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R. E. Strahorn in Sumpter to Begin All Kinds of Local Improve- ments.

R. E. Strahorn, president of the Sumpter Light and Water company, accompanied by Mrs. Strahorn, arrived from the east this morning, to look after his local interests. Mr. Strahorn left here last August. In the early part of the winter he was operated on in Chicago for appendicitis. From Chicago he returned to Spokane, and later went to California, where, with Mrs. Strahorn, he spent the winter. Lately they made a tour of the southern states, spending some time in Washington and going from there to New York and Boston. They are directly from Boston now.

Regarding the plans of his company here, Mr. Strahorn says he will have to look into the situation somewhat before he will be ready to speak advisedly. However, the improvements heretofore enumerated will be gone ahead with this summer, and some additional in connection with the recent acquisition of the McCully's Fork water rights, are likely to be undertaken. Whether or not this will change the original plans in regard to auxiliary fire protection, President Strahorn was not in a position to state. He said these matters would have to be gone over with his consulting engineer, Mr. Smith, who will be here tomorrow from North Yakima, before a decision could be reached. Just where this new water will reach the old system has not yet been determined.

In answer to an inquiry relative to his offer to take the sewer bond issue, Mr. Strahorn said:

"I stand practically in the same position now that I did when I made the city the offer to buy the bonds at par, provided no other purchaser could be found. Not that I want them, or that I am in the bond-buying business, but I merely made the proposition in order to insure the sale. The difficulty in finding a market for the bonds is evidently due to the knocking which has been done by the opposition. I do not think there is any doubt but that prospective buyers were served with notice that litigation would follow the purchase. I received the same notice."

Speaking of business conditions in the east Mr. Strahorn said:

"Business is being conducted along safe and conservative lines, without any disposition at the present to branch out to any great extent. While the presidential election may not disturb the business situation as much as heretofore, it will doubtless have some effect in the direction of retrenchment and conservatism. Business is healthy and the element of wild and reckless speculation is not so frequently encountered as it was some time back. This period of speculation and the coming election have combined to bring about the condition I mention. There is plenty of money in the country, however. Call rates are lower in New York than I ever knew them."

Mr. and Mrs. Strahorn will remain in town a week or ten days. Mr. Strahorn is rapidly regaining his normal condition after the operation mentioned.

POWER PLANT FOR THE JOHN DAY DREDGER

While nothing is definitely known by anyone outside of the Empire Dredging company, yet from the amount of work that is being done by that company this spring, it is predicted that a mammoth power plant is soon to be installed by them on the John Day river, and that by the first of July they will have a large number of men employed in the construction of a large canal.

The question of power to operate their large dredging machine is an important one, and while they have ample wood on hand to operate their dredger for six months, and possibly

as much more timber, they are figuring on putting in a large electric plant on the John Day river near the Oliver dairy ranch and generate not only sufficient electricity to operate their present dredger, but any future dredgers that they may build. If these plans are perfected they will take water from the John Day river near Indian creek and conduct it by a large ditch on the north side of the river to the point mentioned.

The dredger has not been started yet this spring, the attention of the company being given to prospecting the entire tract of land on which they have a lease. They have completed this work on the John Day river, and will soon have their pros-

pecting plant in operation on Canyon creek. They are operating it with a day and night force, and are drilling an average of three holes each twenty-four hours. They find the bedrock very uneven, varying in depth from eight to twenty-five feet, but thus far they have found an excellent bedrock for dredging purposes.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

ROADS TO SUMPTER RAPIDLY IMPROVING

Reports from various points tributary to Sumpter state that the roads are rapidly drying up and getting in good shape for travel again.

Owing to the excessive snowfall this year the roads have been worse and it has taken them a longer time to dry than ever before in the history of the camp. However, the stage people now saying that it will not be much longer before highways will be in first class condition.

FILING HOMESTEADS ON IRRIGATION RESERVATION

Within the past week, about fifty homestead entries have been filed at The Dalles land office on the Echo irrigation reservation, lying in Morrow county. The activity of the surveying crews under John T. Whistler has caused many residents to believe that actual work will begin on the government irrigation project within a short time.

D. E. Foster, who is in the city from The Dalles today, says that the homesteaders are mostly new people, having just arrived from the east and seem to be actual settlers. They file on the land and immediately secure work in the vicinity, where they can live upon or be near their new homes.

In many instances they file on four contiguous quarter sections, showing that they mean business and will cooperate in fencing and cultivating the land.

This is the first rush of settlers on the tract in Morrow county, the greatest activity heretofore being in the Umatilla county district, subject to entry at La Grande.

The surveying parties are now at work about sixteen miles west of Echo on the Morrow county portion of the reservation.—East Oregonian.

NOTICE.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, May 7, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that Edward B. Perrin, whose postoffice address is Williams, Arizona, by Seymour H. Bell, his attorney in fact, whose post office address is Sumpter, Oregon, did on the 5th day of May, 1904, make application to select, under the act of June 4, 1896 (30 Stat., 37), the following described tract of land in Baker county, Oregon, in the La Grande, Oregon, land district, to-wit:
The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section Twenty-one (21), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East of the Willamette Meridian.
That the purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the selected lands, under the mining laws, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objections, to such selection with the officers of the U. S. Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon, within thirty days after the 12th day of May, 1904, so as to establish their interest therein or the mineral character thereof.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.
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HAS OPTION ON BUNKER HILL

Warren Cable Will Operate This Property at an Early Date.

Warren Cable was up from Baker City yesterday, and stated that he had taken an option on the Bunker Hill property, which lies in the vicinity of the Annalulu and is owned by a Canadian company.

Mr. Cable says that it is his purpose to put a force of men at work as soon as the snow gets out of the way. The property has many substantial improvements, but has not been operated for several years, owing to various hindering circumstances. A compressor plant is on the ground, which has never been set up. Mr. Cable means to have this installed and get things going as soon as possible.

Long Aerial Transportation Table.

The longest aerial cable for the transportation of ore in Spain has recently been completed. This cable line, which is about twelve miles long, starts from a point in the Sierra Alhamilla 4,400 feet above sea level, and will terminate at the coast at Casa Fuerte, where a pier will be constructed for the loading of steamers. The cost of the cable and right-of-way was about \$155,000. It is stated that the mines which are to feed this cable have been developed to such an extent as to expose 1,000,000 tons of red hematite, carrying approximately 52 per cent of iron and 4 per cent manganese. Although, for length this line will not compare with that of the Grand Encampment district of Wyoming, yet it will carry such an enormous tonnage a long distance that it must be regarded as a magnificent piece of engineering. It also goes to show how much the aerial tramway is entering more and more into difficult mining problems.—Mining Reporter.

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