

TALK OF THE TOWN.

H. G. Wood has returned from Canyon City.

Miss Burnap, of Centralia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Copping.

I. Flopp, owner of the Ajax, is in Sumpter for a few days.

W. W. Looney and Joe Mickel took in the Spokane fair last week.

Two carloads of mains for the Sumpter water works have arrived.

Dr. Tape is out at his mine this week, superintending development work.

Mrs. Mollie Doan and Miss Frankie Britten left yesterday to attend the Portland fair.

H. J. Jory returned yesterday from a trip into the hills, where he went to examine a mine.

F. E. Brockman, bookkeeper for W. C. Calder, was joined here by his wife and children this week.

Dr. G. W. McConnell was here Saturday on professional business. He went out as far as Granite.

N. C. Richards has been appointed attorney for the Sumpter Townsite syndicate. Mrs. Richards has arrived from Tacoma.

J. H. Leland returned last evening from the Gem of the Mountains mine, where he has been for a week having it pumped out.

Attorneys Stott & Sheldon have moved into their new offices next door to the city hall, and now have the best appointed quarters in town.

N. T. Collett, representing Wadhams & Co., of Portland, has been in Sumpter this week, accompanied by Mrs. Collett and their little daughter.

J. G. Connell returned early in the week from a business trip to La Grande, which town he reports quiet, in comparison with this live mining camp.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellis and Miss Carrie Spalding attended the Spokane fair last week, are in Portland now and will be at home in a few days.

R. R. Erwin is home from a visit with his family at Heppner and a flyer at the Spokane fair. He refuses to make affidavit as to all he did in Spokane.

Another snow fell last night, to a depth of four inches, but the temperature is above the freezing point today, and the alleged beautiful is fast disappearing.

Hon. George Ainsley, of Boise, passed through Sumpter last week, driving a private rig. He had been looking over the mining district and was hurrying back home.

R. J. McPhee, a well known mining man of Spokane, is here for the purpose of connecting himself with one of the principal mining companies of the Sumpter district.

Central is now more readily reached. The telephone company has removed its office to the new headquarters in front of the Basche Hardware company's building, on Mill street.

Mrs. J. H. Barchus, of Portland, will be in Sumpter Nov. 1 to open a studio for the purpose of teaching oil painting. A display of her painting is now in the window of Dr. Fisher's drug store.

Mrs. C. S. Warren has returned from Spokane, where she has been for a week or ten days past. She was accompanied to Sumpter by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Murphy. The latter is a daughter of General and Mrs. Warren. Mr. Murphy will engage in the insurance and brokerage business here.

Two sisters of mercy, representing a home for the aged recently started at Portland, have been in Sumpter and surrounding camps for a week, soliciting contributions for this charitable institution. They report having been very successful in their efforts to raise money.

John M. Burke, of the Banzette Consolidated Gold Mining company, has returned to Sumpter after an absence of two months, during which time he has been to Tennessee, where many of those interested in the company reside. He went out yesterday to look at the property, which has been managed by G. P. Mims during his absence.

First Bank of Sumpter Begins Business.

J. W. Scriber arrived in Sumpter last evening and will open the First Bank of Sumpter for business the latter part of this week. The bank has been incorporated under the state laws by J. W. Scriber, R. H. Miller, J. H. Robbins, of La Grande, and J. W. Mead, of this place, with a paid up capital of \$20,000. The officers have not yet been elected, but probably will be today or tomorrow, when permanent quarters for the bank will also be decided on. For the present the institution will do business in the Sumpter Hardware company's store, a corner having been partitioned off for this purpose. The safe and supplies arrived here some days since. A number of leading business men of Sumpter have subscribed for stock.

Jumped Out of and Run Over by a Stage.

Monday while McEwen & Sloan's stage was going from Granite to the Red Boy mine, a man named Rankin, jumped out of the vehicle, was run over and badly injured. The stage is a covered one, the doors were closed and tied. The driver says Rankin jumped out of the small opening in one of the doors, and that he was drunk at the time. He was brought back to town yesterday. Dr. Fisher was called to attend him. He says the man looked like he had been through a threshing machine, his head being cut in a number of places, but fortunately no bones were broken nor internal injuries received, so the wounds are not dangerous. He was on the street last evening. He says he doesn't know how he got out of the stage.

Oregonian, Not Telegram, the Graft.

THE MINER is in receipt of a letter from C. J. Owen, editor and manager of the Portland Telegram, stating that he never had an interview with W. C. Calder, never saw Puget Sound, and never attempted to "hold him up" for \$75 or \$100, as Mr. Calder was quoted as stating was the case while in Portland recently. This letter was shown to him and he at once stated that it was the editor of the Oregonian who attempted to graft him; that if he said Telegram it was a slip of the tongue, occasioned by the fact that the man had formerly been connected with that paper. THE MINER regrets that the mistake was made, and gladly publishes this correction.

Hauling Machinery to Magnolia.

The work of hauling the four carloads of machinery, which have been standing on the track at the foot of Center street for some weeks past, to the Magnolia mine, owned by W. L. Vinson, was started yesterday. The buildings are about finished now. The long delay in unloading this machinery was occasioned by the fact that the buildings at the mine were not ready for its reception. Mr. Vinson is using his own teams, ten in number, to do the hauling, and will soon finish the job.

City Council Proceedings.

The time of the city council was taken up very largely at the meeting Saturday evening, in discussing the grade ordinance, which was introduced at that time. The instrument was ordered enrolled. The matter of opening Columbia street, from Auburn to Granite, was laid over until this ordinance is passed. The committee which was authorized to buy a fire-proof safe was given another week in which to prosecute its search for a bargain.

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