

BUILDING RAIL ROADS ON PAPER

Baker City Has a Half Dozen or More Deals All "In the Air."

It may not be this year, but the indications are that before snow flies work will begin upon an electric railway from Baker City to Eagle and Pine valleys, covering the Cornucopia and Snake River districts. One of Baker City's leading capitalists, in discussing the matter yesterday, made the above statement. He is posted and knows whereof he speaks.

It is well known that a company has been formed and arrangements have been partially completed for the building of the steam railroad from Baker City to the Seven Devils by Mr. W. L. Vinson, who is backed by high officials of the New York Central and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroads, who personally visited Baker City a few weeks ago. Inside information is to the effect that the building of the road is assured but its commencement only depends on certain legal matters.

A Philadelphia syndicate stands ready with all the money necessary to utilize the East Eagle water power and put in an electric road covering this same territory next year. Baker City business men believe that both the steam and electric roads will eventually be built and that one of them will certainly be started within the twelve months. There is business enough in sight for both kinds of transportation, certainly for one and capital is awake to the situation.

That all of this railroad improvement and traffic and talk is being made without the approval and connivance of the Harriman officials is improbable. In fact it is well understood that the steam railroad proposition is not only approved by the Harriman people but will receive their support in a certain way. Large plans are on foot for the changing of the railroad map of the northwest and Harriman is the principal mover on the checker board. He has entered Puget Sound to stay. He has acquired a line to Bellingham bay and certain rights between Spokane and Seattle. With a cutoff line as part of the eastern Oregon plans, from Huntington down Snake river to Ballard's Landing, tapping the line from Baker City and proceeding thence down the Snake to Lewiston, it would be a simple thing to make a short cut from the Union Pacific main line through Spokane to Puget Sound and the Pacific ocean. The little fifty miles of track which will be built this fall from Huntington to Ballard's by the Iron Dike people is only a small drop in the bucket, will be built on its merits to serve that particular property, but can be utilized later on in the general scheme, which long headed railroad men say is sure to be worked out.

The attorney's in the Iron Dike foreclosure case make the positive statement that regardless of anything else or any other scheme a railroad will be built to Ballard's as soon as this litigation is settled, by the mine owners, whether any one else builds a railroad or not. The Pittsburg people are amply able to do it, but

are not in the railroad business, and will not do it unless they have to, but what they want is an outlet for the ore of their mine. Should they build the railroad themselves there is no doubt but that sooner or later it will be absorbed by the railroad people who are scheming on railroad plans in this section.—Democrat.

SUMPTER VALLEY TO BUILD TO GREENHORN

T. S. Kennerly, superintendent of the Gold Coin, who stopped over here yesterday from Baker on business, left on this morning's train for the property. He was joined here by Misses Dorothy and Florence Richmond, of Baker City, and his daughter, Miss Bertha, who are going to spend a few days at the mine.

Mr. Kennerly states that his company will take over the Royal White, a near by property, owned by Messrs. Morris, Wiegand and others, on August 1. The price to be paid is \$45,000, and the first payment of \$10,000, will be made on the date mentioned. The Pittsburg people who were at the Gold Coin recently examined the Royal White and were greatly pleased with it. So the deal has been perfected. The property has a three stamp mill on it and is now on a producing basis, though from all accounts is operated immethodically and on a small scale. In addition to this the Gold Coin company recently acquired 130 acres of placer ground adjoining is present holdings. Abundant capital, it is understood, has been pledged by the eastern stockholders for operating extensively.

Mr. Kennerly says that he recently had a conference with Joseph Barton, of the Sumpter Valley, and he assured him that it was only a question of a very short time when a branch would be built from some point on the Tipton extension to Greenhorn City. Mr. Kennerly says he offered the company a free depot site on Gold Coin ground, something over a mile this side of Greenhorn, which would be the natural shipping point for the Bonanza and surrounding country.

IT WILL BE TO YOUR INTEREST

If you contemplate visiting the St. Louis exposition, to secure reliable information as to railroad service, the lowest rates and the best routes. Also as to local conditions in St. Louis; hotels, etc., etc.

If you will write the undersigned, stating what information you desire, the same will be promptly furnished. If we do not have it on hand, will secure it for you if possible, and without any expense to you. Address
B. H. TRUMBULL,
Commercial Agent 142 Third street,
Portland, Oregon.

Listen Lake Improving.

J. Win Wilson is in from the Listen Lake mine today. He says he is now down ninety feet on the ledge, having sunk forty feet from the fifty-foot crosscut level. He says the ore is improving with every foot of depth and the vein is the full width of the shaft. Considerable of the ore is of sufficient high grade to ship and as there's only a four mile wagon haul to Tipton, he will soon make some shipments to the smelter here.

SHIPPING ORE TO THE SMELTER

Rev. J. W. Hughes, of Baker City, managing owner of the Equity in the Quartzburg district, accompanied by his wife and daughter, came up this morning to look after the sampling of a car load of Equity ore which recently came to the smelter. This ore is very rich and will run from \$100 to \$400 to the ton. Rev. Hughes has another consignment of the same high grade stuff which will be sent in very soon. The five stamp mill on the property is being run steadily and full time is being made opening up the mine. Rev. Hughes feels just a little sore over a recent article which appeared in a local paper exploiting the Quartzburg district, in which mention was made of the various mines, with the Equity either intentionally or inadvertently omitted. That the Equity should have been included is obvious, since it is one of the few properties in this district equipped with a mill and on a producing basis. While Mr. Hughes is not in the hot air business he says he likes at least to get an even break, and he thinks the Equity should be named along with others which have in them the making of mines.

The pending lawsuit between the Equity and Keystone companies over disputed ground, will not come up until the November court. Rev. Hughes says upon the determination of this litigation he will institute damage proceedings against the Keystone people.

TO START WORK ON SHERRIDEN GROUP

Colonel E. S. Topping left shortly after noon today for the Sherriden group, near Granite, on which he recently took a lease and bond from Captain C. S. Miller, the owner.

Colonel Topping will employ a small force to do prospect work for the present, in order to determine where to begin permanent operations. It is likely, he says, that a sinking plant will be installed on the property, as this determination is made.

DRILLING CONTEST AT GREENHORN CITY

Charley Flynn, the Baker City cigar manufacturer, came in from Greenhorn today with news of a drilling contest to be pulled off there on the 15th instant. This is also an aftermath of the Fourth, when Herman Andregg and Big Gillis bested Bill Kinimel and Al Gertridge in a double handed go, drilling 36 1/2 inches in the allotted time.

The latter team demand satisfaction and so the match has been arranged with \$250 a side, a purse of \$300 in addition and some \$2,000 betting money. The winning team on the Fourth is from Olive creek and the other from the Snow Creek mine.

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

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, June 9, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

JOHN C. HILLMAN,
of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3724, for the purchase of the NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and lot one [1] of Sec. 30, in Tp. No. 11 S., range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 31st day of August, 1904.
He names as witnesses: William A. Green, Ralph Mead, Van Rensselaer Mead, Eric P. Bergman, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 31st day of August, 1904.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,
June 18, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Aug. 11, 1904, viz:
H. E. No. 12,271,

WILLIAM KELLY,

of Sumpter, Oregon, for the E 1/2 S W 1/4 Sec. 13, and N 1/2 N W 1/4 Sec. 24, Tp. 11 S., R. 38 E. W. M.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Peter J. Soards, Joseph Ryan, Ed. McNulty, Robert W. Riley, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon,
April 28th, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

HARRY K. BUNKER,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1089, for the purchase of the E 1/2 S E 1/4, and SW 1/4 S E 1/4 of section No. 20 in township No. 9 south, range No. 37 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 10th day of July, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Morris H. Allen, Thomas Moore, Ralph Mead, and Van Rensselaer Mead, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of July, 1904.
E. W. DAVIS Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, June 10, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that Joseph Wham, of Unity, Oregon, as filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 206, for the SW 1/4 sec. 30, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 31, Tp. 12 S., R. 37 E. W. M., before the County Clerk of Baker County at Baker City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 24th day of August, 1904.
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Gene Yeager of Unity, Ore., Thomas B. Boyer of Hereford, Ore., Thomas Thompson of Unity, Ore., Alfred Whitte of Unity, Oregon.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the state of Oregon for the county of Baker.

In the matter of the estate of T. M. Lavin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of T. M. Lavin, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to said administrator, room 5, First National Bank building, Sumpter, Oregon, the same being the place for transacting the business of said estate, in the county of Baker and state of Oregon.

Dated June 29, 1904.

FRED FONTAINE,

Administrator of the Estate of T. M. Lavin, deceased.

Elk Head Saloon.

Elk Head Whiskey, old, fine and mellow, at the Elk Head saloon, Center street, Old Olympia stand. Try it.