

BELT LINE ELECTRIC ROAD FROM LA GRANDE

Sumpter People Granted a Right of Way By the Union County Court.

T. W. Davidson returned today from La Grande, where he has been for several days past working on an electric road proposition, in conjunction with Lon Cleaver, A. B. Brown and F. A. Philbrick.

He states that the Union county court yesterday granted them a right-of-way over the proposed route. The terms of the franchise require that surveying shall be commenced with in ten days and the road from La Grande to Cove completed by October 1905. A. B. Brown will take charge of the survey personally and start work next week.

The road will be a belt line through the agricultural districts of

Gande Ronde valley, starting at La Grande and running through Island City, Nibley, Cove, Union, Hot Lake, and back to La Grande, 41 1/2 miles in length. From Island City a branch will be run to Elgin via Summerville, a distance of twenty-two miles and tapping one of the finest bodies of timber in the west.

These gentlemen have secured an option on three-quarters of the stock in the U. S. & S. road, four or five miles long, between La Grande and town of Union, which will be a section of the belt line. The road will be standard gauge, electric motive power and modern equipment.

GOLDEN WIZARD TO RESUME OPERATIONS

Dr. L. O. Miller, of Three Rivers, Michigan, president of the Golden Wizard company, accompanied by his son Jasper, arrived in town this morning to look after the interests of the company. Dr. Miller, his son, and manager J. M. McPhee left for the property this afternoon. He will leave tomorrow for Tacoma where a meeting of the directors of the company will be held Monday or Tuesday.

To a Miner representative, Dr. Miller stated that it is the intention of the company to resume operations at once. The details, however, will be arranged at the Tacoma meeting. Another car of machinery for the proposed mill is expected to arrive in a few days and the work of constructing the buildings will be undertaken at once. A long crosscut is proposed, but this and other matters will be settled at the directors' meeting.

GETTING READY FOR MILL AT HUMBOLDT

P. A. Brady, superintendent of the Humboldt and Red Lion, operated by the Fortune Mining company in the Greenhorn came in last night with Mrs. Brady, who left on this afternoon's train to visit a few days in Baker City.

Mr. Brady says that the sawmill is practically through cutting timber for the buildings to enclose the new mill, and that the machinery for the plant will be on the ground in a week or such a matter. The bunk and boarding houses are now under way and arrangements are being made to put in the mill as soon as the machinery arrives. In the mine stations are being cut at the 100 foot level, and general work is proceeding satisfactorily.

DOUBLE EAGLE AND SIXTEEN TO ONE

G. T. Kelly, who is interested in the Double Eagle and Sixteen to One in the Greenhorn district, and who has had charge of the development work, was on the train this morning returning from a trip to the coast, Sound and Montana, after an absence of about six months. It will be remembered that Mr. Kelly met with an accident before leaving and he has spent much of the time while away in hospitals in Seattle and Tacoma.

He has fully recovered, however, and is back with a view to resuming work at the properties.

Mr. Kelly spent some time in the mining districts of Montana while away. He thinks Sumpter skins them all as far as he has seen.

Here to Invest.

H. Campbell, of Webster City, Iowa, cousin of Grant Thornburg, of Granite, arrived in town today. He was met here by Mr. Thornburg and driven to Granite.

Mr. Campbell will spend some time in the Granite district looking over the situation. He will look over the district with a view to investment.

To Review District.

A. G. Hillen, of Spokane, special representative of the Mining World, is in town and will remain several days gathering data for a review of the district. Mr. Hillen will visit the outlying camps during the course of his visit.

Timber and Homestead Filings.

Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.



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