

SUMPTER SAMPLER.

PROPOSITION WILL BE SUBMITTED NEXT WEEK.

Messrs. Arthur and Fritz are Pushing the Important Enterprise - Vast Benefits which Sumpter, Miners in a Small Way and the District Generally will Derive from Such an Institution.

Now that Sumpter is taking the lead as a mining camp, with the installation of banking houses, hardware and general supply houses, for the accommodation of the surrounding mines and prospectors of the Sumpter district, which has dividend paying mines for a distance of twenty miles west, and forty miles north and south, with this as the only natural outlet and trading point, it would seem that the time has about arrived for this town to provide miners of small capital that necessary adjunct to their success, sampling works.

With the increased mining energy that has recently taken place, six mines have passed the experimental or prospect stages, and have demonstrated without a doubt that they are substantial mines. There are now in course of erection on these six different properties reducing plants varying from twenty to sixty tons daily capacity. There are scores of other prospects that are in active stages of development, showing high grade ore in varying quantities, which means increased shipment of ore and concentrates to the different smelting points.

This being the favorable condition of affairs, John Arthur, of Sumpter, and H. H. Fritz, a recent arrival from Republic, Washington, to meet the demand of the miners and prospectors having ores and concentrates to ship, will endeavor to, at before the local public and business men of Sumpter a sampler proposition, in the form of a stock company, to buy ores and bullion outright or handle on commission, with a first-class assay office in connection, prepared to make assaying and mining tests in all branches. The advantages gained by having a sampler at Sumpter are that the labor will be kept at home; that there are scores of prospectors developing their mines who take out more or less shipping ore, varying from one to five and ten tons a month, who cannot now ship at a profit small lots, from the fact that they have not the means to hold out long enough to take out carload lots, therefore they are unable to get carload rates and reduced smelting charges that a sampler would get by shipping in quantities. By having a sampler here the miners would haul in from one to five tons, get their money in twenty-four hours, buy provisions and mining supplies and go back to their properties, take out more and continue developing their mines.

Again, there is a call every day from mining men in quest of an office or sampler to grind down and sample large lots of ore, from 100 pounds to a ton, which gives them a better average of a mine than a hand sample. Therefore, the business, will be a paying one and the demand must be met. The reason of interesting the citizens in the enterprise is to get their co-operation and guarantee to the mining public that the business will be run on a strictly legitimate basis, as the books will be open for inspection at any time, and a report made to the stockholders monthly.

Messrs. Arthur & Fritz will get out a prospectus or report by next week and present same to the business men of Sumpter, who should give the enterprise their hearty support, as it will encourage the shipping of ore and the leasing system, that is so successfully carried on at other mining camps. A pamphlet of information will be issued, figuring and explaining the cost of transportation and treatment of

ores from the various districts, which will be circulated around the mines, enabling prospectors to tell the grade of ores that will be profitable to treat.

Sumpter Valley R. R. Officials Excursion.

A special train came up to Sumpter Monday afternoon bearing President Daniel Eccles, Vice President C. W. Nibley, Superintendent F. M. Shurtliff, and a party of friends and visiting guests, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. West, Mrs. Eccles, Mrs. C. W. Nibley, Jr., Mrs. Smurthwaite, Joseph F. Smith, one of the first bishops of the Mormon church, Bishop George Romney, W. W. Writer, and H. S. Young, the latter being cashier of the Deseret National bank of Salt Lake. The trip was made more for pleasure and sight seeing than for business, and the excursionists took their departure, after a few hours stay, well pleased with what they saw in this progressive metropolis.

Operetta at Ell's Opera House.

The operatic entertainment given by Baker City local talent before a Sumpter audience Saturday evening was well attended, highly appreciated and generously applauded, as it certainly deserved to be, and the many favorable expressions would indicate a hearty reception when the entertainers see fit to return to Sumpter. The orchestra, under the directorship of Professor William Purdy, first violin, Miss Edna Barton, pianist, Sam Purdy, bass viol, G. R. Hunt, clarinet, and A. G. Littleton, cornet, deserve special mention.

Assayer to locate at Granite.

E. H. Levy, a skilled assayer and mining man of wide experience, has secured a building at Granite and will soon open an assay office there. Mr. Levy mined for a number of years in the Southwest, in western Washington and Alaska. Since last March he has been in Idaho, examining many properties, but has failed to find what he wanted. Mr. Levy arrived in Sumpter last week, took a trip through the hills and returned to Boise, Idaho, after his outfit. He will be here again, in a few days, accompanied by Mrs. Levy. While in the mountains he tied up five properties for a short time. It is thought he is acting for friends on Puget Sound and parties in Boise.

TIME CARD.

LINES OF THE

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SUMPTER-CANYON ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Canyon City	10:40 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	Ar. Clifford	Lv. Bonanza	8:00 a. m.
3:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Austin	7:40 a. m.
7:40 p. m.	Ar. Austin	Lv. Sumpter	5:00 a. m.

Connecting at Austin with stages for Canyon City and interior points.

1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Bonanza	7:10 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar. Bonanza	Lv. Sumpter	6:40 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pys, Routin-onville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and Elcher mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Granite	10:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Granite	Lv. Sumpter	7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Boy, Banzette and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-GOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Gourne	9:40 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	Ar. Gourne	Lv. Sumpter	8:00 a. m.
3:40 p. m.	Ar. Columbia	Lv. Sumpter	7:40 a. m.

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