

# HERE TO BUILD A RAIL ROAD TO CRACKER CREEK

**But D. L. Killen And Associates Must First  
be Assured of Loyal Local  
Support.**

David L. Killen, president of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, J. Vanburg, prominent in Nebraska banking circles, S. D. Killen, of Beatrice, Nebraska, and Tony Mohr, of Sumpter, went over the route of the proposed Sumpter-Bourne railway Thursday afternoon, returning last night.

Mr. Vanburg is here in the interest of himself and associates to make preliminary investigations with reference to building the projected transportation line. Alone, it is currently reported, he is well able to undertake the enterprise. However, to him has been entrusted the mission of reporting on the situation, determining approximately the tonnage, building expenses, local sentiment and other pertinent matters involved in the undertaking.

In this regard, to a Miner representative, Mr. Vanburg said:

"I have looked into the situation partially, and I find it vastly better than it was represented to me. In my judgment the enterprise is one which holds out most promising features. We want to know, however, that there is absolutely local cooperation. We are not looking for trouble. There are plenty of other places where we can invest our money, but I have come here on the representation of Mr. Killen, which I find is under, rather than overdrawn. I am pleased with the situation. I am fully convinced that the building of such a road is fully warranted in the premises, and if your people are willing to support such an enterprise with their moral and material assistance, I have no hesitancy in saying that we will finance the enterprise. But I wish to impress this fact, we are not looking for trouble, and we are not in the market to be held up, since there are abundant openings in other directions for the investment of capital. My slight observation of the district leads me to the conclusion that the proposed line is a good investment, if the proper local conditions prevail."

The contemplated road is a bigger proposition, it appears now, than originally esayed. It not only includes the building of a road to Bourne, but contemplates branches to the Golconda, Columbia, Cable Cove district, and later lines to the John Day country, and the Wheeler county coal fields. This is the proposition, and while Mr. Vanburg will not have time to make exhaustive investigations into the general situation, he is convinced that the immediate projection of the Sumpter Bourne line is a matter worthy of being undertaken at once. The decision rests on his judgment, and from his

conversation with The Miner, there is little room for doubt to be inferred.

S. D. Killen the alleged younger brother of David Louis, though it must be confessed he looks older, is equally enthusiastic. He is also interested in the railroad proposition. It is his first visit to the camp. He likes it. And he says:

"The country is pregnant with possibilities. It appears to me to be only a question of a short time when you will have ample transportation facilities for your mineral wealth, and ample capital for the development of the same. Time and money will tell the tale of eastern Oregon's coming to the front as one of the greatest mineral regions in the world."

## HERE TO LOOK AFTER MINING INTERESTS

F. E. Cabel, returned Thursday from Pasadena, California, where he spent the winter. Mr. Cabel is extensively interested in mining property in the district and will spend the summer looking after development work. He will make his headquarters at Granite.

The property which he will devote most time to will be the Cable Mountain group, near Granite. Extensive development work will be done there.

Mr. Cabel is the original locator of the La Belleview, in which he still retains an interest.

## GOOD ORE BEING EN- COUNTERED AT LUCY

M. P. Keogh, of the Lucy, left on the train Thursday for the mine. Sam Stott and Morris Sullivan, also members of the company, went through the country with a load of supplies.

According to telephone advices received from the mine, exceptionally good ore is now being encountered.

## At Least Another Mad Stone.

The Herald claims that a Baker City man has one of the three genuine madstones to be found in the world. The owners of the other two are mentioned. The Herald's information is at fault. J. M. Rose owns a real madstone, taken from the stomach of a deer by his great grandfather over 200 years ago in Kentucky, and it has been in the possession of his family ever since. So there must be at least four, since Mr. Rose's was not included, in the world, and probably more.

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