Sumpter Building Notes

Sumpter's greatest, most crying need at present is more buildings! New hotels, lodging houses, business blocks and residences. Extravagantly high rents could be secured were there here any houses to let, but there are absolutely none. The Miner was forced to go to an old shack which was until ten days since used as a hay barn.

A number of carpenters are here, working from sun up till dark in a vain effort to supply this demand, and the writer can not here resist the temptation to ring in that hackneyed expression about the trouble of building with the music of saw and hammer. There are a score or more of buildings now in course of erection, and the great distance they are being built for a special purpose in most cases the owners themselves will occupy them.

Contractor T. N. Larsen, recently from Spokane, is erecting two business houses. One is for Mr. Montague on the corner of Main and Cracker street, lot 1813, 24x40 feet, 1,440 square feet, to cost $1,440. It will be occupied as a saloon and lodging house.

Another house is to be built by Mr. Kirk, on Cracker street, 20x60 feet, 1,200 square feet, to cost $1,200. It will be occupied by the owner.

Johns, E. W., Stanley is having built on North street a 14 room lodging house, 256 by 46 by 28 feet high, at a cost of $4,000. Mr. W. W. Watson is the contractor and Mr. P. D. Schiffer the fortunate tenant.

J. H. E. Britten is working for himself, on Austin street, a two story 24x40 house, which he intended to use as a blacksmith shop, but lived to money and was induced to rent it temporarily for a feed store. Besides his own labor, he is investing $500 in the enterprise.

Two lots west of this, O. Bruchelt is having erected a 40x80 house, 20x60, which will be used as a bakery. It is as high as a church, but only one story. S. H. Sumters is the contractor.

On the same block, corner of Granite and Mill street, H. B. Griffin is having built a two story lodging house, 100x40, feet, at a cost of $800, Z. Arnold, contractor.

Mrs. E. E. Britten is having an addition to her Mill street lodging house, 24x24, feet, to cost $400. Contractor A. H. Shortridge is doing the work.

At the corner of Granite and Mill streets, F. H. Neill has erected another for which he recently paid off a building which he will occupy as a grocery and butcher store. It is 22x24 feet, two stories high and will cost $1,000, J. O. Haskew, builder.

Contractor J. C. White is building for C. J. Johns the first private warehouse to be erected in Sumpter. It is located next the railroad track at the Cracker street crossing, is 32x40 feet and will cost $800.

The above foundation has been laid on Mill street for the first brick block to be constructed in the city. A. P. Goss, of the Miners, will be the owner and will occupy it as a bank. The building will be 20x40 feet, and a letter from Mr. Goss is expected every day by his agent here, Attorney C. H. McCullock, instructing him whether to let the contract for one or two stories. There is already finished a solid rock foundation for the main. The building will be trimmed with gray stone and have an artistic roof, with large plate glass windows, located on Mill street.

Though the above is the first brick on which work has been started, it is still an open question as to whether it will be the first completed, as the Basche Hardware Company, of Baker City, which recently arrived here in possession of W. R. Haskell, together with his building and lot, will let on the istant the contract for erection where the frame building now stands, a brick 26x100 feet two stories high, to be completed by the middle of November. Claude C. Basche is the local manager of the business and will attend to the construction of this building as well.

Mr. Cowden, a recent arrival from Salt Lake, an old time Nevada miner, has had the small cottage on the northeast corner of Mill and North streets, moved one block east, to Columbia street, jacked up twelve feet and is remodeling it into a comfortable two story residence.

On the site formerly occupied by the cottage he will build a hotel go by 30 feet, two stories and a stone basement the entire length and breadth of the building, it will be steam heated, electric lighted, plastered for hot and cold water, furnished with a dozen bath rooms. Work on this house will commence as soon as it is definitely settled when the water works will be completed.

D. A. Walton has just about completed a house for H. W. Sloan an attractive residence feet, 100x40 feet, to a cost of $600, corner of Crocker and Sumpter. It has already been rented.

McEwen & Sloan have decided to build a warehouse 24x100 feet near the railroad crossing on Center street. The contract will be let in a few days.

The townsite company has sold two lots on Mill street, two feet square, the provisions of the deed to which provide that the purchaser shall build thereon a fifty room modern hotel, with all convenience, and that work on the house shall begin not later than October 1. The name of the gentleman who bought the lots the syndicate does not at present desire to divulge.

There are a dozen or more handsome little cottages being built in all resident portions of the town. The compiler of these statistics being a comparative stranger here, has found it next to impossible to secure in the limited time the names, location and figures connected with it. In several instances the men in charge of the work confessed that they didn't know for whom they were doing the work. We will all be better acquainted with each other later on. This is one of the regulation features of a rapidly growing town.

Purchase of the Intermountain Mine.

One of the important mining deals which have been consummated here recently and of which little or nothing has been said, is the purchase by E. G. Finch, of Roseland, R. C., and W. C. Calder, of this city, from William Schnarr and A. J. Hahn of the property known as the Intermountain, located in the Green Horn mountains, 28 miles from Sumpter and one mile from the Little Giant, which property is under the management of W. L. Vincent.

The Intermountain is known to be one of the best in the district, the ore being of so high a grade as to justify shipments under the unfavorable conditions of the past ten years. Mr. Finch and Mr. Calder will build roads and put in machinery this fall, make further developments and shipments this winter. There is now a large quantity of ore on the dump, the price paid for this mine is not known but it is generally believed that the former owners received a good round sum.

The Union Bargain Store will carry in the future a line of ladies' walking and sailor hats. They will arrive in about one weeks' time. Save your orders until you see these goods. Case & Co.

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