

WILSON WILL BUILD BRICK IN SPRING

Does Not State so Positively, But as Much is Inferred From His Talk.

David Wilson, of Spokane, arrived here this morning to look after his Sumpter interests. Mr. Wilson will probably erect a large brick building here in the spring. He has already secured 70,000 brick from the smelter company for the purpose, and while he does not positively state that the new building will go up, the inference is that there is little doubt in his mind on the subject. He intimates that its construction will depend somewhat upon conditions in the spring, but this is the view he takes of the situation.

"I have always entertained a feeling that Sumpter is bound to make a great and flourishing mining camp. Temporary depressions may come and go, but the mineral wealth is here and there is little doubt to be entertained regarding the ultimate outcome. My investments here are based on this conclusion, and I believe it is correct."

Regarding the site for his new building, Mr. Wilson is not fully decided. It will be either on Mill or Granite streets. The Mill street site is south of the Bank of Sumpter, on the vacant lot which he owns in this locality. The Granite site is a few doors west of Hotel Sumpter, now occupied with buildings he holds. The new brick will be built at one of

these locations.

Mr. Wilson is just back from the city of Mexico, where it is probable he will become interested in several enterprises. Speaking of the conditions there, he says:

"Mexico is rapidly filling up with capitalists from this country, and the policy of the government is most favorable to the investment of foreign capital. President Diaz has shown himself to be a progressive and enterprising man, and his liberal ideas have done much toward the upbuilding of the sister republic. He is for Mexico first, last and all the time, thoroughly patriotic, but he wants to see a development of the almost unlimited resources of the country, and therefore his broad policies have invited foreign capital. His principles are instilled into every department of the government. His present minister of finance is really the power behind the throne in carrying them out. Diaz is now an old man, but when he passes from the scene of action, or from the presidency, there is practically no chance of retrogression, so thoroughly are the people and all the officials in touch and sympathy with his policy of government."

Mr. Wilson will be in the city a couple of days.

MASKED MEN SLAUGHTER

THREE THOUSAND SHEEP

The shepherd for the McKune sheep came in from the sheep camp near Christmas lake yesterday, bringing the startling news that the camp had been visited by five masked men the night before and the larger part of the band of sheep were slaughtered.

The five masked men were all heavily armed and proceeded to do their work in a deliberate way. The herder was first taken care of and while one man guarded him the other four proceeded with their part of the work.

The sheep had been corraled for the night and were easy to get at. They took the night for their work, using knives, clubs and guns in the wholesale slaughter. With the approach of day they took their departure, with the parting injunction that other sheep using that range would be treated in a similar manner, unless they were moved soon.

They had done their work well and only a small remnant of a band of over 3,000 sheep was left. Upon receipt of the news Guy McKune came to this place and telephoned Sheriff Dunlap, who will make the investigation of the affair.

While only a single report of

the killing can be had at this time, enough has been learned that the killing was done by five masked men, and certain parties are suspected, and startling disclosures are expected to take place in the near future.

The cause for the killing is attributed to the fact that the sheep were on range used by cattlemen.

While the amount of sheep reported killed may be over estimated, it is hard loss to Mr. McKune and he will leave nothing undone to hunt down the parties who did the killing. —Central Oregonian.

Bad Snow Slide at The Alpine.

There was a bad snow slide about 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the Alpine, demolishing all the buildings. A telephone message from Superintendent Addoms to "Doc" Edwards shortly after it happened conveyed this information, but no statement was made, further than that no one was hurt.

The Alpine buildings consisted of bunk and boarding houses, blacksmith shop, timber sheds, etc., which, according to the telephone, were almost completely wrecked. The framing and machinery for the new mill, which was begun last fall, but stopped on account of the early snow, were situated some distance away, and it is not thought these suffered. How the men escaped is not known, but it seems miraculous.

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