

BIG GUNS MAY BACK PROJECT

With traffic enough in sight to warrant construction, negotiations for financial aid in the east to build the Oregon and Idaho Short Line railroad from the Columbia river to the Snake, through southern and central Oregon, are proceeding with success. The road is the project of Sumpter men, at the head of whom are H. T. Hendryx, Albert Geiser and Anthony Mohr. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of the state of Oregon, the incorporators being R. W. Baxter, F. S. Stanley and H. T. Hendryx. Yesterday Mr. Hendryx received a charter from Salem and also received good word from the syndicate of capitalists in the east who will finance the project.

R. W. Baxter is one of the best known railroad men in the northwest. For many years he was with the Oregon Short Line and was later general superintendent of the O. R. & N., resigning to accept a similar position with the Union Pacific, with headquarters at Omaha. F. S. Stanley is a millionaire lumberman of Oregon. He owns the Grande Ronde Lumber company and Globe railway. He is an ex-state senator and is known from the Blue mountains to the Pacific. H. T. Hendryx is junior member of the Geiser-Hendryx Investment company, of Baker City and Sumpter, whose promotion of various mines in this and other districts have been unexampled successes.

The O. & I. S. L. road was originally projected to tap the Morrow and Wheeler county coal fields, wherein Sumpter men are heavily interested. When a survey of a route was made, it was discovered that the road would open up a great agricultural and wool-growing region in central Oregon, from which sufficient traffic can be immediately drawn to make operation profitable at once. The projection of a line to extend across the eastern half of the state was deemed advisable for various reasons.

According to the charter granted by the secretary of state, the railway's western terminus will be apoint on the Columbia river between The Dalles and Arlington. The line will follow the John Day river to Rock Creek, thence up Rock Creek to a point near Olex, through Condon and Fossil and thence to the John Day river again. The towns of John Day and Prairie City will be reached and the Blue Mountain range will be crossed at the famous Malheur pass, the lowest in the entire range. East of the pass the line will follow Willow creek to Snake river, with an eastern terminal at or near Weiser, Idaho.

The road will thus traverse a water line grade from Snake river to the Columbia, with the exception of the low Malheur pass, and will shorten the O. R. & N. distance between those two streams by 110 miles.

The latter feature of the proposed road have given rise to a well grounded belief that the O. R. & N. is backing the project. A firmer basis is afforded this belief by the fact that both Baxter and Stanley are in close official connection with the O. R. N., O. S. L. and Harriman system.

The recent announcement from an official source that Harriman would build a water grade line from the Rockies to the Pacific by way of Huntington and Lewiston is evidence

that the O. R. & N.'s present Blue Mountain division, with its numerous summits and heavy gradients, is not a satisfactory line. That the Harriman policy embraces an ultimate abandonment of this costly Blue Mountain division is almost certain, and it is by no means inconceivable that the superior advantages of the Baxter-Stanley-Hendryx project as against the Huntington-Lewiston line have been properly presented to the big western magnate. That Harriman has definitely endorsed the O. & I. S. L. is given the color of probability by the fact that one of his high officials is an incorporator and by the further fact that success in financing the road is being met with in the east. It is an acknowledged fact that no independent trans-state railway project in the western field can successfully fight against the big trans-continental systems; nor can the "little fellows" "do business" in eastern financial circles without endorsement by the magnates.

The Wheeler and Morrow county coal fields, to tap which is the primary aim of the O. & I. S. L., are now recognized as being tremendously valuable. The coal measures are large and the quality is superior. In the office of Anthony Mohr in Sumpter are many samples of Wheeler county black diamonds, taken from the ground by Lew Walker, with whom Mr. Mohr is associated in the ownership and control of a couple of thousand acres of coal land. With cheap transportation to these fields a huge development would follow. The O. R. & N. stands in great need of just such development, and for this reason there is nothing improbable that in all these moves being made to build the O. & I. S. L., appears the fine Italian hand of Harriman et al.

Up to the Engineers.

A portion of the party of New York Central railroad magnates who came west this week in a private car to look over the route of the proposed Vinson railway from Baker City to Pine and Eagle Valleys, returned from the Panhandle Thursday and went through to the west. All of the easterners expressed belief in the ultimate greatness of the territory to be traversed by the Vinson line, but refused positively to give opinions regarding the feasibility of the project at this time. They announced their intention to delay such opinions until their engineers, who are now in the field, render a report.

Big Black Eagle.

Joe Meikel, of the Black Eagle mine, in Malheur county, has gone to Los Angeles for a vacation, leaving Superintendent A. Kime in full charge. The 20-stamp mill is running day and night on ore from an immense porphyry dyke. Results aer said to be highly satisfactory.

Sale of The Brazos.

It is reported from Baker City today that a long pending deal for the sale of the Brazos mine, at Pleasant Valley, has been consummated. The mine was owned by Al Geiser and the Blewetts, and its ten stamps were recently purchased at sheriff's sale by P. Basche, of Baker City.

E. L. Kennon, Whitney, Oregon, lumber, sash, doors, shingles, build, ing material, mining timbers.

"NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS."

In Justice Court for Sumpter Precinct, Baker County, State of Oregon.

George E. Allen, Justice of the Peace.

H. D. Griffin, Plaintiff, vs Pat Murry, Defendant.

To Pat Murry, the above named Defendant in the above entitled action. In the name of the State of Oregon; you are hereby notified and required to appear and answer or plead to the Complaint filed in the above entitled Cause and Court.

On or before the expiration of the publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks (42 days) from and after the date of first publication of this summons, which is the 18th day of May, A. D., 1904. And you are further hereby notified that if you fail to so appear, answer or plead to said complaint, the Plaintiff will for want of answer on plea thereto take default and judgment against said debt for the sum of Eighty-Eight and 25 100 dollars with interest on said sum from the 18th day of August, 1903, and costs of this action and as prayed for in plaintiff's complaint.

That this summons is published pursuant to the order of the above entitled Court, George H. Allen, justice of the peace, made and entered this 11th day of May A. D., 1904, directing that this summons be published in the "Sumpter Weekly Miner," (a weekly newspaper published in Sumpter, Baker county, Oregon, of general circulation in county and state) once each week for six consecutive weeks (being 7 publications covering 42 days).

Date of order May, 11, 1904.
Date of first publication, May 18, 1904.
GEO. E. ALLEN,
Justice of the Peace.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To Ole Linquist, Peter Soderberg and to you and each of your heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns are hereby notified that I the undersigned, your co-owner of the following named quartz mining claims, to-wit: The "Center Star" the location notice of which is recorded in the Quartz Records of Baker county, Oregon, in Volume "M" at page 197 thereof and the "Center Star Extension" the location notice of which is recorded in the Quartz Records of Baker County, Oregon, in Volume "M" at page 198 thereof which notices were so recorded on the 16th day of March, 1899, have expended the sum of \$100 per claim and upon each thereof for the years of 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903, that said sums so expended each year was for the benefit, improvement and development of each thereof and as the annual work, labor, and improvements as required by the laws of the United States of America and of the state of Oregon.

And you and each of you are further notified that should you fail, or neglect to contribute and pay to me, your co-owner of said claims your proportionate shares of such yearly expenditures, which is the sum of \$66.66 2-3 each, for each of said years above mentioned, amounting to the sum of \$266.66 2-3 for each of you to so contribute or pay, within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, and in case of you and each of you failing to so pay to me the said sum, your respective interest in said quartz

claims will become the property of the undersigned as by law provided.

First date of publication of this notice being the 5th day of May, 1904.
H. B. GRIFFIN.

PETITION

To the Hon. County Court of Baker County State of Oregon; We the undersigned actual majority of the whole number of legal voters of Unity precinct, hereby petition your honorable body to grant a license to E. H. Hayes to sell spirituous, malt, vinous liquors, and hard Cider in said precinct, at their place of business in less quantities than one gallon for the period of twelve months, said place of business being on the county road and near the Post-office which is known as Unity. And we further show that the said place of business is not within one mile of any working mine. Louis Titt, E. Titt, P. T. Tathrop, J. B. Hanchman, L. L. King, J. B. Shaw, Alfred Whited, W. G. Yeager, Joseph Wham, Otto Paus-tian, Willam Haskin, G. C. Whited, Geo. Greager, G. M. Laporte, Minor Coxin, Riley Hardman, Peter Yonkman, Sam Perault, Geo. G. Nelson, N. N. Elliot, Wm. V. Vndt, Thos. J. Elms, Geo. W. Elms, W. B. Mills.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Honorable County Court of Baker county on the 1st day of July, 1904, or as soon thereafter as may suit the convenience of the court, for a license in accordance with the terms of the above petition.

E. H. HAYES.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.

Jodie Walliek, plaintiff vs. Henry C. Walliek, Defendant.

To Henry C. Walliek, the above named Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 29th day of June, 1904, which is the last day of the publication of the summons as prescribed by the order duly made and filed by the Hon. W. W. Travillion, county judge of Baker County, Oregon, on the 16th day of May, 1904, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint filed herein. And you are further notified by said order so made and filed on the 16th day of May, 1904, ordered that service of summons in this suit be made upon you by publication thereof in the Sumpter Miner, a weekly newspaper of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, and that the date of first publication thereof is May the 18th, 1904, and the date of the last publication thereof June the 29th, 1904.

C. H. McCOLLOCH,
Attorney for plaintiff.

WANTED—on Salary.—A man with light rig, who is well acquainted in Baker and Grant counties, to handle a standard article. Fall and winter Job for the Right party, must give reference. Address Box 71, Union, Ore.,