

COLORADO CAPITAL LOOKING THIS WAY

Labor Troubles Will Drive Mine Operators Toward Sumpter, Says Sey- mour H. Bell.

Seymour H. Bell, general manager of the Sumpter Lumber company, and William Hewitt a member of the firm, returned this morning from a trip to Denver, Salt Lake and Pocatello relative to business connected with the institution. The exact purport of the visit is not given out, but Mr. Bell has acquired sundry information regarding business conditions about which he talks very freely. He says:

"The financial situation in Colorado is bad on account of labor troubles and mine operators are likely to seek other fields. They are favorably impressed with the Sumpter district on account of the judicious advertising it has received through the newspapers. They are

well next to things here, and there will be lots of new people here next year from Colorado with money to invest. Without exception mining operators speak most favorably of Sumpter. In Utah the financial situation has not suffered so much as in Colorado and money is comparatively easy. Generally speaking money is going to be in a much better shape soon after the first of the year and I look for prosperous times, regardless of the presidential election. If I do not miss my guess Sumpter is going to see the best season in its history next year."

Speaking of the lumber market Mr. Bell said:

"The lumber trade is picking up very decidedly, and I look for good business next season."

CUSTOM MILL IN THE SPRING

L. G. Lilley, general manager of the Baby McKee, spent Christmas here with his family. The Last Chance shaft, Mr. Lilley states, is now down about 100 feet, and while he is reticent as to the quality of ore being encountered, he does not contradict the current statement that exceptionally rich stuff is being uncovered.

Mr. Lilley is one of the people behind the movement to construct custom mills in the Cable Cove district next season. Interrogated on this point, Mr. Lilley said:

"We will start work on the custom mill to be erected near the Last Chance just as soon as the weather will permit. Our purpose is to complete this mill first, and then if the patronage is sufficient, put in others."

"The matter is practically settled, ample financial backing has been secured and there is apparently nothing in the way now to prevent the consummation of the plan. Just as soon as the winter weather lets up, we intend starting work on the plant which is to go in near the Last Chance."

The initial plant will have a daily capacity of 100 tons, and will treat ore for Cable Cove mines. These can be treated on the ground at a handsome net profit to both the producer and mill operator.

Reclaiming Land Under Geary Act.

W. E. Burke, of Portland, who has a contract to reclaim 9,000 acres of land under the Carey act, was in Burns Thursday night on his way to Portland, where he will remain until spring. For about a month he has been directing the running of levels for ditches and other

work started on the tract, which is situated near Lawen. Mr. Burke would not authorize a statement as to when these lands would be ready for acquisition by settlers.—Harney County News.

HEALY'S GRIZZLY LOOKING GOOD

P. D. Healy left this morning to resume work on the Grizzley, between here and Granite, after spending Christmas with his family.

Mr. Healy came in from the property Thursday. He brought with him a line of samples which, from their disappearance, will show high values. He started up work on the Grizzley a short time ago, and intends pushing steadily ahead.

TO START E. & E. MILL SOON AFTER JAN. 1.

A report from the E. and E. states that bunk and boarding houses are being erected and that a store house is soon to go in.

Active preparations are being made to start the mill at an early date. This it is understood will be soon after the first of the year.

TENDERFOOT'S ESSAY ON A STAMP MILL

The following, taken from the prospectus of an eastern company, operating in Thunder Mountain district, between every line of which is written "fake, ignorance and fraud," is amusing reading to those who know anything about mining and

stamp mills:

The crushing capacity of the stamps varies with the character of the ore from two to eight tons per day to each stamp. With the free-milling ore at Thunder Mountain to work on the maximum number of eight tons per day, a ten stamp mill will crush about eighty tons of ore in every twenty-four hours, which is a miner's day.

But something more goes to the saving of gold than the mere crushing of the ore by the stamps. The fact that quicksilver attracts and separates the particles of gold from the waste matter plays an important part in the process of milling. Armed with a large spoon a man stands by the mortars to ladle in a spoonful of "quick" (as the miners term quicksilver), as often as the ore requires it.

On the opposite side of the battery from which the feeding is done, the front side, so to speak, are large sheet iron screens through which the crushed ores is washed. As the ore passes through the screens it falls upon sloping copper-plated tables generally termed the plates. These tables are grooved to hold quicksilver, which catches and retains the gold. The constantly flowing water carries off the lighter matter, dirt and small particles of rock."

HERE TO VISIT THE BLACK JACK

Professor H. H. Nicholson, of Denver, consulting engineer for the Black Jack company, of which Judge Reese, of Lincoln, is president, arrived this morning and will remain here a few days in the interest of his company. He will make an examination of the property while in the district. The Black Jack has been working right along with good results.

Professor Nicholson says that business is rather dull throughout Colorado on account of the labor troubles.

Connor Creek Mine Reported Sold.

It was reported yesterday afternoon that the big Connor Creek mine, so famous in times past, had been sold to Mr. A. Kine, a capitalist of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is now in the city. The price was said to have been in six figures. Mr. Kine could not be seen last night, but Mr. Basche, of the Connor Creek mine, stated that no deal had yet been closed. Mr. Kine is one of the stockholders of the Black Eagle mine at Malheur, and is a very wealthy man, controlling capital of others for investment here. It will be interesting to note his future operations.—Democrat.

Insanity of Awful Thirst.

To be overcome by heat means usually a fainting and bleeding; but in the Mojave Desert the man who has walked too far or too fast in the dizzy light and heat notices a ringing in his ears. It is the first signal of danger. Soon the unfortunate one becomes bewildered. He thinks, but his thoughts are confused and he is filled with wild terror and panic; and then comes complete insanity. It is the insanity of awful thirst.—Pacific Coast Miner.

FOR SALE.

One Munday 12x16 hoist engine with Link motion, horizontal boiler, good condition. Engine has two drums. Cheap. Write or telegraph A. J. McCabe, Tacoma, Wash.

Annual Stockholder's Meeting.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders meeting of the Golconda Consolidated Gold Mines company will be held at the office of the company in the Pendleton Savings Bank building, in Pendleton, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1904; at such annual meeting an election will be held for the election of Directors of the said corporation, and all other and general business pertaining to the affairs of the company will be transacted that may come before such meeting.

C. B. WADE, President.

J. H. RALEY, Secretary

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