

ROCK CREEK POWER FOR CRACKER CREEK MINES.

Company Says Its Transmission Wires Will Reach The Big Mines in June.

The Rock Creek Power and Transmission company has been bonded for \$40,000.

Walter Fernald, of Baker City, has purchased the bonds, which are secured by a first mortgage on the property of the company.

This mortgage was filed March 1, with the county recorder.

The bonds are eight in number and draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

When seen about the matter this morning, Manager Welch said:

"Yes, the money has been secured and the work of extending the line to Bourne has practically already begun. The right of way is being cleared and the force of men will be increased as we have need for them as the work progresses.

"The extension will be made from the company's power plant on Rock creek. From that point to Bourne is about twelve miles. From Bourne the transmission service will be extended to all the mines in the Cracker Mining district in time. A number of the mines have already arranged for the use of the power and so soon as the work is completed to Bourne the other extensions will be made. We expect to complete the work of extension to Bourne by the

last of June at the farthest.

"We will also build reservoirs in the meantime along Rock creek, to store water for emergency in certain seasons. We have ample water at present for all purposes, but will build reservoirs to accommodate increased demands which will necessarily arise at certain seasons of the year.

"In the extension of the various lines and the building of reservoirs we will necessarily employ a large force of men. This will necessitate the paying out of large sums of money through the spring, which will flow to Baker City. All of the work will be completed by June."—Herald.

The bonds of this company are advertised for sale in Industrial Age of February 25, a Chicago publication, by the C. E. Pratt Bond company. In this advertisement are the following statements:

"The property of the company is situated at and near Baker City, Oregon. A conservative engineer of this city estimates the value of this property at \$2,000,000.

"The company has long term contracts for furnishing electric power. The gross earnings are approximately \$200,000 per year."

MORE BURNT RIVER BEEF.

T. F. Thompson, of Burnt River, came in last night with another load of beef, which he sold to the Sumpter Meat company. He purchased quite a lot of supplies, and left for home this morning, well satisfied with his trip.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Whitehead are expected in tonight with loads of Burnt river stuff. The Burnt river people find no difficulty in disposing of their products here, and they are without exception enthusiastic over the trade relations thus being established.

GOOD PROGRESS AT LAST CHANCE.

L. G. Lilley, general manager of the Baby McKee company, operating the Last Chance in the Cable Cove district, spent Sunday with his family at Hotel Sumpter.

Notwithstanding the deep snow in the Cove, Mr. Lilley says effective work is being done at the Last Chance. The crosscut from the 100-foot level has proceeded about sixty

feet, and it is all in ore, without an opposite wall.

Mr. Lilley is an advocate of the secession from Grant county of the districts heretofore mentioned in The Miner, but he does not favor Baker annexation; he wants a new county parcelled out of the territory in question.

Hetty Green's Investments.

Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, wealth consists largely of government bonds, railroad stock, and mortgages. She says she is not so fond of government bonds since the finances of the nation have become polluted with politics.

Good mortgages of any kind are now her favorite form of investment. If all the mortgages she holds were foreclosed tomorrow twenty eight churches of various denominations, in almost as many states, would become hers, and four cemeteries would be added to her real estate. Besides, there would be blocks of great business buildings and splendid city houses, theaters, livery stables and hotels, country residences, farms and factory buildings, and thousands of acres of valuable lands in all parts of the country. Several years ago she made a tour of inspection of all the property on which she held mortgages. She spent two years traveling and stayed at forty hotels in as

many cities. Since then she has added largely to her holdings of this kind. The most conservative estimates place Mrs. Green's wealth at \$60,000,000, but it is probably more. She herself won't discuss the matter except to say that it is over-estimated.

ALAMO TO INSTALL A CYANIDE PLANT.

The Alamo mill has closed down temporarily to permit the installation of a cyanide plant. The men were paid off yesterday, and came to Sumpter last night.

It was stated in The Miner a few days ago, on the authority of John R. Cassin, secretary and treasurer of the company, that a change in the ore treatment was contemplated, in view of the fact that the present method did not save a sufficiently high per cent of the values. The cyanide process, it is thought, will remedy the defect, and to this end, it is understood the shut down is due.

Messrs. Cassin and Eisenhour, the latter being one of the large Alamo stockholders, are still at the property with G. W. Boggs, whom they took with them when they went out to report on the additions necessary. The shut down is only temporary, according to the statements made by the men who came in last night, to give time for the changes which are being decided upon.

REPORT THAT BONTA HAS STARTED GRADING

Joe Reed, superintendent of the Auburn Deep Mining company, returned last night from a mining trip to Canyon and Prairie cities. While in that part of the country, Mr. Reed says he heard that Major Bonta has begun clearing the right of way for his railroad, and also that some grading has already been done in that vicinity. The people, he says, are extremely jubilant over the prospects of the road, and entertain but little doubt in regard to its being built.

Mr. Reed says the roads are in a very bad condition, especially beyond Flynn's station. There the snow stops and it's mud and water for the rest of the distance.

HORSES SAID TO BE IN STARVING CONDITION

Word was received here today that the horses being wintered for outside people, near the Noyer ranch out the Susanville way are in a starving condition.

The report is not very specific but the inference is that there is a shortage in hay and other feed, and that the starving of the animals is due to this. The snow is so deep that there is little to be had on the range in the way of horse feed, and the supposition is that the supply of hay has run short.

Several Sumpter horse owners last fall sent their horses to ranches near Susanville, and the information in regard their condition, it is understood, was for the friendly purpose of letting them know the existing state of affairs.

WILL BUILD SNAKE RIVER RAIL ROAD.

A telegram from Portland last night to the Boise Statesman says: It is expected that the contract for the construction of the Lewiston-Riparia railroad will be let during the present month and that active work will commence early in the spring.

President Mohler, of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, who is also president of the Lewiston-Riparia road, had this matter under consideration when he was called to the east on account of the sickness of his family.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders held in Portland, the plans for building the road were discussed and practically all questions were settled. The contract for construction work would probably have been let before now had it not been for Mr. Mohler's absence.

PYX LAWSUIT TRIED IN GRANT COUNTY.

Judge M. L. Olmsted, of Baker City, is here today as attorney for the Pyx Mining company, taking testimony before Referee W. J. Coleman, official court stenographer of Harney county, in the Pyx litigation now pending. C. C. Nepple, of Baker City, one of the owners of the property, is also here in the matter.

The suit involves the question of ownership and is directed against George A. Bailey, who is attempting to set up a claim to certain mineral holdings heretofore controlled by the Pyx people. Bailey's attorney is F. A. E. Starr, of Sumpter. The case will be tried at the next term of the Grant county circuit court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Baker, administrator of the estate of Samuel I Jones, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me, properly verified, as by law required, at the office of Chas. H. Chance, attorney-at-law, First National bank building, Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1904. ALVIN P. JONES, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel I Jones, deceased.

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