

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Wesley Warren arrived in town today. Madame Britten left for Baker City today on a business trip.

W. C. Calder returned yesterday from a flying business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McEwen returned Sunday from Portland, where they went early last week.

The Sumpter Hardware company is putting on a cornice and otherwise improving the front of its store building.

H. Finger has leased Healy's hall and is having it divided into rooms, which he will rent for sleeping apartments.

H. J. Jory, of the Northwestern Assay office, returned last evening from a two days' examination of mines in the Granite district.

A. W. Ellis put in some days on Puget Sound last week. He, Mrs. Ellis and Miss Spalding are expected home today or tomorrow.

H. H. Fritz, who is in Spokane, interesting capital in the establishment of sampling works in Sumpter, is expected home in a few days.

Sol Eastham was kicked by a horse in McEwen & Sloan's barn Friday, sustaining serious but not dangerous injuries about the head and chest.

A cellar has been excavated under the building on the corner of Granite and Cracker streets and the earth used to grade up Cracker south of Granite.

G. W. Jett has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Sumpter Lumber company and is in charge of the business while Manager Stoddard is in Portland.

Major W. T. Manning, who has charge of H. H. Fritz' real estate business during his absence, has broken the local record in the sale of Sumpter lots.

E. C. Finch, one of the owners of the Inter-Mountain mine, has left Rossland and gone to Portland to remain some time. His address is 129 Fourth street.

C. H. Marsh, of THE MINER, will probably reach home today, accompanied by Mrs. Marsh, who will remain in Sumpter if she can get a house. Mr. Marsh has been at Spokane and the Sound for the past two or three weeks.

The First Bank of Sumpter has let the contract for the erection of its brick block to C. Y. Burr and the lot was cleared for action yesterday. The bank expects its blanks to arrive today and will open for business as soon as they come.

The Butte, Montana, Times, quotes some remarks from THE MINER and adds: "To every word of which the Butte Times gives is hearty endorsement. There is no better rustler, there is no grander man than General Charles S. Warren."

During the week THE MINER job department turned out some neat work for three local mining companies, time checks, order blanks, requisitions, etc., bound in book form. The work is fully up to the standard set by metropolitan job printing establishments.

Mr. Fred J. Snipes, transitman with W. L. Vinson's surveying corps, was called suddenly to The Dalles Saturday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his sister. The message stated that she was not expected to live until Mr. Snipes' arrival.

B. F. Alley, editor of the Baker City Republican, has been in Sumpter for several days past, getting information regarding Baker county mines, which he will utilize in an article designed to be sent east to enlighten the benighted denizens of that region.

C. F. Booth, of Butte, who has invested considerable money in Sumpter real estate, bought last week from C. S. Van Duyn the residence on Sumpter street, recently occupied by W. L. Vinson. Mr. Van Duyn bought the property about

a month ago for \$1000 and sold it for \$1,500. Mr. Booth's family will arrive soon and make this their home, residing in this house.

A big hunting party of Umatilla Indians passed through Sumpter Sunday, headed for home, after a period of exciting chase for huckleberries in the hills of eastern Oregon and Idaho. The female members of the party rode astride, in the manner prescribed by the latest social equestrian edict.

E. Gilham left Thursday on a hasty trip to Granite, says the Pendleton Republican, called thither by the sudden illness of his son, Albert Gilham. The young man has been sick several weeks with typhoid-pneumonia, and recently took a sharp turn for the worse. He has been at Granite doing assessment work on the Ben Harrison claim.

The house on the corner of Center and Sumpter streets, which A. P. Goss recently bought, will be moved to the east side of the lot, repaired, added to, painted, and occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Brock. As soon as they take possession of the home, their daughter and Mrs. Brock's sister will come to Sumpter to reside.

Cupid Crowned With Chestnut Burrs.

Evidently while still writhing under the poisoned pain of a wounded heart; Cupid having apparently inserted his arrow and then snatched it out, cruelly lacerating that popularly supposed organ of the affections—while laboring under this influence, actuated by this powerful incentive, THE MINER staff artist has done a study in black and white that is destined to win for him, on its merits, fame equal to that forced upon the painter of the picture by Kipling's lines designating the evil spirit therein portrayed as "a rag and a bone and a hank of hair." This local production represents the little blind deity doubly blindfolded, tied fast to a broken shaft, hands and feet secured with log chains, robbed of his bow and quiver. Then the artist, in a spirit of spleenetic revenge, crowns the captive, source of all man's troubles, with a wreath of chestnut burrs, evidently meant as a reference to that nut's slangy significance. The picture needs no name.

Postoffice Business Ever Increasing.

The postoffice business is growing—is naturally growing with the town, and that so rapidly that no calculation can be made for its needs from week to week. For ten days or two weeks past, since former Assistant Postmaster Foreman resigned and his place was taken by Robert Kahler, who, of course, was unfamiliar with the businss, there has been considerable delay in distributing the mails. There has also been much complaint, but this should be directed against the department, and not Postmaster Kahler, who is evidently doing all he can to serve the convenience of the public. Between the time that the mail arrives and the general delivery window is opened, both western and eastern bound mails must be made up. Then, too, the amount of mail handled grows larger every day. In his efforts to expedite business, Mr. Kahler has added Miss Hattie Mack to the force, at his own expense, of course.

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