and no

returns have been received from them. The rich shoot, Mr. Geiser says, continues to gain in strength with depth and there is no appearance of the values diminishing.

WORKING JUNIPER CLAIM.

George Day returned from the Cable Cove district yesterday, where he has been working on the Juniper claim, near the Valley Queen. Mr. Day says he drifted about twenty feet on the vein and has twelve feet of mighty good ore. He made his headquarters with Tom Gray at the Valley Queen while he was working at the property.

Another Shipment.

Captain Paul, superintendent of the Imperial, has made another twelve ton shipment to the Sumpter Sampling and Testing Works. It is not known what the ore will average, but it is the same grade of ore which the company has been shipping.

SNOW CREEK MILL.

**Excavation For Foundation Completed
And Work on Buildings to
Start Soon.**

Fred D. Smith, general manager of the Snow Creek mine, says that the excavation for the ten-stamp mill to be installed on the property has been completed and that the first consignment of machinery is now on the ground.

The rest of the machinery was shipped from Chicago last week and is expected to arrive in a short time.

Mr. Smith has purchased teams and is having the lumber for his buildings hauled from his sawmill a mile away and a half. Construction is to start at once, and Mr. Smith says it is his intention to have the plant in operation in a very short time.

ORE SHOOT FULL OF THE YELLOW.

**Superintendent Smith Telephones
That Tabor Fraction Ore is
Getting Better.**

A. P. Smith, who has charge of the work at the Tabor fraction, telephoned Al Geiser last night that the ore in the shaft was looking better than ever.

The rich rock he said is simply that full of the yellow metal to be held together by it. It is the best ore yet encountered and its value to the ton will go high.

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