

MACHINERY PURCHASED FOR BIG CREEK PLACERS

Golden Wizard Hoist, Pump And Boilers Will Be Transported to Susanville District.

J. K. Zimmerman, of Portland, manager of the Big Creek placers, arrived here yesterday to make arrangements for transferring machinery to the property. He has purchased a hoist, pumps and boilers from the Golden Wizard company, and will move them to Big Creek at once. The machinery is now at McEwen and will be moved overland.

The hoist has a depth capacity of 400 feet, which is more than is needed for the placer proposition. The shaft is now down to bed rock, which was encountered at a depth of

150 feet. With the installation of the machinery and the coming of spring, Mr. Zimmerman will be prepared to carry on extensive drift work. It is the purpose of the company, Mr. Zimmerman says, to carry on extensive operations during the coming season.

This machinery was installed at the Golden Wizard, used a few weeks only and was found that the pump was not of sufficient capacity to keep the shaft dry, so a more powerful outfit was substituted. The Big Creek placers are in the Susanville district.

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN BUILD TO LAKEVIEW.

That the Columbia Southern still has as its objective point Lakeview and opening up the whole southern Oregon district east of the Cascades, was confirmed by President Lytle today in answer to a question from the Telegram.

"I know of no reason for changing the original aim," he said, "though our energies are now being devoted to carrying out plans to build as far as Bend. That is where our stake is set for the present and to which we must build before setting another stake further beyond. But it was our original intention to build to Lakeview, and I know of nothing to change our purpose. We feel that the country is naturally tributary to Portland, and this city should have access to the trade."

A. Y. Beach, editor of the Lake County Examiner, who has been for years diligently at work in every possible direction to promote the development of that country, says: "Nothing short of the extension of the Columbia Southern will ever make Lake county a portion of Oregon, and make it build up like it should. California has our trade and will keep it until this or a similar road is built."

"The Union Pacific company surveyed a line through this county in 1899 and we understood intended to construct a line through our virgin empire, but it has not done so."

"The N. C. O. branch surveyed a line from Reno to Lakeview before the Columbia Southern was thought of, and gave out information that it would build here, but has not done so. Now the fact remains that no road penetrates Lake county."

Irrigation and agricultural enterprises in process of organization or already almost accomplished leave no doubt of the value of local business in the vast territory east of the Cascades to any railroad that builds to

that section. The Columbia Southern has evinced its determination by building to its present terminus and the positive announcement that the road will be extended to Bend as soon as possible. When the line is completed to that point passenger and freight automobiles will be operated to provide rapid transportation to the interior until such time as the track can be extended. The policy of the management of the road is well defined in the brief utterance of President Lytle. Promises have not been recklessly made, and the management has consistently striven to push construction only when certain of its ability to complete the work to a given objective point, after which plans for further extension have received immediate consideration.—Telegram.

Black Sand And Placer Gold.

The almost universal association of black sands with gold in our placer mining districts has led many persons to imagine that the presence of black sand in old river beds is a sure indication of gold. While it is almost always true that placer gold occurs together with black sands, yet the converse is by no means true; that is, black sand is not always gold bearing. The black grains are oxide of iron, usually magnetic. Practically all igneous rocks are eroded; the oxides are carried off by running water. Being heavier than the quartz particles the iron oxides collected are concentrated. If the black sands are in a placer mining country they may be taken as indicators of gold; if in a country where there are no veins or placers, the occurrence of black sand means nothing so far as the presence of gold is concerned.—Mining Reporter.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to Le Grande.

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