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AT THE SPOKANE FAIR

EASTERN OREGON'S MINERAL EXHIBIT IS THE BEST.

Captain Thompson Says it is Attracting Universal Favorable Attention.—This Advertising Will Result in Much Good.

Captain C. H. Thompson and Angus McQueen returned yesterday from Spokane and have established themselves in the building which the former recently purchased on the corner of Center and North streets. There will be the office of the Bunker Hill Mining company, in charge of Eugene Sperry, the company's book keeper, who came down from Spokane with them.

John J. Penhale, a capitalist from Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, who is largely interested in the Bunker Hill, accompanied them to Sumpter, for the purpose of inspecting this mining district and especially the properties in which he has holdings. He will remain here for some days.

Captain Thompson is enthusiastic over our mineral exhibit at the Spokane fair; says that the eastern Oregon display is by all odds the best in the department, and that the Sumpter samples, occupying the center of the stage, as it were, are all right and attract universal favorable attention. It is the general impression that the eastern Oregon exhibit will be awarded the premium.

There are many mining men from all over the West and some from the East in attendance at the fair and, of course, the department of mines and minerals commands their especial attention. This section of country having such a splendid collection of ores there, is therefore resulting in the very best kind of advertising, the beneficial results from which will soon be made apparent.

Rushing Work on the Reservoir.

Work on the reservoir is progressing right along. There are many workmen engaged in excavating. James Cornfield is in charge of a squad of twenty men running the viaduct. The first grade has reached near the reservoir, and the men are now making the second run, blasting rock and otherwise opening the course. There will be one place across a gulch that will be piped; the rest of the way will be an open ditch. Mr. Cornfield is rushing the work and says he will have his part of it finished within a few weeks, probably before the reservoir is ready for it.

Sumpter Water Company.

W. L. Vinson returned home Thursday, after spending a week in Portland. He left again Saturday for a hurried business trip to Portland and other coast cities. While on the former trip he bought sixty tons of mains for the Sumpter water works, which will begin arriving this week. Two carloads will probably reach here today. Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office Friday for the Sumpter Water company. The incorporators are W. L. Vinson, A. P. Goss and C. J. Johns. The capital stock is \$50,000.

Sumpter Telephone System.

Activity in the telephone business is noted by the many new wires strung along the streets the past week. Two lines out-

side have been run in addition to those already in use; one to Bunker Hill and another to the Ilex mine. There are about thirty instruments now in use in town and a dozen more soon to be placed. Four phones are on the Canyon line, two on the Granite and six at Canyon. The service has so far increased as to necessitate an additional operator. Miss Alpha Jenkins is manager and is assisted by her sister. As soon as the new central office is completed, a directory will be published.

PORTLAND IS INTERESTED.

Beginning to Realize That Opportunities Are Here For Investment.

W. C. Calder reached home Sunday from Portland, where he has been for a week or ten days past. He reports that the business men of that town are beginning to realize the fact that there are splendid opportunities for the profitable investment of capital in eastern Oregon, especially in the Sumpter district, and he received numerous enquiries regarding the town and country. A number of men expressed a desire to invest money here, some small amounts and others large sums.

Mr. Calder had an interesting, if not pleasant, experience while in the web-foot metropolis. He was asked by the business manager of the Telegram to call on the editor and grant him an interview relative to this section of the state. He had scarcely been introduced when the enterprising editor attempted to hold him up for what he thought was the size of his vest pocket roll, by remarking:

"When I was booming a town up on Puget Sound, I was always glad to pay seventy-five or a hundred to get a column or so in one of the city papers."

Mr. Calder was not playing his money in on that game, so the interview terminated abruptly. An effort was made to square the coarse attempt at a graft, but without success.

While in Portland Mr. Calder perfected the incorporation of the Inter-Mountain Mining company.

Electric Power for the Mines.

C. H. Leadbetter, of Portland, one of the owners of Columbia River Paper mill, has been in Sumpter for some days past. Mr. Leadbetter is spending \$50,000 developing a splendid water right on the North Fork of John Day river, for the generation of electric power, which he will sell to the various mines in this district. To the farthest mine which has thus far signified an intention to use the power, it will have to be transmitted only twenty miles. The mains are now being laid and the wheels will begin to turn by the first of next June.

Stamps Dropping on the Gold Eagle.

On the twenty-second; at 10:30 a. m., stamps began thumping rock at the Gold Eagle mine, Greenhorn district, owned by twenty-one residents of The Dalles, who have put up about \$1,800 each the past two years. Its assessment days are now practically ended and we predict that this mine will soon become as famous as its near neighbors, the Bonanza and the Red Boy. T. A. Hudson, one of the owners, just from there, reports a veritable boom on in that region.—Sherman County Observer.

Hurt-Starr Nuptials.

J. G. Hurt, book keeper for the McEwen & Sloan Stage and Transfer company, married Miss Pearl Starr, of Baker City, last evening. The popular groom and his bride will come at once to Sumpter to live and will receive the congratulations of many friends.

BROKERS, LOOK OUT!

Lady Enters the Prolific Field of Financiering.

Real estate and mining operators here and hereabouts had better be looking to their laurels—and commissions. There is another Richmond in the field, a firm with a lady at its head, that is destined to cut much ice in this prolific branch of financiering. Brock & Herlocker is the firm name.

Otto Herlocker, the mere man in the business, can be easily and briefly disposed of. Until recently he has been bookkeeper for the great Gokonda mine, and, of course, resigned that position when offered so advantageous a business alliance. Prior to that, he filled a similar place with the world-famed Le Roi, in British Columbia, and has been engaged in various mining enterprises for the past ten years. His training and experience thoroughly equip him for this line of effort. He has been so fortunate as to secure a residence here, and has already brought his family to Sumpter to reside.

Not so with the senior partner, however. She demands a more extended notice. Even here in the unconventional West, it must be confessed that it is not an everyday occurrence for a lady to branch out in business for herself on this broad basis; that it is an interesting novelty, at least. With a view to ascertaining the whys and wherefores of this move, for public consumption and edification, a MINER man dared to interview the lady on the subject. The emotions engendered by the matter of fact query, "What's your idea in going into business for yourself?" would have caused the average man to reply: "That's none of your business." But Mrs. Ada A. Brock is a woman of tact, and the idea flashed through her quick brain, "This is one of my first annoyances in this new sphere which I am entering, and I had better make the best of it." All this was clearly written on her expressive face, which she has not yet schooled to conceal her thoughts—of a non-social nature. Having reached this wise decision, she talked graciously to the newspaper man, and this is the import of what she said:

"I want to make some money for and by my own self. I see an opportunity here in Sumpter for realizing this very pronounced wish of mine, and as there is nothing so very shocking about the matter, I am going to make the effort—and succeed, too, you see if I don't. A woman has just as much right to sell town lots and mines as she has to sell millinery or run a boarding house. The idea was first suggested to me by an offer received from some friends in the East to have me invest some capital for them in the mines. I came out here from our home in Portland to visit my brother last June. I saw the opportunity and am just now grasping it. I have thought of it all the while, however, and have done some talking about it, too. Since it became known that I contemplated taking such a step, I have had seven offers from people to go into partnership with me, but have finally selected Mr. Herlocker for the victim. Our families are old friends. Now, that's all there is about it, and don't you go make any sensation of it, either."

The reader will make a great mistake if he pictures Mrs. Brock of the manish, new woman type, for she is the reverse; in appearance and manner intensely femi-

nine, possessed of womanly graces. She dresses with exquisite taste and evidently loves a pretty gown and "fetching" hat.

The firm has fitted up handsome offices in the Healy block, where there are evidences of woman's presence; but it is not manifested by tidies and yellow-bordered towels tied to the backs of chairs. Stocking and handling mining properties will be given especial attention; though all branches of the brokerage business will be transacted.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Prisoner in the City Jail Tries to Hang Himself.

Sunday, while a porter in one of the dance halls was carrying a meal to one of the inmates, he stumbled on Granite street near Cracker and spilled the contents of the tray on the sidewalk. The city marshal happened along about that time and remonstrated with him. The man was probably drunk at the time and gave the officer some "back talk." This jaw-bone contest continued for some time, and the marshal finally attempted to arrest him, and was resisted. He drew his club and gave the man several blows on the head, cutting it open to the bone, but, it is thought, not fracturing it. The offender was finally landed in the lock-up.

Returning there an hour later, the marshal found the prisoner exhausted from strangulation, he having tied his handkerchief around his neck, his suspenders to the handkerchief and the iron bars across the window, and lay down to die. He was cut down and soon regained consciousness.

Judge Stott says that no charge was preferred against the prisoner, and that he has been released without a hearing.

Capitalist Here Looking for Investments.

George M. McDowell, of Portland, has been in and about Sumpter for several days past. He came here with letters of introduction from men of prominence in Portland and evidently means business. He has over \$50,000, principally Colorado money, to invest in Sumpter real estate and some mining enterprise. Mr. McDowell is the gentleman who built the large sampling works at Nelson, British Columbia, and would like to put in a plant here, but does not care to interfere with any local enterprise. It is hoped, however, that some amicable agreement will be reached, which will induce him to engage in this business here. The erection by him of a large business block is also probable. In speaking of Sumpter, the gentleman said: "Everything looks favorable here for a large, prosperous and permanent camp, and in General Warren the town has the very best man who could be found to promote its interests. He is big in his ideas, comprehensive in conception, liberal in his methods and a napoleonic in execution. I have learned this in my business dealings with him."

Bank of Sumpter.

A. P. Goss returned several days since from Portland, where he went on business connected with his "Bank of Sumpter." While there he purchased bank fixtures. The brick building is being rushed to an early completion. This will be a private bank, "run like a butcher shop," says Mr. Goss, the president. A. J. Goss, father of A. P., will be the cashier. He will arrive in Sumpter from St. Paul by the time the building is finished. While the capital stock is not made public, the institution will have ample means at its command. The date for commencing business cannot now be fixed.