



THE SUMPTER MINER

TROLLEY NEEDED.

Crush Yesterday Between Here and Bourne, Near Half-Way House.

HERE IS AN OPENING.

Twelve Teams in Less Than Half Hour Piled Up — Last Chance Boiler Stuck Shows a Heavy Traffic — Opening For an Electric Road To Cracker Creek and Cable Cove.

Late yesterday afternoon the Last Chance boiler which is being hauled to the property got stuck just beyond the Half Way house on the Bourne road, and for the space of half an hour while the hitch lasted, traffic was greatly impeded. M. E. Bain, who was returning from the Cable Cove district and was a witness to the scene, says:

"This little incident furnishes a good text for the necessity of better transportation facilities between Sumpter and the Cracker Creek and Cable Cove districts. While the jamb lasted, and it was only half an hour, no less than a dozen teams were caught in it and had to wait till the boiler could pass on and they could get around it. Take this brief period as basis for calculating the daily traffic over this piece of road, and you can form some idea as to its immensity. scores of wagons, loaded with ore, concentrates and mine supplies pass over this road every day. The traffic is exceptionally heavy, it is daily increasing, and will continue to increase with the development of these important mining districts. It is generally known that the rates for hauling are not the lowest, and in fact considering the character of the road can not be made very low, by teamsters who are in the custom business.

"The situation demands better transportation facilities. Here is an opening for some enterprising man with money to get in and build an electric line. It would not only greatly aid in the development of

the mineral resources of these districts but it would prove a paying investment to its owners."

LAST CHANCE BOILER STUCK AGAIN TODAY.

The Last Chance people are having trouble with getting their boiler delivered at the property. Last night with twelve horses attached the boiler stuck near the Half Way house. In a short time the heavy freight was extricated, and moved on. A report today states that further on the boiler again stuck in the middle of the road, and a way had to be made around it to let other teams turn out.

WORK BEGUN ON BLUE BIRD MILL.

O. C. Wright, president and general manager of the Blue Bird, left today to start the construction of the mill to be erected at once on the property.

The grading for the foundation has already been completed and the construction of the buildings and the installation of the machinery will proceed at once. The Blue Bird plant is to be a hundred ton concentration with Sturtevant rolls, and all modern equipment.

When completed it will be among the best and most complete plants in the district. A large force has been engaged for the building of the mill and work will be rapidly carried to completion.

TO GET UNDER RICH SHOOT AT ADELENE

Warren Cable, superintendent of the Adelene in the Cable Cove district regarding the work at the property states that the lower crosscut he thinks is now within seven or eight feet of the vein.

It is his purpose when the lead is encountered to drift a distance of some 200 feet in order to get under the rich ore shoot shown on the surface. This shoot shows some very phenomenally high values, on the surface, Mr. Cable states, and with depth a rich ore body may be expected. The property is being got in shape for winter operations.

VEINS PROBABLY MEET.

M. E. Bain, who came in from the Overland in the Cable Cove district, states that the pay streak which showed fifteen inches in the shaft a

few days ago has widened to four feet and only one wall has been encountered.

It was thought that the hanging wall had been reached but it looks as if there is a confluence of two veins, and the extent of the ore body is not known, but it is very much more than expected.

SCANDIA TUNNEL.

W. Wade, superintendent of the Scandia Tunnel in the Granite district, returned from the property yesterday. The long crosscut is now in 2,450 feet with about 800 feet further to drive before encountering the main lead. In driving the distance mentioned, several small veins were cut, which will be drifted on later.

The main ledge shows a width of from eight to fourteen feet on the surface, carrying good values. The crosscut will give a depth of over 1,200 feet.

ALAMO TEN STAMP MILL IS GOING IN.

All the machinery for the Alamo ten-stamp mill has been delivered at Whitney and Superintendent McGuigan was in the city today to engage teamsters to transfer it to the property. The buildings have been practically completed, Mr. McGuigan states, and work is now proceeding on the tramway.

The sawmill, installed a mile from the mine to cut lumber for the buildings, is to be moved nearer the property and will be used to get out mining timbers as they are needed.

SHIPPING \$200 ROCK FROM BEAR GULCH.

Camp and Wade have arranged to work their Bear Gulch property, located a mile and a half below town, on a very much large scale than heretofore. Today they put on two full shifts of men and will soon be in position to ship twenty-five tons.

John Arthur, of the Sumpter Sampling Works was at the mine yesterday and estimated that they can sort the ore and select that amount that will run \$200 a ton. The smelters are all anxious to get this rock, because of the fact that it carries a large per cent of lime.

Several parties have been trying to buy the property of late, but this new move would indicate that Camp and Wade will operate it themselves.

WELL PLEASED

Nebraska Man Visits the Cracker Creek District

A GREAT MINING CAMP.

Mr. Cross, of Lincoln, Thinks Camp Best in Country — Talks About Golconda, Cracker Eagle and Cracker Summit — Good Work at These Properties.

J. A. McLaughlin, secretary of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company and A. Cross, of Lincoln, Nebraska, returned last night from a trip to the Cracker Creek district. This is Mr. Cross's first visit to the camp and he is well pleased with what he saw. He says:

"I find the mining situation here vastly better than I expected to find it. I was at the Cracker Summit, Cracker Eagle and Golconda. At the Cracker Summit the strength of the vein is well displayed by drifts and I consider this a very promising property. The Cracker Eagle people are encountering highly mineralized stringers of quartz, and there is every appearance of the vein's being broken into. The Cracker Summit is having cabins prepared, and doing prospect and assessment work on the south end of the claims, getting ready for continuous winter work. The drift is now in over 600 feet showing an ore body twenty feet in width.

"I found the Golconda particularly active, and was greatly impressed with this property. I have visited many other mining camps in this country, and so much as I have seen of the Sumpter camp it compares most favorably with the others I have seen."

IN FROM VALLEY QUEEN.

Tom C. Gray is in from the Valley Queen today on business. The drift on vein No. 4, he states is showing up well. The face now shows the vein to be thirty-six inches carrying \$24-.40 ore on an average. Mr. Gray is just in on a flying trip and will return at once.

FOUR LOADS OF MACHINERY.

Four loads of heavy machinery went out to the Alpine yesterday. The company is pushing work toward the installation of its twenty-stamp mill.