

Bentonite Mine Begins Working

Texas Firm Starts Greybull Operation

Greybull, Wyo., Aug. 22.—Louie Douglass, president of the Western Clay Products company of Houston, Texas, arrived Thursday to witness the cutting of the first bentonite on the leases of the company.

The firm has completed the construction of a 10-car railroad siding and has unloaded two carloads of milling equipment in preparation for the opening of the mill at Stucco. More machinery will arrive in the near future, according to C. L. Jacobs, Wyoming agent for the company and who is in charge of the local operations. A new dragline was purchased by the company for use in uncovering the product.

The Texas company has been making surveys and tests of the local deposits for the last year and has obtained leases of all the claims belonging to the Emmett brothers of Greybull and the Rockwood Brown group of Billings. Engineers' estimates of the local deposits run between six and seven million tons.

"There is no question that the local deposits contain the best quality bentonite in the country," Douglass said Thursday night.

When normal operations get under way the plant will have an average daily capacity of 150 tons, will employ 25 local men and will have an annual pay roll of \$100,000. Twelve men have been employed at the mill site since the preliminary work began.

Douglass said that the Greybull mill would process bentonite for three different purposes, that of oil well drilling, foundry work and for reclamation construction. A warehouse will be established at Stucco which will store several thousand bags of the product for the oil industry of this section.

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