

FIVE STAMPS ARE DROPPING AT E. & E.

Repairs Being Made And Full Complement of Twenty Will Soon Be In Commission.

T. W. Wyatt, brother of Superintendent Wyatt, of the E. and E., came down from the mine yesterday and spent a few hours in town. Mr. Wyatt says that five stamps were put in operation Friday on a continuous run.

Preparations are being made, he says, to start the full complement of twenty stamps at the earliest date possible. It will require considerable repairing and overhauling, however, before this can be done. To this end a machine shop, as previously stated in The Miner, is being installed, and the work will be carried forward in the most expeditious manner. The five stamps, however, will continue to drop. Mr. Wyatt

thinks that in the course of a couple of months the full twenty stamps will be in commission. The E. and E. is employing a big force of men and its resumption is a matter which is generally hailed with delight. It is an old and heavy producer, unfortunately hampered by litigation in the past. But now the coast is clear and it may soon be expected to see the ropestry back in its old class. Since work was resumed, some four months ago, there has been a steady advance in this direction. During this time a lot of ore has been put in sight, enough to keep the mill busy for a long time, besides the shipment of the high grade stuff in large quantities.

DEATH OF AN OLD PROSPECTOR Crossed the Isthmus in 1858 and Followed Many Mining Booms.

Louis Colanbar, the old man who left here Saturday suffering from an attack of pneumonia to go to the poor farm, dropped dead shortly after his arrival at Baker City. He was taken with a hemorrhage and expired before assistance could be procured.

It is a pathetic incident. It is but another case of the prospector following camp after camp, making big money and finally shuffling off the mortal coil with practically nothing to his credit. Colanbar was present at almost every mining excitement that occurred in the west. In 1858 he came across the Isthmus, and to California. Later, about 1862, he drifted into Oregon when the placer stampede to Auburn, Canyon City and other points was on. He cashed in for large amounts, but after the manner of miners and prospectors, his sustenance was spent in riotous living, until in his old age and decrepitude he was left practically destitute.

It is thought here that he originally came from Ohio or Kentucky, but nothing is known concerning his relatives. He has no kinsmen in the west. He was also in the Boise Basin and Montana during early excitements, but later drifted back to Sumpter, where he is well known among the older mining men.

He owned an interest in a claim in

the Quartzburg district, which may in time become valuable.

WAS HE EXAMINING BOURNE RAIL ROUTE?

John T. Donnelly, cashier of the First National bank of Baker, and Bela Kadish, of the Baker City Sampling works, after attending the meeting of the O. T. directors Saturday, went up to the Columbia with Frank Baillie, returning to Baker City yesterday afternoon.

It is noised around that Mr. Kadish's mission to Bourne was to inspect the route of the proposed railway between Sumpter and the upper camp, with a view to determining tonnage, feasibility of the route, &c. &c. also etc., etc.

Press Printed Mark Twain's Stuff.

Messrs. Bangs and Johnson of Minneapolis, who have just purchased what is known as the Senator Heitford printing plant and are preparing to issue a democratic paper at Moscow, Idaho, have just made a sale of a part of the machinery to a newspaper man at Troy. The sale was that of one of the first hoe cylinder printing presses ever brought to the Pacific coast, and which was used for many years in the office of the old Virginia City (Nevada) Enterprise, including the time when Mark Twain was a reporter and printer on that paper. The old press, which is still in good condition, was used by the Enterprise until late in the 80's. It was then moved to several smaller Nevada towns, and finally about eight years ago was taken to Boise City and was used to print the daily Sentinel. The press, together with the remainder of the Sentinel plant, was taken to Moscow two years ago and was used in the publication of an agricultural paper for a time.

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