

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Attorney McCulloch returned Wednesday from Portland.

A. Van Duyn, of Portland, is visiting his brother, C. S. Van Duyn.

Clark Taber, of the Red Boy mine, went to Baker City Sunday.

Emil Melzer, manager of the North Pole mine, left for Baker City, Monday.

A carload of machinery for the Cougar mine arrived in Sumpter this week.

The passenger train now leaves for Baker at 12:45 p. m., instead of 12:30 as heretofore.

There was no meeting of the city council last Saturday evening, a quorum failing to materialize.

Joseph McKee, of Portland, with extensive mining interests in this district, was here all of last week.

W. E. Hurd, representing Portland parties in the Greenhorn district, was in town on a business mission Monday.

Hyde Gowan, who appears at Healy's hall Saturday night, comes well recommended by the press of other cities.

W. A. Thatcher, the Standard Oil people's expert, left Sumpter Monday to spend a week at the Bonanza camp.

C. M. Kellogg, sub-contractor for all the mail routes out of Sumpter, and manager of the Eastern Oregon Express company, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. S. Van Duyn yesterday bought the residence now occupied by W. L. Vinson and family, on Sumpter street, paying \$1,200 for the property. It has fifty feet frontage.

Bishop Wistar B. Morris will hold divine services at the church in Sumpter next Sunday evening. Mrs. Sadie White will sing, by special request, "Memories of the Past."

The work of replacing the bromine-chlorine plant on the Golconda is rapidly going on and it is expected the stamps and concentrator will be in place and operating by November 1.

In another column of THE MINER today is published a call for a mass meeting October 7, for the purpose of organizing a mining district, which should and doubtless will be well attended.

Edward Everett Young returned early in the week from Baker City and hastened to his loved seclusion at the Red Boy, where the philosopher can philosophize in undisturbed repose.

George Inman, one of the mill men of the Red Boy, passed through Sumpter Monday on his way to the "outside," his first trip out for a year. He will return in a few days and resume work at the mine.

THE MINER representative met a familiar face at Bourne in the person of Otto Herlocker, former book keeper at the Le Roi mine in Rossland, B. C. Mr. Herlocker is now engaged in the same capacity at the Golconda.

C. J. Johns has four car loads of miscellaneous merchandise, which arrived yesterday, standing on the switch in front of his new warehouse, waiting to be unloaded. The building will be under roof within the next twenty-four hours.

R. R. Erwin graciously "jacks up" THE MINER for giving him all the credit for raising the money with which to defray the expenses of the Sumpter mineral exhibit at the Spokane fair; says that W. W. Looney is the gentleman to whom this credit is largely due and should be accorded.

B. J. Watson, an old newspaper man and former publisher of the Nevada City Transcript, has spent the entire summer, and is yet in the Cracker Creek district, with headquarters at Bourne. Mr. Watson has made some good locations for himself and California friends, to which place he will soon go for the winter.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Dwyer died Wednesday evening.

Chas. Booth, a prominent mining man of Butte, Mont., is the guest of W. C. Calder this week.

Joseph A. West, chief engineer of construction for the Utah & Pacific railway, a projected line from Milford, Utah, to Los Angeles, California, came up to Sumpter Tuesday. Mr. West says they have 75 miles of the road built, but it will require 400 miles more to complete a through rail connection from Salt Lake to Los Angeles.

Charles I. Flynn, one of the energetic members of the firm of Flynn & Morton, cigar manufacturers, Baker City, has been in Sumpter this week doing an extensive trade with the dealers here. Mr. Flynn is one of Sumpter's staunch friends and a firm believer in its future. Furthermore, he is not backward in expressing his views on the subject.

Parties in Bourne are responsible for the rumor that two prominent mining experts are expected there daily to examine and report on the E. & E. for some intending purchasers. As the mine is now full of water, an examination would mean the pumping out of same before much could be learned, unless all their attention shall be devoted to the tunnel working.

Wm. Rancor, one of McEwen & Sloan's most trustworthy stage drivers on the Granite route, died at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at the company's boarding house, this city, of typhoid fever, after an illness of three weeks. His remains were taken to Baker City and from there to Rye Valley, Oregon, for burial, that being the home of the widow, who has the sympathy of many friends.

Still Working on Smelter Proposition.

The matter of establishing a small 50-ton smelter at this point to treat ores, the value of which will not now justify the heavy freight charges of shipment to distant points, as well as ores of greater value, is being actively canvassed by P. R. Bishop, of the Climax mine, and H. Meinhard, representing the Union Smelter Manufacturing company, of St. Louis. The latter is now here to see the contract fulfilled, to which the subscribers to over three-fourths the capital stock have pledged themselves, and who Mr. Bishop now desires to come forward and pay up these subscriptions. Mr. Meinhard claims to be ready to take up the balance of the twenty-five per cent of non-subscribed stock as soon as others have made good their subscriptions. An interesting bit of information was imparted by him to the effect that an analysis made by Professor William B. Potter, of the St. Louis Sampling & Testing works, of 14 samples from the producing mines of the Sumpter district, showed that smelting is the better method of reducing them, and that the variety in the character of these ores insures the success of a smelting proposition. The average of assays was \$70 in gold to the ton. For the purpose which a plant of the capacity mentioned is intended, no doubt it would prove a success, in which event the manufacturers claim it is entirely feasible to increase the capacity, while in no way detracting from the value of the original plant.

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