

GRADING ROAD FOR AUTOMOBILE LINE

Arobie Mason, a well known railroad contractor, left Portland yesterday morning for Shaniko, with an extensive outfit of men and teams to go to work on the road for the proposed automobile line between Shaniko and Bend, says a press dispatch.

The road will be eighty miles long" said Mr. Mason, and its cost will average three thousand dollars a mile, making \$240,000 the amount required for its construction. We hope to complete the contract within the next seven months.

"The Deschutes Irrigation and Power company is at the back of the enterprise. It has large holdings of land in Crook county and already has 150 miles of ditches in position and will finally bring 500,000 acres of land under irrigation. In order to sell this land it becomes necessary to build a good road into it. This will now be done and travelers by automobile will be able to make the eighty miles in five hours when we get the road completed.

"The average grade of the road is not more than three per cent, although there are a few short stretches where it runs as high as twelve per cent. The width of the road will be sixteen feet, which will permit of automobiles passing each other in perfect safety. No teams will be permitted to use the grade, as the company has a deed to the right of way for the entire distance.

LARGE TONNAGE IN SIGHT FOR SMELTER

While in Baker City yesterday, Manager Fuller said to a Democrat reporter:

"Yes, the operation of the Sumpter smelter is an assured fact. The furnaces were blown in yesterday and the slag is running. Every department of the smelter is being operated and what is best of all the smelter will not shut down unless it be for repairs. I am glad to say that very satisfactory arrangements have been made for ores and fluxes. We expect to receive and treat every class of ore from every section and mining district of eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. Our contracts justify this statement.

"I have traveled over every foot of the mining sections of eastern Oregon on horseback during the past few months, and I can say nothing stronger than that I thoroughly believe in this mining country and its future. You might say that in the past its products have only been shipped out by the thimbleful and mining done in the most primitive manner, except in a few notable cases. Large tonnage is now in sight and scientific mining is being done."

Twenty-Dollar Magnolia Ore.

Al Jones received his assay return this forenoon for the sample of Magnolia ore brought in yesterday, of which mention was made in The Miner. The ore carried \$20 in gold, which is considerably better than the average ore from the mine, it being about eleven dollars. The appearance of the rock, the formation and the solid character of the four feet of ledge matter and this assay all indicate that a valuable

ore shoot has been uncovered. It has always been the theory of those most familiar with this property that higher values would be found as the lower tunnel penetrates the mountain, because the surface values at the summit tell this story, and the theory is now being substantiated.

STOCKHOLDERS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Judge H. M. Cake, of Portland, president of the Mountain View, president of the Portland chamber of commerce and promoter of the Oregon Development League, accompanied by Walter White, also of Portland, returned today from the Mountain View and left for Portland. Mr. White is a stockholder in the Mountain View.

Judge Cake is well pleased with the progress being made on the mill. He names no time for its completion, but thirty days will probably see it running, it is thought.

Dr. Techow, superintendent of the property, accompanied the gentlemen to Portland.

U. S. ENGINEER TO INTERIOR COUNTRY

John T. Whistler, of the United States Geological Survey, and land and reclamation service, passed through Sumpter on this morning's train en route to Burns and the interior country.

Mr. Whistler had no statement to make for publication, beyond the fact that his trip is one of general investigation along the line of irrigation work. He will probably be out couple or three weeks.

New Assay Office.

Charles Raht, the well known assayer, will open an office tomorrow in the Sumpter Sampling and Testing Works building on Cracker street. Mr. Raht says that he had several locations in view, but this seemed the best adapted to his purpose. His outfit is here and he will be ready for business tomorrow.

Will Make Great Showing.

Albert Loy and George Howland, who have mining properties at the head of North Powder and Little Cracker, came to town today. Their properties in the vicinity, they say, are looking good, and they are of the opinion that the district will in time make a great showing.

Sorting Ore at Listen Lake.

Colonel E. S. Topping came in from the Listen Lake this afternoon, where he has been sorting ore for the company. The colonel says the work is progressing good. The shaft is now down to the 160 foot level, and the company is preparing to crosscut. This is one of the big copper propositions of the district.

Tipton Telephone.

C. H. Barnard came in last night from Tipton, where he has just completed a telephone pole contract for the Whitney-Tipton line. The poles have all been distributed, and it is understood that the line will be finished in a short time.

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