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TWENTY TEAMS HAULING ORE TO SMELTER HERE

Date of blowing in Will be Announced One Day Next Week by the Management.

The date on which the Sumpter smelter will resume operations, or in other words blow in for continuous work will be named within the coming week.

The present ore supply, which is large, filling many of the bins, justifies the statement that no difficulty will be encountered as far as keeping the plant going is concerned. More than this, there are now twenty teams on the road bringing ore and concentrates daily. Within the past few days shipments have been received from the Magnolia, Queen of the West, Copper Butte, Granite Creek Gold Mining and Concentrating company, Snow Creek, Jupiter Gold Mining company, also known as the Prairie Diggings. Besides these there are consignments now on the way from properties hitherto not

in the list of shippers. These will be received in a day or so.

In an interview with The Miner, Manager Fuller declined to mention the day of blowing in, but stated it would be made public within the coming week. Mr. Fuller stated that when the plant started a weekly bulletin will be published, showing the ore receipts and shipments.

Mr. Fuller and his assistants have, since they assumed management of the company a few months back, labored systematically to create a permanent ore supply, and their success is to be applauded by the mining and business interests of not only Sumpter, but eastern Oregon at large. The starting of the smelter means a great deal for the town from a general business standpoint, and for the mining industry of the state as well.

DENVER FOR PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS CHOSEN

Tony Mohr returned this forenoon from Portland, where he went to attend the meeting of the American Mining congress. He reports an interesting session, but left before the big contest of deciding on permanent location of headquarters.

The Associated press last night sent out the following very unsatisfactory report of yesterday's proceedings:

"Portland, August 26—The American Mining congress relapsed into the routine of the official program, after having spent the greater part of the past twenty-four hours in a hard fought contest over the location of permanent headquarters, which came to an end early this afternoon with a decision in favor of Denver. The only other matter of importance was the election of Joseph T. Cornforth, of Alaska, as an honorary life member, in recognition of his services

to the congress of which he was a charter member."

El Paso was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting, says Mr. Mohr.

While the session in general was interesting, Mr. Mohr is not thoroughly pleased with the situation as far as eastern Oregon is concerned. It was generally supposed that eastern Oregon had representatives at the congress, but such was not the case. The delegates appointed by the Sumpter branch of the Oregon Association and those appointed by the mayor had no vote. They were required to dig up \$7 to entitle them to the privilege of voting and this they were not disposed to do.

Mr. Mohr is in favor of cutting away from the Portland haphazards and cheese mongers and organizing a distinct eastern Oregon Mining association without the aid or consent of Portland, southern Oregon or any other part of the state. He says:

"Portland has a fossiliferous aggregation that poses as mining men which in truth does the industry of

the state more harm than good. I am in favor of organizing an eastern Oregon association. We have the material here to make a live organization, which will have recognition by the Mining congress and by the state legislature when it comes to enacting mining laws."

H. H. Nicholson, of Denver, consulting engineer for the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, returned today from the meeting of the Mining Congress at Portland. He reports a good meeting.

While Mr. Nicholson, being a modest man, takes none of the credit for Denver having been made the permanent home of the congress, the fact that his picture appears in the Telegram with the four others from Colorado who were instrumental in lauding for Denver against the forty delegates from Utah, looks very much like he played a strong hand in the matter.

Following is the list of officers and directors elected before adjournment: President—J. H. Richards, of Idaho.

First vice president—Thomas Ewing, of San Francisco.

Second vice president—Dr. E. R. Buckley, of Rolla, Missouri.

Third vice president—A. W. Gifford, of El Paso, Texas.

Acting Secretary—J. F. Calbraeth, of Denver.

Directors J. H. Richards, of Idaho; E. R. Buckley, Missouri; John Dern, Utah; J. Frank Watson, Oregon; Thomas Ewing, California; A. W. Gifford, Texas; William Leunox, Colorado; J. T. Cornforth, Alaska; George W. E. Dorsey, Nebraska.

Opals Found Near Pilot Rock.

Marion Smith, road supervisor for Pilot Rock precinct, has made a discovery that may in time develop into a very rich opal mine. While taking his summer vacation at Hildaway he discovered while strolling along the banks of the creek, from which Hildaway takes its name, what he claims to be a ledge of fire opals. A few of these gems were exhibited about town and sent away to be assayed. Mr. Smith is very much elated over his find. From being a Julius Caesar in the way of a road builder he soon expects to be an opal king, with money to throw at the birds. The few specimens exhibited appear to possess some value, being exceptionally bright and possessing display of colors of delicate tints. Whether or not the ledge discovered will pan out and prove of any commercial value remains to be seen. Accompanied by S. L. Morse, he returned to the place Monday, intending to do some more prospecting work to find the extent of the ledge, and if all proves satisfactory will soon organize a company.—Pilot Rock Record.

TO BUILD OR NOT TO BUILD

Joseph West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley, went through to Tipton today. Mr. West says it is not probable that an attempt will be made to complete the John Day extension this fall. While at Baker City he had a conference with President Eccles, but nothing definite was determined. Mr. West made these statements to a Miner representative.

"It is hardly probable that we will make an attempt to complete the extension this fall, as it is getting too late now to undertake it. However, we are grading beyond Tipton, and will probably make an effort to clear the right of way for the whole distance before snow. This will put us in a position to resume work in the early spring as soon as the snow has disappeared, and push it to completion before the season is old."

While this may not be taken as the ultimate conclusion, Mr. West thinks it will probably be the course pursued.

GRANDE RONDE BELT LINE

A. B. Browne, who has charge of the preliminary survey for the Grande Ronde belt line, which is being promoted by the Eastern Oregon Development company of which Mr. Browne is a member and the consulting engineer, was on the train this morning going to Canyon City to appear as a witness in the Equity-Keystone case, which was called today.

Mr. Browne's absence will delay the work somewhat, but even with this he thinks it can be completed in the next two weeks.

The water power on the Minam river has not yet been touched, but this will be looked after as soon as the preliminary survey is completed. A rough estimate places the power there at 20,000 horse power. This will furnish all that can possibly be needed for the operation of the belt line.

T. W. Davidson is now in east on the project. No doubt is expressed but that the line will be built at an early day.

Nick Talliaferro left this afternoon for Custer, Idaho, where he has some mining interests. Mr. Talliaferro will be gone about two months doing work at his claims.