SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY.

Increase in Attendance Over Last Year

Of More Than 33 Per Cent.

After a delay of a week, due to uncompleted repairs in the building, the city school opened Monday, with Prof. W. L. Saling as principal and teacher of the higher grades, assisted by Miss Anna A. Meinhard. Messrs. Meinhard has charge of the primary grades.

This is the second term here for both of these teachers, they having taught school from October 1, 1898, to April 22, 1899, and gave entire satisfaction.

The last session continued seven months; this one will be of eight months duration, the strength of the school being controlled by the district treasurers, and in turn controlled by the state of the finances.

Ordinarily the school closes and re-

tends to give a very accurate basis on which to calculate the population, but in this community such is not the case. The reason therefore is obvious. There has been a very great and sudden increase in the population of Sumpter during the past three or four months; many men have come here to reside, but have not yet brought their families. Here being no houses in which to lodge them.

Sumpter May Soon Have a Schoolhouse.

P. R. Bishop, of the Climax mine, made a hurried visit to Sumpter today for the purpose of meeting Mr. H. Meinhard, president of the Union Smelter Manufacturing company, of St. Louis, who has come here to look over the field with a view to assisting financially the enterprise of building a school-house here—incidentally, of course, expecting to sell the machinery thereon. There is no question but what Sumpter will soon have a schoolhouse, and this, it would be a paying proposition, as there are innumerable lost grade properties in the vicinity, the ore from which does not pass to ship to distant reduction works, but could easily be utilized by the school district to both mine owner and tenants. This MINER hopes Messrs. Bishop and Mein-

land will succeed in the worthy effort to promote the enterprise.

Has Face of a Bishop, the Heart of a Sportsman.

Don Donaldson, representing the Idaho Statesman, was in town this week following up the people and doing business for his paper, which is the only daily with As-

sociated press dispatches that reaches Sumpter on the day of publication. He
d says this camp is the easiest thing he ever got mixed up with that judging from his experience he has never been beat by the despiser, of hypersensitive minds. Mr.

Donaldson is a gentle man of striking ap-

pearance, six feet and a few inches tall.

high, of unlimited appetites, has the smooth face of a bishop, the heart of a sportsman, the appliance of a hired man and the ears of a Federa that amuse him from feet to tip of lip.

Fabulously Rich Golconda Rock.

Mr. McGlinchey, owner of the Golconda mine, has for two or three weeks past been showing around town wonderfully rich specimens of ore from his property. The rock is full of fine gold in large particles, some samples shown actually containing more gold than all the all-transportation companies handling this rock, now send armed guards along with it, as it were refined bullion. J. T. E. Sumpter left Sumpter some days since for San Francisco, via Portland, with a carload of ore from the Golconda, taken from the fabulously rich pocket opened two or three weeks since, consigned to the Selby Brothers' smelter. He expects it to run $45,000 per ton, or $65,000 for the car. Another car of ore not so quite rich is to be shipped after Mr. English returns from the coast. These gentlemen, father and son, recently bought a mine in Mount Baker district, near the Puget Sound country, where very rich ores abound, but in a very inaccessible locality.

EXHIBIT SUMPTER ORES.

Collections to be sent to both Spokane and Portland Fairs.

R. R. Ervin has raised $300 by popular subscription for the purpose of making an exhibit on Sumpter district ores at the Spoi-

laine fair. Several gentlemen, it is known, will subscribe liberally, but have not yet been informed on the subject. This is expected mine owner, or manager, have consented to furnish samples from their properties. The work of collecting will begin in a few days and be completed in ample time to arrange the exhibit in the mineral department and have the fair open, October 3. Several gentlemen have made application to accompany the collection and remain with it, "tahiri," for the Sumpter mining dis-

trict. The man who goes should know his business.

For the Portland exposition R. L. Mc-

Lain has with much labor collected excellent specimens. The exhibition manage-

ment furnished some of the money neces-

sary for this purpose, but it is very prob-

able that the Sumpter fair will have to be drawn on to a slight extent. The O. R. & N. rails these ores free.

Both Messrs. Ervin and McLain de-

serve much credit for the public spirited interest they have taken in this matter and for the energy expended in attaining success.

Glide Trotter Settles in Sumpter

Major W. T. Manning, of the trotter, citizens of the world, whose friendship the writer has valued for twenty years, whom he has met in many places, is in Sumpter with the intention of locating here perma-

nently and engaging in business. He re-

cently reached the Northwestern R. R., where he went shortly after the close of the

year, leaving just prior to the big snow storm. Being an intelligent and observant traveler, he talks entertainingly of the customs, habits of the people, and curiosities generally of Uncle Sam's new do-

main. Among the Major's most important accom-

plishments are those of printer and new-

spaper man, which trades he followed early in

life, but has pursued a new do-

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