

TALK OF THE TOWN.

R. R. Erwin is away on a trip to Spokane and the coast.

F. H. Neill went out to Bourne on a hurried trip yesterday.

J. G. Connell was in Baker City on a business trip early in the week.

Mrs. James Cornfield arrived in Sumpter on the 4th, and will reside here.

Mrs. J. Holton, of Boise, Idaho, is in Sumpter visiting her sister, Miss Roberts.

Mrs. J. W. Cox reached Sumpter last week, and joined her husband. They are stopping at the Capital.

Two carloads of machinery for the Golconda's new stamp mill are expected to arrive today or tomorrow.

W. S. Chipp was joined by his family Sunday, who arrived from their former home in Arlington, Oregon.

Rev. James Byers, of Ogden, Utah, will conduct divine worship at the church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

General Warren, George McDowell, of Portland, and one or two others went to Robinsonville yesterday on a mining deal.

There are a number of cases of typhoid fever in town at the present time; due, the doctors say, to the sanitary condition of the place.

General Warren was in Baker City Sunday and gave the reporters a great "jolt" about what a fine town the county seat is and will be.

Attorney Nixon, of Texas, more recently from the Yukon, is in town with a view to locating here. He says Sumpter is much talked of on the Sound at present.

H. H. Fritz is in Spokane attending the fair. He will go to Republic before returning. Maj. W. T. Manning is in charge of his business during his absence.

Mesdames F. H. and R. L. Neill joined their husbands in this city last week. A home had been built for them on North street and was ready for their reception on their arrival.

The Baisley-Elkhorn company is arranging to have its hoists operated by electricity, and will develop a water-power on Pine creek, with which to generate the mysterious agency.

Wallace & Hart are assayers who have recently arrived in Sumpter. They brought with them a "knock-down" house, which has been set up on Granite street, near the corner of Mill.

W. L. Vinson has made the second payment on the Magnolia group of mines, consisting of \$5,000. A rich strike is reported from that promising property, made while grading for a tramway.

H. T. Booth, of Baker City, agent for the old reliable Massachusetts Mutual Life, who has been in Sumpter for several days, left for a trip into the hills yesterday, doing business all the while.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Baker City, preached in Sumpter last Friday evening. Mr. Bell was the organizer of the first church congregation in Sumpter, over two years ago.

Some individual from Baker City went around town Monday night and defaced the fronts of many of the business houses by nailing on them dodgers, announcing a dance that he proposes giving in this town—and that is an evidence that he had his gall sack with him.

Robert Kahler has arrived in Sumpter from Tacoma, to accept a position under his brother, the postmaster, made vacant by the resignation of M. C. Forman, who has bought an interest in Case & Co.'s furniture business. He is still in the post-office, however, and will remain there for some days.

Some weeks since a family, consisting of father, son and three daughters, arrived here from Idaho, and made camp in the timber on the west side of the creek.

They were all taken sick and, living in a tent with no conveniences, were in danger of losing their lives. Through the effort of Dr. Brock, the father, son and one daughter have been sent to the county hospital at Baker City. The other two daughters, who are convalescent, are still in the tent, in need of help, and ought to receive it.

A call for another meeting of the Sumpter Club has been issued for Friday evening, to perfect the organization. Those who wish to become charter members are requested to hand in their names to one of the committee, or attend the meeting. The initiation fee will be raised after organization is perfected.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

H. K. Wheeler Elected to Fill the Position of City Engineer.

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening, the regular monthly reports of city officers were read and filed, and a lot of bills allowed.

A communication from the management of the Spokane fair, inviting members of the city government to attend the show, was read and ordered placed in the archives.

The committee on streets reported on the petition to open up Columbla street, but action was deferred for one week.

Applications were received from H. K. Wheeler and C. C. Adams for the position of city engineer. The former was elected by unanimous vote.

The engineer, attorney and recorder were instructed to draft an ordinance regulating street grades and report at the next meeting.

Ballantyne was given permission to lay a water pipe to his laundry.

Farewell to Professor Saling.

Friday afternoon Professor W. L. Saling closed his connection with the public schools of Sumpter as principal, and left for Heppner Sunday, where he will make his future home. To show their appreciation of the gentleman, Mrs. Tedrowe and Mrs. Steffens gave an entertainment at the Capital hotel Saturday evening, complimentary to the professor. Only a few intimate friends attended, among whom were Professor Saling, Dr. and Mrs. Tape, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Tedrowe, Miss Spaulding, Miss Myers, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Manning. It was late in the evening before the guest was notified that his presence was desired; and when he was ushered into the parlor, where his friends awaited him, he was invited into the dining room, where a most elaborate spread was displayed. After the refreshments the party adjourned to the parlor and spent the remainder of the evening in singing, music and social intercourse.

Two New Teachers.

Miss Vanderberg, of Monmouth, who is to have charge of the third and fourth grades in the public school here, arrived in time to take charge of her classes Monday. Miss Terry, of Baker City, having been appointed a teacher in the public school of Sumpter, was present Monday, and was assigned the first and second grades. Miss Myers became principal of the public school on the resignation of W. L. Saling.

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