

SUMPTER SMELTER RUNS FULL BLAST

Tonight the big reduction plant of the Oregon Smelting and Refining company—better known as the Sumpter smelter—will put on a night shift and be operated hereafter continuously, day and night, at fullest capacity.

Since the blowing in of the smelter last summer under new management, only a day shift has been employed. At the recent annual meeting of the Smelting company in New York, Manager Fuller was given free hand in the operation of the plant, and upon his return to Sumpter, immediate steps were taken to operate the plant night and day. Ore con-

tracts in extraordinary number were signed with eastern Oregon and southern Idaho mines, and a sufficient tonnage was secured to warrant operation of the smelter at fullest capacity for an indefinite period.

The employment of a night shift was delayed from time to time, on account of Manager Fuller's and Superintendent Kiroben's inability to get the men they desired.

Manager Fuller said this morning to a Miner reporter:

"Yes; the smelter will hereafter run full time, beginning tonight. Ore deliveries have become so heavy that a night shift is imperative."

PLENTY OF ORE FOR THE SUMPTER EXHIBIT

At the first regular meeting of the board of managers of Sumpter's permanent ore exhibit, held in the lobby of Hotel Sumpter Saturday night, A. L. McEwen, general manager of the Imperial mine, was elected treasurer and Tom Gray secretary. By unanimous vote of the board the treasurer was placed under \$1000 bonds, which Mr. McEwen promptly furnished.

Assistant General Manager Reed, who has charge of the subscription of funds among local merchants and business men, reported the following roll of honor:

Harry T. Hendryx	\$250
N. J. Sorensen & Co	50
Killen, Warner, Stewart company	50
J. P. Holland	50
Bergman & McWatty	50
Sumpter Meat company	50
First National Bank	50
Van Vleet & Wright	50
Basche-Sage Hardware Co.	50
R. E. Strahorn	100
Thornburg & Love	50

Henry Neidemark, manager for the Bourne district, who is also special commissioner for the Oregon ore exhibit at the Lewis & Clark fair, reported flattering success in the collection of ores for the Sumpter exhibit. A couple of tons have been pledged by General Manager Wyatt, of the E. & E; General Manager Melzer, of the North Pole, has promised any quantity desired; General Manager Baillie, of the Columbia, has offered to give a big lot of samples, and L. R. Bellman, of the Cracker Oregon; Don Willard, of the Little Cracker; Anthony Mohr, of the Nine Strike Extension; H. T. Hendryx, of the Victor and Taber Fraction; J. A. Howard, of the Goldconda, and a score of other operators in the Bourne camp have responded liberally to requests for ore.

Mr. Neidemark has conferred with members of the Bourne town council, who express a willingness to appropriate a reasonable sum of money for the Sumpter exhibit. The coun-

oil, however, has discovered a stumbling block in the shape of legal prohibition against such an appropriation. Lawyers are looking for a loophole.

Manager McEwen, representing the Cable Cove district, reported to the board that his mine, the Imperial, will furnish a big ore display. Bellman, of the California; Addoms, of the Alpine; Lilley, of the Last Chance; Bain, of the Overland; Gray, of the Valley Queen; and Holly, of the Holly group, have each pledged creditable exhibits. The Crown Point, Oregon Chief, Storm Chief, Baby McKee, Orleans, Oregon King, Midway and a dozen other properties between Hanover and the Grant county divide, are willing to furnish the required amount.

Manager Otto Herlocker, of the Rock Creek district, has arranged for ore displays from the Balsley-Elkhorn, the Chloride, the Highland, the Platt's group, the Western Union and many other contiguous mines.

The managers for Granite, Alamo, Greenhorn, Susanville, Canyon and Quartzburg also are meeting with success. It is expected that the display from Quartzburg, which district is represented on the board by Zoeth Houser, of the Standard and Dixie mines, will be a corker.

General Manager Mohr reported progress in the matter of leasing suitable quarters for the permanent ore exhibit. Since negotiations for the Vinson building were declared off, efforts have been centered upon securing two suites of rooms in the Wilson brick building, on Granite and Mill. One vacant suite adjoins the smelter office, separated from another vacant suite by the water office. The plan is to move the water office one door north, to the vacant suite, adjoining W. W. Elmer, the mining engineer, thus leaving two adjoining suites available for the exhibit. The well known public spirit of the owner of the building, Dave

Wilson, of Spokane, leads to a belief that he will make satisfactory terms with the exhibit board. A proposition has been submitted to Mr. Wilson, through his agent, E. L. Manning, and a response is daily expected. The suites in question will need but little remodeling, further than the placing of shelves and tables for ore.

The board adjourned, to meet again on March 4.

FACTS ABOUT THE ARIZONA STRIP

At this writing, February 10th, there are well-grounded hopes that Senator Kearns will succeed in his long-continued efforts to have the famous, as well as infamous, "Arizona Strip" ceded to Utah.

That this "Strip" was not a portion of Utah at the time her territorial boundaries were defined, was very likely due to a (now) conspicuous lack of knowledge of the topography of this region, when in 1848 Mexico ceded these western wilds to the United States.

Roughly speaking the "Strip" is about fifty miles long by an average of twenty miles wide and is situated in the northwest corner of Arizona. The north boundary of the "Strip" is the somewhat indefinite south boundary line between Arizona and Utah. The south side boundary is always in evidence and will never be a matter of dispute between these two commonwealths, nor by the outlaws fleeing from justice; for it, the line, is 6000 feet deep in places and passable only at Lee's Ferry in the northeastern portion of the "Strip." At the bottom of the well-defined boundary are the turgid waters of the Colorado river. An outlaw standing on the boundary line and courteously insisting that the pursuing sheriff go over to Phoenix and get requisition papers would not only figuratively speaking, but in reality "see stars" at midday.

The "Strip" has been of no value to Arizona and the only ones who will have cause to lament the transfer will be the cattle thieves, thugs and counterfeiters who during more than a score of years have made this wild section a secure place of refuge. By its acquisition Utah will not only be able to better control its lawless element, but will also have added largely to her already princely domain of mineral wealth.

In the Buckskin mountains there are great deposits of copper ore awaiting the advent of a branch of the D. & R. G. railroad system. At other places enormous dykes of porphyry traverse miles of the "Strip." In the immediate vicinity of these dykes gold has been found, and there is no apparent reason why, when more fully explored, future bonanzas of the yellow metal should not be opened in this section, which, in places, is well-watered, and on the plateaus of which there are great forests of splendid timber.

The "Strip" is magnificent in its picturesqueness, and in places the scenery is both varied and grand. It is a land of vast possibilities, and especially so in its mineral resources, and its very isolation strongly appeals to the prospector, the treasure seeker, the tourist and adventurous explorer. So little is really known of this practically unexplored country that great things may be expected of it when it shall have been thoroughly

explored and investigated and it may be that it will yet prove to be the most valuable and interesting of Utah's possessions.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

Gravel Slide Kills Miners.

News has been received from Grant Pass of the death of Guy Fleming and Bert Garber, two miners employed at the Simmons Hydraulic mine, of the Waldo district, Southern Josephine county. The two men were working in the diggings beneath a high bank, when a slide of many hundred tons broke from the bank and falling suddenly, caught the two men before they could get from beneath it. Their comrades worked heroically to extricate them, but both men were dead when uncovered from the mass of gravel and dirt in which they were entombed.

The Ladd Metals company's smelter at Mineral, Idaho, has closed down and 17 men laid off. The Black Hawk has also shut down. Slush ice at the Snake river ferry to Mineral is given as a cause for suspension of operations.

I. B. Hazeltine and Elmer Overholt completed a telephone line to their mines on Miller mountain in Grant county last week. The line is about four and one-half miles long and for more than half the distance, barbed wire on the fences is used.

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