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CONSTRUCTION WORK STOPPED.

Water Company and New Alpine Stamp Mill Have Closed for Winter.

The Storm King, or in other words the beautiful snow, has to some extent crippled the construction industry in Sumpter and vicinity. The Sumpter Light and Water company has found it necessary, on account of the extra expense and general disadvantage encountered to discontinue work on its new power house and pipe line. It is stated that it is not probable that anything further will be done until the season opens up. It was the intention of the company to rush work to completion this fall, but the early snow has made the undertaking next to impossible. All the men employed have been laid off.

The Alpine Gold Mining company, which has under construction a twenty-stamp mill, has also discontinued construction work for the winter. The force of carpenters employed on the buildings by Laidlaw & Steadman, who have charge of the work, has been laid off, and came in yesterday. It is stated that it was found difficult, owing to the snow, to continue without incurring heavy additional expense, and it was thought advisable to wait for better weather. In the mean time development work at the Alpine will be continued. Superintendent Addoms has retained his force and will concentrate his energy in this direction. Laidlaw & Steadman also have the contract for the erection of the Golden Wizard mill, and the carpenter force at the Alpine will be transferred to this. But it is not thought that the mill can be completed this winter. Dr. L. O. Miller, president of the company, who spent some time here, left a few days ago for his home at Three Rivers, Michigan, it is understood will advise the board of directors to wait until spring before attempting to complete the plant. Work will continue, however, until advices are received from the eastern office. These advices, it is believed, will be to close down for the winter.

Work on the Tipton extension of the Sumpter Valley road will also probably be called off. A good many of the men have quit on account of the snow and the company is finding it a big undertaking to continue under the existing conditions.

The snow has come very much earlier this season than usual, and those who had counted on good weather until Christmas to complete outside work, have been simply caught in the storm, and about the only thing left for them to do is to wait till spring. The construction work which was farther along when

the snow came will probably be continued. For instance, the Blue Bird, Snow Creek, I. X. L. and Alamo people, who either have their mills practically completed or well under way, will proceed with operations, and have their plants running before the winter is over.

PRAIRIE DIGGINGS MINE CLOSED, REASON UNKNOWN.

Development work on the Prairie Diggings mine, five miles east of Canyon City, which had been going on for a couple of months, was stopped Saturday. Two of the prominent officials of the Jupiter Gold Mining company, the owners of the property, arrived last week from the east and at once ordered work to cease.

There is a good plant on the mine and deep sinking has been in progress, the shaft being sunk to a depth of 104 feet. It is positively known only to the mine owners just why work was stopped, but from the best information obtainable it is on account of a number of stockholders not putting up their share of the expenses. The stock in the mine is non-assessable.

The property consists of three quartz and three placer claims, with a mill site. The splendid equipment is well known to all miners of the Canyon City district. Development consists of surface cuts, a tunnel more than 600 feet long, and the shaft that is now 104 feet deep. Much of the ore taken out for the first run of the mill was from surface cuts on Nos. 1 and 2 veins.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

ANOTHER MINER SAYS THAT MOUNT RASTUS IS ALL RIGHT.

G. W. Sherf, an old time miner and prospector, with Charles Lewis, arrived in Baker City yesterday from the new Mount Rastus phonolyte field. Mr. Sherf brought with him some samples of ore which had the right appearance. He says that the phonolyte rock itself has no value, but that with a proper contact it carries gold values the same as in the Bull Hill Cripple Creek camp.

The surface formations at Mount Rastus, Mr. Sherf says, are identical with the formations on Bull Hill, where he mined for some time. It will take money to prospect and investigate Mount Rastus the same as it took time and money to develop Cripple Creek. Mr. Sherf says there are enough gold values on the surface in the Mount Rastus district to justify its development. He is associated with the Pittsburg company which is operating there and says that they will go ahead with development work on a large scale. "Don't condemn a mining camp until it has been thoroughly investigated and proven."—Democrat.

STILL FILING ON CLAIMS IN MOUNT RASTUS DISTRICT

County Recorder Henry yesterday received for record nineteen location notices from the Mount Rastus

phonolyte district. Jim Cleary, the veteran miner and prospector, reiterates his statement that the camp is all right and says that regardless of the opinions of others and the knocking that has been going on, he knows that there are great values in that camp and that development work will justify his faith in it.

G. B. Moulton, who has just returned from Mount Rastus district, brought in a large quantity of ore samples, a portion of which he sent to the Corvallis College for analysis. Mr. Moulton says that like any other new camp, it will take a great deal of work there to develop it and show what is in the ground, but he is perfectly confident that gold values are there in paying quantities.—Democrat.

JOHNS AND BENNETT WIN DRILLING CONTEST AT BOURNE.

In a double rock drilling contest at Bourne last night between Johns and Bennett, Henderson and Dunn the former team captured the stakes, making twenty-eight inches in the allotted fifteen minutes, against twenty-six and one-eighth made by the latter.

It is reported that a good crowd was in attendance. After the contest was over a dance was given in the new Miners' Union hall.

TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENT WORK ON THE GYPSY KING.

A. C. Otness has been awarded the contract to finish assessment work on the Gypsy King, in the Cable Cove district for this year. He will leave with a force of men for the property tomorrow.

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