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## ANOTHER SAW MILL ARRIVES.

### THREE CAR LOADS OF MACHIN- ERY CAME YESTERDAY.

To Be Operated by Puget Sound Lum-  
bermen—Site Not Yet Selected—Why  
Timber Lands Were Not Purchased—  
Will Ship to Sumpter at Once One Mil-  
lion Feet of Fir Lumber.

Three car loads of saw mill machinery arrived in Sumpter yesterday, consigned to the A. C. Shaw Lumber company, of Tacoma.

This is the result of a visit to this place by W. B. Allen, an active member of the company, about six weeks since. He looked over the situation here, saw that vast quantities of lumber would be used during the coming months, that mills already here, at Baker City and other tributary towns would not be able to supply the demand, and determined to enter the field.

He returned to Sumpter a week or ten days since, accompanied by Mr. Blumer, a mill man of long and successful experience, who will have charge of the business here. They put in several days trying to buy a tract of timber land near this camp, intending to erect the mill in the heart of the standing pines. They found two or three tracts suitable for this purpose which could be bought at reasonable figures, but on further investigation learned that prospectors were locating quartz claims on every hand, and decided not to take chances on a contest.

This condition of affairs led to the conclusion that it would be best to build the mill within the corporate limits of Sumpter, convenient to both transportation facilities and the active, ever increasing market. A site has not yet been definitely selected, though one will be in a day or two. Logs will be bought from owners of land.

The mill will have a capacity of 30,000 feet a day, and will be in operation before the New Year arrives.

Mr. Allen left several days since for the Sound and will ship to Sumpter at once a million feet of flooring and other grades of fir lumber.

### "The Logger" Now Carries the Mails.

At last a slight improvement has been made in the mail service to Sumpter. An order was received yesterday from the postoffice department that the logger, as well as the passenger train on the Sumpter Valley road shall carry the mails. The order went into effect immediately and the train which arrived here last evening brought in the mail from the north and west. This will, in a large measure, relieve the postoffice force of the necessity of doing most of the work between 11 a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m. It will also obviate the long delay in opening the delivery window after the arrival of the 10:30 train.

### Good Citizen for Sumpter.

Thomas Gray, who has resided in Rossland for a half dozen years past, being there associated with Governor Mackintosh for some time past, has come to Sumpter to remain permanently. Mr. Gray will represent the corporate holdings of subjects of the queen in the Sumpter Townsite syndicate, voting their proxies at meet-

ings of directors, and voicing their wishes in other matters where a legal formula must be followed. This is made necessary, national statutes prohibiting aliens from exercising control of domestic corporations. Mr. Gray is an American citizen and a good one for any town. He is a general, pleasant gentleman, withal, and is destined to cut much ice in these parts, both in a business and social way. His official position is that of auditor of the syndicate.

### Manganese Found Near Sumpter.

J. N. Van Dorn has located a 20-foot body of manganese iron ore within a mile of Sumpter. The rock is greatly decomposed on the surface, but tests show it carries a large percentage of iron. Mr. Van Dorn has sunk ten feet on the vein and cross cut to show its extent. Samples have been sent the head offices of the Union Smelter Manufacturing company, in St. Louis, which contemplates the erection of a 50-ton plant in this city, and if it is found to be useful as a flux, Mr. Van Dorn has a bonanza.

### WATER MAINS, 4000 FEET.

#### This Amount Had Been Laid Last Night and Trenches Extended.

Last night there were 4000 feet of water main laid and the trenches covered up. The main comes down Mill street from the reservoir, and has reached the railroad track. A branch runs west on North street to Cracker, and on Granite the same distance.

The trench has been excavated east on Granite to Columbia and the main will probably be in position by night. It will be extended in both directions on Columbia. Other territory which will be covered immediately will be the South Sumpter addition and along Sumpter street.

Chief Engineer Philbrick says that in ten days, if material arrives on time, the system will be completed. The hydrants have not yet reached here, though they are expected daily. This is causing some delay in completing that portion of the work otherwise finished. Cement lining is now being put in the reservoir.

A small army of men have been engaged on the work of excavating and laying the main and it has been expedited with gratifying speed, the street along no single block having been torn up more than two days. A week ago the ditch could scarcely be seen up the hill on Mill street, and today the business portion of Sumpter is already covered.

Water will in all probability be turned on by the fifteenth.

### Grand Hotel, Granite, Sold.

Grant Thornburg, of Granite, who for several years past has owned and conducted the Grand Hotel at that thriving camp, sold Monday the entire property and good will of the place for a consideration said to be \$18,000, to B. W. Levins, formerly of Baker City. At 12 o'clock today he took possession of the hotel in every department. This house is already known as a popular and well conducted one, and its former reputation will certainly not suffer in the hands of its new proprietor, who is an experienced hotel manager of many years standing. Grant Thornburg will in future give the major portion of his time to the various mining and town site affairs in which he is interested, and which it is understood includes the installment of a new waterworks system for Granite.

### Eighteen Thousand Egg Omelettes.

C. J. Johns & Company have just received 3000 dozen eggs, being the largest shipment of hen fruit ever made to Baker county.

## ELECTION RESULTS.

### "INDEPENDENT" CANDIDATES CHOSEN YESTERDAY.

Tie on Marshal Between Austin and Canavan—E. L. Manning Recorder—Present Aldermen Reelected—Number of Votes Cast 428, an Unexpectedly Large Increase—Sumpter's Population Over 2500.

At the municipal election held in Sumpter yesterday these candidates were elected:

Aldermen, A. W. Ellis, W. W. Looney and William Stinson, all present incumbents.

Recorder, E. L. Manning.

Marshal, a tie between John Austin and P. J. Canavan.

There were 428 votes cast, and as is usually the case, many voters neglected to vote for all the candidates, as is shown by the fact that the highest vote cast for alderman was 285, for William Stinson. There were only four candidates, three of whom were to be elected, which, even had there been a tie, would have entitled each to 321 votes.

For recorder and marshal there was a spirited contest; for the former the total vote being 417, and the latter 416. The vote in detail is:

Recorder—E. L. Manning 175, W. W. Felix 147, E. C. Steffen 95.

Marshal—John Austin 99, P. J. Canavan 99, George Baker 97, F. D. Morton 70, A. J. Wenrich 51.

Alderman—William Stinson 285, A. W. Ellis 257, W. W. Looney 256, J. F. Alden 204.

All those candidates who were down on the official ballot as "independent," were elected, save John Austin, who tied P. J. Canavan, "republican." There were no party nominations.

The vote is a surprising increase over that of a year ago, when the total was only 136; surprising even to those who were fully aware of the large increase in population. Many of the new comers are evidently from other sections of the state, and only required a residence here of thirty days to entitle them to the elective franchise. The most conservative estimate THE MINER has heard relative to the proportion of legal voters to the present male population is fifty per cent; while many claim that it is not more than one-third. Taking the former estimate, there are in Sumpter 856 men; which according to the lowest ratio on which population is computed, based on the known number of males over twenty-one years of age, that of three to one, would give Sumpter a population of 2568—and the town comes near pretty having that many people within its corporate limits.

The vote was nearly 100 greater than that polled in Baker City a few weeks since.

### Sold 20 Lots, Will Build 12 Houses.

Yesterday W. H. Mosby sold twenty lots in the Sumpter Townsite syndicate's first addition. Twelve of the buyers will erect as many homes on their property, as soon as they can secure lumber with which to build.

### Play for Benefit of Hospital.

Sometime between the twentieth and twenty-fifth of this month the play, A Noble Outcast, will be presented by local talent at Ellis opera house, for the benefit

of the hospital. The first rehearsal will be held this evening. The cast is Jerry Weston, H. K. Wheeler; Cheeky Grit, F. J. Snipes; James Blackburn, Mr. Spencer; Jack Worthington, E. E. Brooks; the officer, Mr. Hurshman; Colonel Lee, A. P. Coss; Nana Lee, Miss Emma Starr; Sadie, Miss Emma Worswick; Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Herlocker. Dr. Brooks will drill the performers. Both he and Miss Starr took part in the play when presented in Baker City some time ago. Mesdames Richards and Murphey are managing the enterprise.

### Hospital Meeting.

A general meeting is called at the offices of the Sumpter Townsite Syndicate for tomorrow evening, to elect trustees and appoint officers and physicians staff for the Protestant hospital, and also to inspect the plans for building the same. Every man and woman in or near Sumpter who is interested in this much needed enterprise is earnestly asked to be present and assist in the organization.

### HOW THE DIADEM WAS LOST.

#### Money for Its Purchase was Deposited in a Portland Bank.

W. C. Dawson, of Portland, reached Sumpter last evening. He is a partner of George W. McDowell, who visited Sumpter a month or six weeks since. While here he secured an option on the Diadem and, Mr. Dawson says, the money to pay for it was placed in a Portland bank, but owing to some delay, was not transmitted to Sumpter before the bond expired, so they lost the opportunity to secure this valuable property, which was taken by Montana parties.

Mr. Dawson will go out into the hills tomorrow to examine another mine, and if it is as represented, he will buy it.

He says that Portland people are finally waking up to the fact that the Sumpter district is a marvel of mineral wealth and that the way that they are going to fall over each other in their efforts to get in on the proposition at no distant day, will surprise the people of this section—as well as themselves. There are over 300 men, from every section of the country, wintering in Portland, who will come to Sumpter in the spring; either to invest in mines or engage in business. Regarding this number, he says, it is not a matter of guess work, but the result of investigation by brokers, like himself, who are interested in the subject. They are not alive to the importance of reaching here ahead of the spring rush.

Mr. Dawson will take back with him some Sumpter district mining stocks and offer them for sale to the Portland public, which he thinks is now in the mood to buy.

### Warning to the Public.

During the past week a fakir by the name of H. Devore, has been around town soliciting advertising on a bill-of-fare proposition, claiming that he was representing THE MINER. Such was not the case. He ordered the work done at this office, but never delivered it; collected from the advertisers and left town. He worked the firms whose advertisements he had secured, by offering a proof sheet as evidence that the bills would be printed. It is learned that he is now operating in Baker City. Printing offices and merchants of that town will do well to give him a wide berth.

### Insurance Men in Sumpter.

Geo. A. Crux, A. C. Thornton and L. W. Knight, all insurance men from San Francisco, reached here last evening and put in this forenoon looking over the field, with a view of future business. W. C. Calder showed them around and didn't neglect to let them see some choice property owned by the syndicate, which, if they work it right and cunning, they may be permitted to buy.