

FACTORY ASSURED.

William Hewitt Says Box Plant Will Be Built.

William Hewitt, of Tacoma, son of Henry Hewitt, Jr., of large and varied lumber and banking interests, arrived here Monday to look after matters in connection with the Sumpter Lumber company, of which his father is president. Mr. Hewitt brought with him W. R. Manson, a well known shingle man of Seattle, who will have charge of the company's manufacturing department.

Regarding the installation of a box factory, which is contemplated in connection with the sawmill here, as announced a few days ago in The Miner, Mr. Hewitt has no details to give out. The matter of size and capacity is under advisement with the local manager, Mr. Bell, and these details have not yet been perfected. It is assured, however, that this addition will be made to the present equipment. But it may not be made until other matters of improvement are passed upon.

Mr. Hewitt will remain here some time, looking after the company's timber and sawmill interests. Mr. Manson, will take charge of the manufacturing department at once. He has been employed by the Hewitt people for some time, and is thoroughly familiar with the business.

MILL CLOSED FOR A SHORT TIME.

The Don Juan mill, in the Greenhorns, was closed down temporarily Saturday for repairs. The mill was just ready to start up, the repairs on the boiler having been completed only a few days ago, but they were found to be insubstantial and further mending was necessary.

It is thought now that things will be gotten in shape at the mill to run again before many days.

CRACKER-KING CLOSED DOWN TILL BETTER WEATHER

The Cracker King mine, in the Cracker Creek district, has closed down for the winter, and Superintendent S. H. Norton left today for Seattle, to return in April, when operations will be resumed.

He states that the difficulty of getting in material over the snow, and keeping the men at work during bad weather, made it necessary to close down. Work, however, will start up full force in April, Mr. Norton says.

Doing Assessment Work at Magnolia.

Al and Sam Jones came in Wednesday from Sumpter and went on to the Magnolia mine. They were accompanied by four miners with a large supply of provisions. Work at the mine was at once commenced and

will be continued till the assessment work for 1903 is completed. At present parties in the East are negotiating for the purchase of the mine and should the deal go through permanent operations at the Magnolia will be started at once. Reports are to the effect that the sale will be consummated in the next few weeks.—Granite Gem.

ELECTS OFFICERS TO FILL VACANCIES.

Pulaski Company Now in a Position to Continue Development Work to Tap Lead.

At a meeting of directors of the the Pulaski Gold Mining and Milling company held last night in the office of Attorney N. C. Richards, owing to the fact that J. H. McCallum, former secretary, had disposed of his interests in the property to J. R. Neill, and resigned his office, R. A. Marr, was elected to fill the vacancy, and Mr. Neill was chosen to the office of vice president, in the place of W. E. Sanders, who has also sold out his holdings to Tom Dunphy. Mr. Neill is treasurer of the company under the former election of officers.

Matters relative to the perfection of title and the transfer of stock to the new holders were adjusted, and the company is now ready to continue development work. President Davidson is arranging to let a contract for the completion of the crosscut tunnel which is to tap the main and lead of the property. It is stated as probable that operations will be resumed early next month.

"UNCLE BILL" WELL PLEASED WITH HOT LAKE

"Uncle Bill" Stinson returned yesterday from a visit to Hot Lake, where he spent some time for rheumatism, much improved. He is greatly pleased with the medicinal qualities of the water and the pleasant surroundings. Dr. and Mrs. Tape, formerly of Sumpter, have charge of this resort.

Mr. Stinson says that the management of Hot Lake has just acquired 160 acres adjoining its property, and contemplates extensive improvements. On the land in question, the former owner put down an artesian well recently, and struck the same flow of medicinal water as that on the ground the springs occupy. It was thought advisable to acquire this property. In addition to this, Mr. Stinson says that the company will greatly add to its buildings in the near future, for the accommodation of its increasing patronage.

Sinking on the Imperial.

Tom Costello came in last evening from the Cable Cove district. He reports that two shifts of men were started yesterday sinking on the Imperial. This mine has heretofore been developed through tunnels. Over at his own properties, work is progressing satisfactorily. He is now drifting on the Honest Dollar and crosscutting on the Storm King.

WATER COMPANY MAY RESUME.

If Good Weather Continues Plant May Yet Be Finished This Winter.

A. G. Smith, superintendent of the Sumpter Light and Water company, returned today from Idaho. If the present warm weather continues Mr. Smith states it is probable he will start work again on the power house and pipe line, on which operations were suspended several days ago on account of the snow storm.

The power house is under cover, and the machinery can be installed when it arrives. The water wheel was shipped from Denver November 18, and is expected to be here before long. The dynamo will not be here, however, before February 1, but the old one will be called into requisition if the plant is completed before this time. All the pipe is here, and of the 9,000 feet included in the entire line, there remains but 2,000 yet to connect.

FIGHT ON REPEAL OF THE PUBLIC LAND LAWS.

A press dispatch from Washington gives these interesting facts relative to proposed public land legislation: A sharp contest has commenced in earnest between the vast western interests favoring and those opposing the repeal of the public land laws.

The irrigationists, who want the laws repealed, seem so far to have the best of the argument, although the lumber and grazing interest are making a heavy fight.

Roosevelt favors the irrigationists. Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, is leading the forces opposed to the repeal of the land acts. He will be seconded by senators and congressmen from Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana and other grazing states.

The irrigationists are exhibiting figures to the legislators, showing that at the present rate of reckless and wasteful lumbering, it will be only forty years before every foot of timber in the United States will be destroyed, and at the rate the public domain is being absorbed by the cattle and lumber companies, it will require but five years to take up all the land the government has in its possession.

MONUMENTAL MINE TO RESUME IN THE SPRING.

C. J. Allen, of Portland, managing owner of the Monumental, returned this morning from the property, and left this afternoon for his home.

Mr. Allen states that it is the present intention to resume work at the Monumental in the spring. This is one of the old and well known mines of the district.

Sinking at Last Chance.

The Last Chance hoist has been started up, and sinking is to be continued through the winter months. Two shifts are being employed. The shaft is now down eighty feet, and it is the purpose of the company to push work right along.

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