



THE SUMPTER MINER

E. AND E. WILL PUT IN SAWMILL NEAR TOWN

Bought M. H. Allen's Timber Claim And Let Contract of Operating Plant to W. Robertson.

The Bourne Gold Mining company, commonly known as the E. and E., will put in a sawmill about a quarter of a mile above town on a timber claim acquired from M. H. Allen. Mr. Allen was at Bourne yesterday and closed the deal with the E. and E. people for the sale of his timber. The mill to be installed has been purchased of the Oregon and Wisconsin Lumber company and is now located at Stices Gulch, and the contract for removing it and operating it has been awarded to William Robertson, of Sumpter. Mr. Robertson will do the logging and have charge of the entire plant. His contract calls for the delivery of 800,000 feet of lumber at the E. and E.

between now and some time in October. He will get the plant on the ground and inaugurate logging operations just as soon as possible. The daily capacity of the mill is 15,000 feet. The lumber is needed by the E. and E. company for the installation of its big cyanide plant on which work is shortly to be begun, and also for the extensive repairs now being made at the mill. In addition to this there are other properties owning timber in the vicinity which may also enter into an arrangement with the E. and E. and Mr. Robertson for their lumber supply to be cut at the new mill. The present plan is to have the plant running at the earliest possible moment.

TONOPAH BOOMER AND ST. PETER AT THE GATE

A Tonopah boomer died (no matter what the day or date), and when he reached the portals spied St. Peter at the gate. From out beneath his shaggy brows the old saint eyed the coming guest, and with true Chesterfieldian bows his honor of the saint expressed. He said he had grown tired below, his brain was worried with its cares; the struggle was a hard one, so he thought he'd climb the golden stairs. Peter asked the man his name, his occupation down below, his church, his creed, from whence he came, and what credentials he could show; and then, with indiscretion rank, ne'er dreaming of the fruit 'twould bear, he asked the disembodied crank, how things in the gold camp were. The question has never failed to start the Tonopahan tongue, and saintly ears were soon assailed with wildest anthems ever sung. He talked of leads and shafts and veins,

of tunnels, stopes and fissures true, of mammoth strikes and golden gains, until the heavenly air was blue. With growing eloquence he sped along the oratoric track, with gesture of both hands and head, and frequent bowing of the back, till Peter's ears began to ache, and "that tired feeling" came to him; yet still the Tonopahan spake his little piece with added vim. At last forbearance ceased to be a virtue, and that virtuous saint arose believing that his guest would see the interview was at a close. Then grabbed he Peter by the robe, and talked, and talked, and talked again, until the patience of a Job would not have stood the trying strain. In desperation Peter threw the golden gateway wide a sjar, and said unto him: "If you'd view the heavenly glories, then there they are!" The Tonopahan then stepped inside, gazed on the streets of shining gold, and in a business manner eyed the buildings of unequalled mold. The dazzling beauties one and all he studied; then with shake of the head, and concentrated western gall, turned to the waiting saint and said: "Just as described in Holy Writ; and I confess it's mighty fine, but I just want to

say that it isn't in it sir, with the big Mizpah mine!" Then Peter seized him by the neck and near the bottom of the spine, gave him one vigorous, saintly kick and shot him down the dark incline, and as the body downward sped old Peter gave his ears a rub, and with touching pathos said: "I pity poor old Beelzebub!"—Tonopah Bonanza.

CHEERFUL REPORTS FROM STORM KING

Manager Costello of Storm King Mining company, has received the most encouraging news from the company's eastern agents during the past few days. They report that the demand for mining stocks is active and growing; that among investors who have investigated the merits of various companies offering stocks: those who have intelligently enquired into the value of properties and experience and honesty of the several managements, Storm King is a prime favorite, and funds to carry on development work continuously, until the mine is self supporting and a dividend payer, will be promptly forthcoming.

He has never had any doubt regarding the value of the property since the exploiting work was completed and his only fear has been that there would be delay in successfully financing the proposition. Now, that that problem has been solved, he feels sure that the Storm King will enter the producing list before the end of the present year.

And he also congratulates himself on the fact that he can send back the cheerful information that the mine is showing up better every day; that every successive blast furnishes additional proof that the ore body they are now in is permanent. A telephone message received yesterday was to this effect. At that altitude the snow is still on the ground to a depth of several feet, and surface water is not yet interfering with any of the workings.

TO START WORK AT STRAWBERRY LAKE.

W. E. McNaughten, of the Strawberry Lake Power proposition, who has been in town several days on business, accompanied by Mrs. McNaughten, left this afternoon for Prairie City.

Mr. McNaughten says he will start work on his proposed power scheme immediately upon his return to Prairie City.

While here he leased some placer ground which he owns in conjunction with John Daggert, of Bourne, to Frank Turner, also of Bourne. Mr. Turner will start operations, it is understood, at once.

TO WORK BUCK GULCH PLACER S.

Owners Expect to Take Out \$3,000 or \$6,000 This Season.

Amos the Joe Weaver left this morning for the Buck Gulch placers which they own in conjunction with W. R. Hawley, out the Granite direction to begin preliminary work. The water should be going through the ditches now, but it will probably be a week or ten days before permanent operations can be started.

These placers have been worked for eight years, the last three of which has been under the present ownership. The yield has been satisfactory. Last season's cleanup amounted to \$3,200 and lasted only eighty-six days. The present season will undoubtedly be very much longer owing to the heavy snowfall, rendering the water supply much greater, and the owners expect to realize \$5,000 or \$6,000 this year.

Six And a Half Million Dollar Suit.

A dispatch from Portland yesterday says that a suit for eastern Oregon mining properties, valued millions, was instituted in United States court today by the Iron Dyke Copper Mining company, of South Dakota, against the Iron Dyke Railroad company, a Baker county corporation. The plaintiffs ask damages for six and a half millions, or practically the mining property, which is alleged to belong to it, and which is in control of the respondents. All the properties are within forty five miles of Baker City. The mines and people and the companies have been in litigation since 1901, and the present suit is the outgrowth of the old trouble.

Drifting on Vein No 3.

Charles Warren Jr., vice president of the Valley Queen, who is in town for a few days on business, states that work has been started on No. 3 drift, and that operations are also being prosecuted in the other workings, with satisfactory results.

Oregon gold will be used in coin-ing the souvenir dollars for the Lewis and Clark fair. Secretary Shaw has assured Senator Mitchell he would gladly meet his request for such action.