GOOD ADVICE TO MINERS.

Co-operation, Division of Labor and Emphasize the True Policy.

What this section of country has needed for a long time has been progressive, the men to push and grasp affairs and put the situation before the people. The pioneers, a fine whole-soul lot of men, are generally contented, some few having done well after years of arduous toil. Yet there are a great many who are yet looking for the "great strike" in their claims. They could have arrived at the end of the wait period years ago by pursuing a different method in their development work, and it is developed properties which claim the attention of the mine investor.

Development work means the expenditure of much labor and means; what would be accomplished in two years by two men, can be done in a very short time by progressive management. Every mining district of note and importance has been developed by co-operative methods, stock companies and the like; the division of labor and expense are items of greatest importance. The original owners generally retain a large interest and are factors in the management of the mine's affairs, and if the property proves to be a producer, their share in the profits is largely in excess of the results generally attained by holding on to a property for one-third of a life-time. Fellow miners, I have seen seven years in it only grasp the opportunities offered of introducing your property to the investing public, interest yourself in every way possible to show to the world that your claim is worthy of investigation, reap the benefits of your labors while you can enjoy them, and not be different from the rest of the country and remain dormant, while every section is forcing ahead.

I believe one of the greatest mineralized zones on the continent is here, yet unless it is properly shown up to the public, years will elapse before its possibilities become known and appreciated. What shows up in regard to this mining section surrounding the town of Sumpter is equally applicable to the town itself. You have one of the most favorably located mining centers in the country, every element required to make a place of several thousand and prosperous people. What is required is push and industrious showing up of the natural situation, present every event in your vicinity in a pleasant light, let the outside world know what is going on in your community. This is what has contributed largely to make the large prosperous cities elsewhere, and what can be done here.

Let the active, bustling town which attracts the men of means and enterprise, and it is this element which accomplishes what the town seems to some beyond reach.

A pleasant, accommodating manner of address has often been the cause of a stranger becoming attracted to a place, and not only the means of encouraging him to become materially interested, but enlists his endeavors in inducing his friends to come with him.

W. H. M.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS.

In Increase Keeps Pace With the General Growth of Sumpter.

So great has been the recent increase in the business of every branch of the Sumpter postoffice that the supply of money order blanks has been exhausted, and for several days past that department has been suspended. Others are expected to arrive daily. During the month of August, 31 orders were issued, aggregating $4,000. This was an increase of 11 per cent over the business transacted in July, both as to the number of orders and the sum of their value.

Monthly reports of money order business are required by the postoffice department, while with registered letters and packages the report is sent in quarterly.

For the quarter ending July 1, this post-office registered 160 letters and parcels. Up to and including the fourteenth of the present month, which leaves 16 days of business on this quarter, the number has reached 241. At this rate of increase the business of this quarter will be almost if not quite double that of the preceding quarter.

As to the cancellation of stamps, that branch of the business has reached the point which entitles Postmasters, Kellers to a salary. The cancellation must amount to $8,000 that this shall be accomplished.


Harley G. Wood is collecting a fine cabinet of mineral specimens and niscellarious curiosities. Among other things he has a handsome old meerschaum pipe, made in the year 1860, which has been in his wife's family ever since that time. He also has a piece of beeswax which he picked up on the beach of the Oregon coast. Time has wrought such change in the outer surface that it looks like a rock, but on the inside little change has been affected. At the time this piece was found the Portland Telegram published an article on the subject, in which it was stated that settlers in that vicinity had been finding this substance on the beach for many years. There is but one theory to account for its presence there; that some vessel was wrecked off the coast so long ago that all record of its identity has been lost.

Red Men Entertain.

The Egan Tribe, No. 20, Improved Order of Red Men, gave their first monthly "Farewell Tuesday evening, which was largely attended by many of the citizens of Sumpter. Lively toasts and speeches were the order of the evening and all went away feeling well entertained. The next social affair by the order will be at some other different place to include their lady friends, when dancing will be one of the features.

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