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The following from the Portland Telegram is one of the most interesting mining items ever published regarding an eastern Oregon property; the most interesting because it is the first time an official statement of the production of one of our mines has ever been published. This seems to be authentic, but the chances are that the statement was never intended to be made public through the medium of printer's ink. The Telegram says:

I. X. L. mine, at Greenhorn, is proving to be a veritable bonanza, according to C. C. Nepple, of the New York Consolidated mine, who writes to L. Y. Keady, of Portland. He says:

"The I. X. L. mine, which has only two stamps, is taking \$300 per day from the plates alone and is shipping ore that averages net over \$1,000 per ton. The last car shipped brought \$13,200 for a twelve ton car and makes the production of the property over \$20,000 per month, or \$240,000 per year. When you consider this great output and the property only being equipped with a two stamp mill, is it any wonder we are enthusiastic over the Greenhorn district and its wonderful wealth?"

"The machinery for the New York Consolidated is being rapidly put in place and will be in operation as soon as possible, but it is expected will be dropping stamps by May 1."

TO CREATE WATERSHED RESERVE FOR SUMPTER

D. B. Sheller, of Washington, forest superintendent, was here today in the matter of appointing a supervisor to take charge of Baker City watershed reserve, which was set aside by proclamation February 5, 1904, to preserve the purity of the sources of Baker's water supply. Mr. Sheller solicited an application for the position from Van Rensselaer Mead, but inasmuch as the office only pays \$75 a month and the man in charge has to pay his own expenses, Mr. Mead declined to file an application for the place. The reserve in question embraces 50,300 acres and the duty of keeping it clear of stock would probably consume one man's entire time.

Mr. Sheller's attention was called to the application of the city council of Sumpter for a reserve to be set aside northeast of here and covering the head waters of Pole and Wind creeks which furnish the city's water supply, and which, it is claimed, become exceedingly foul during the summer months, on account of the stock being allowed to graze there. This reserve asked for takes in about 60,000 acres, located on township 8 south, range 37, east 8-38, 9-37, 9-38 and 9-39. The council over a year ago made application to have the territory mentioned set aside, but no action has yet been taken by the government. Mr. Sheller agreed to take the matter up in Baker with

City Attorney Richards, who went there yesterday on business.

He urged the importance of having the reserves created at once, since the fact that the Baker reserve will no longer be available as a stock range, will have a tendency to drive sheep and cattle over to the Sumpter watershed and pollute the water more than ever before. Mr. Sheller realized the situation and promised to take the matter up with Attorney Richards and do all in his power toward the attainment of this end. Mr. Mead who is conversant with the matter from the fact that he was a member of the council when the application was made, and also from his familiarity with the country showed Mr. Sheller the necessity of a speedy granting of the petition, to which he readily assented and pledged his aid.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, March 15, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

THOMAS G. GWYNNE,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3030, for the purchase of the W 1/2 S W 1/4, Sec. 21, N W 1/4 S W 1/4 of Sec. 28 in Tp. 10 S, range No. 30 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 2nd day of June, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, Ralph Mead, Nicholas T. Taltalero, James W. Connelly, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said day of June, 1904.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

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