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## E. & E. MILL HAS STARTED WORK

Full Twenty Stamps Began  
Dropping at Mine  
Today.

A report from the E. and E. states that the full complement of twenty stamps was started up today, for continuous operation. The mill has recently undergone extensive repairs, and everything, it is stated, is now in shape for constant running.

As previously announced a 100-ton cyanide plant is also to be installed. The plans for this have been completed and the preliminary construction work is now under way. Recently a sawmill was put in just above town to cut the timber for the buildings. This is now in operation, and lumber is being delivered at the mine for the addition. It is probable that the plant will be completed toward the middle of the summer if not sooner. The management of the mine has been adding constantly its force of men, and underground work, it is understood, is in full swing.

## BALD MOUNTAIN AND MAMMOTH TO RESUME

Deputy Sheriff Jesse Snow came up this morning and hurried out to the Bald Mountain and Mammoth, to post notices advertising the sale of these properties, to take place on the premises, May 28.

The sale of is at the instance of eastern stockholders, who have advanced money for development and operating purposes, and is friendly to the controlling interests. These people are merely foreclosing to save themselves, and it is understood that both properties will resume soon after the sale is perfected.

It is not known what effect this action will have on stock held by a number of residents of Sumpter, some of it being up for collateral on money borrowed, it having been considered gilt-edged security. No information can be secured from the management regarding the future policy of the companies, though it is currently reported that both mines will soon be operated again. Both have produced bullion, the Mammoth mill having been profitably operated for about two years.

## SOON TO START ON THE ALPINE MILL

Dick Addoms, superintendent of the Alpine, says that work will be started on the twenty-stamp mill to be erected on the property the minute the snow gets out of the way. Mr. Addoms is in town today.

There are some seven or eight

feet of snow still at the mine, but these warm days are taking it away rapidly, and he does not think it will be long before construction work can be started. The machinery is on the ground. Preliminary work was started last fall before the early snow came. Mr. Addoms has had a full force of men steadily plugging away at development during the enforced suspension of construction.

## HOW THE LARGEST NUGGET CHANCED TO BE FOUND

Could even fiction or east side melodrama suggest any situation more romantic? Figure to yourself, as the French say, four men sinking down exhausted in the arid Australian bush: way back in the "Never-Never" country, where rain does not fall for years at a stretch, and the only plant that forces its way through the choking sand is the dreaded spinifex, or Australian spear grass, whose points pierce the pedestrian like a lance.

They sank down to die, their horses, too, were exhausted, and one of these in stumbling struck its foot against a small piece of rock that projected a few inches out of the sandy soil. The eye of one of these men followed the stumble, and the next moment he had struggled to his feet, shouting, "Gold, gold!" Sure enough the supposed "rock" struck by the iron-shod hoof glistened in the pitiless sun, and a moment later all four men were digging eagerly with bleeding fingers around the place.

Almost in less time than it takes to tell it these unfortunate fellows had unearthed the largest mass of virgin gold that the world has ever seen. This is known as the famous "Welcome Stranger" nugget. It is of the enormous weight of 10,000 ounces, and every ounce of it virgin gold, there being practically no alloy whatever. It is in the shape of a rough cross.

This marvelous find acted as a tonic upon the men and they were enabled to make their way to the nearest township, which chanced to be Ballarat. Here the "Welcome Stranger" was deposited in the bank, and after it was melted down brought at the rate of \$20 an ounce, so fine was the quality of the gold. A full sized model of the "Welcome Stranger" may be seen by American visitors to London in the Department of Minerals and Precious Stones in the great Natural History Museum in the Cromwell road, South Kensington. — Exchange.

## Rough Float in Placers.

Wm. Blackwell and Frank Bradburn found a beautiful piece of float this week in the placers they are working on a small gulch on Boulder creek near here. It is about the size of a walnut and contains at least \$12 in gold. The piece is quite rough, showing sharp corners and has evidently traveled but a short distance from the lead from which it was broken. If the boys are successful in finding where it came from they will surely have a rich thing. — Granite Gem.

## THIEVES STOLE ALL HIS TOOLS

L. F. Ostlund, who returned from The Dalles a few days ago to work his Arctic City group near Hanover, was out at the property yesterday taking preliminary steps toward starting operations.

Thieves had cleaned out his cabins smooth and bare. The cooking utensils, dishes and bedding he brought down to Sumpter when he went away last fall, but the tools, wheelbarrow and other mining implements he left, to the extent of \$30 or \$40 worth, had disappeared. Mr. Ostlund says he has pretty well founded suspicions who the guilty ones are, and intends having the matter investigated.

The snow, he says, is practically gone from the property, and he will start work in a short time.

## CORINTHIAN CANAL BEGUN 600 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST

"Speaking of canals," said the engineer who had been talking about Panama, "a very interesting canal, and one not much heard of, is that connecting the gulf of Corinth and the gulf of Aegina in Greece. It's some older than any we have in the western hemisphere also, for Pericles, tyrant of Corinth, proposed to cut through the isthmus as long as 600 years before Christ. Superstition stopped him, however.

Julius Caesar and Caligula took it up again when Rome had hold of Greece, but it was too much for them. Then came Nero and he went at it with vigor, but the work stopped when he died. Others kept pounding away at it for the next several hundred years, but it was not until 1881 that real work of the Nero energy was put upon it. Then General Turr, aide-de camp to Victor Emmanuel of Italy, organized a company and worked on it till the money gave out in 1890, the chief obstacle being some kind of a flint which dynamite couldn't break.

About \$10,000,000 was spent up to 1890, and then Mr. Syngros took hold, organized a company with \$965,000 working capital, and finished the job in 1893. It was only four miles long, but it is sixty-nine feet wide at the bottom and eighty feet at the water line, twenty-six feet or three inches deep in water, and it is cut nearly all the way through solid rock, rising at some points to 269 feet above the canal. It is like a canyon and ships do not take kindly to it, the entrance being bad, a strong wind blowing through it as through a great airshaft, and there is at times a strong reverse current.

It is an interesting trip through the canal, and it saves 123 miles of very rough water and twenty hours of time; but so far skippers prefer to go around the peninsula rather than through the canal, though with some changes, which will be made, it is believed the canal, as soon as a few ships begin to use

it and remove the prejudice now existing against it, will be utilized generally." — Exchange.

## Private Irrigation Project.

Survey for an extension of the Milton, Freewater and Hudson Bay ditch started Tuesday about thirteen miles west of Pendleton for the Pine Creek Irrigation company, whose incorporators are Chris Bowers and Paine brothers, all of Walla Walla. The company proposes to cover between 5,000 and 6,000 acres by the extension. The incorporators hold a franchise covering the waste waters from the Milton, Freewater and Hudson Bay ditch, and have also the privilege of enlarging the entire length of this ditch to increase the volume. The incorporators own most of the land to be covered. The extension will follow the hills, forming the south boundary of the Hudson Bay country, and will be twelve miles long. Its discharge will be about five miles below Touchet, Washington, into the Walla Walla river.

## Looking Over District.

Henry M. Lancaster, mining engineer and metallurgist, formerly of British Columbia, arrived in town this morning to have a look at the situation here. Mr. Lancaster is an old friend of Colonel Topping, who was also formerly located in British Columbia. He will be in the district for several days.

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