

WARREN A WARRIOR.**How He Fed His Men When Fighting Chief Joseph.**

A dead smooth writer in the Denver Times-Sun has written an unusually entertaining story on the early days of Butte, Montana, in which town and story General Charles S. Warren played a star part. Speaking of this at present prominent citizen of Sumpter, the Times-Sun says:

"General Warren and Miles Finlen were joint owners of another claim, now worth a fortune. The dual ownership did not suit either, so they shook dice to decide to whom it should belong. Finlen, with his Irish luck, won the mine, but had to pay for the drinks, and Warren at that time thought he had the better of the bargain.

"In July, 1876, Chief Joseph was on the warpath with his Indian braves, and Dame Rumor foretold the destruction of the mining camp of Butte. Governor Potts, who then ruled the sparsely settled territory, issued a call to arms, and every able-bodied man in Butte, about 300 all told, mustered to fight the foe. They were expert shots, fearless riders, and valiant men, but Chief Joseph led a brave and well disciplined horde. Among the Butte volunteers was one veteran of the civil war, whom fame credited with military genius and dauntless courage. This was Charles S. Warren. He harangued the Butte battalion, bade them evoke order from chaos, and nominated W. A. Clark as major and chief. The Indians were then marching through the Bitter Root valley, hastening toward the passes leading toward Wyoming, where they hoped to join other Indian tribes. Warren soon had the battalion finely mounted and a commissariat sufficient for an army corps.

"He had no money, but he issued warrants, signed Charles S. Warren, adjutant, and as he marched through the Deer Lodge valley the Warren warrants were exchanged with the ranchers for all the supplies and luxuries which the chief-of-staff believed necessary for his brave and patriotic troopers. Girard's liquor store at Warm Springs was looted from cellar to garret to fill the ambulance chests, and it is said that for a year after the expedition marched through the valley, not a turkey, goose or chicken could be seen. Warren's troopers had forcibly taken possession of everything living or dead that was edible or drinkable. Neither locusts nor Indians could have devoured the substance of the valley so completely, and all the consolation that the owners received were bundles of Warren warrants. Two boys of the Butte battalion had a glorious time. Every evening beside their campfire they enjoyed a barbecue, and toasted, in cups of Girard's 'best,' the major and his chief-of-staff. Captain Talbot's company became the vanguard and took possession of the pass in the Bitter Root mountains, through which Chief Joseph actually came ten days later. But before the rear guard could reach the pass, an order was received from Governor Potts for the battalion to return to Butte and disband. In the twenty-three years since that order was issued, General Warren has not recovered from the rage and mortification to which, in him, at least, it gave rise. Had that order never been issued to Warren, he would have gone to the deathless fame which General John Gibbons achieved when, two weeks later, he encountered and annihilated Chief Joseph and his warriors at the sanguinary battle of the Big Hole.

"For years the Warren warrants were bones of contention in politics and in the law courts, but they were finally settled, and today are at a premium as mementoes of the most famous expedition ever seen in the West."

Cyclone Mine Under Bond.

E. A. Smith, of Sumpter, who, with four others, own the Cyclone mine, seven miles east of Baker City, in the Virtue district, have bonded the property for \$7500 to Messrs. Hoal and Thompkins, of Baker City, representing a syndicate of mining operators. The Cyclone is past the prospect stage, 105 feet of shaft and 125 feet of tunnel having been driven on the property. Last December twenty-eight tons of ore were milled at the Virtue mill, and it amalgamated \$8 per ton. The life of the bond expires within thirty days. It is believed the property will be assumed. It is one of the best mines in the Virtue district, and the quartz reveals free gold to the naked eye.

Spokane People Numerous Here.

Captain Thompson, of the firm of Thompson & Bell, who is down at their office at Sumpter, writes to the home office that Spokane people are numerous down there. "Among others here," writes the Captain, "are Frank McCollough, all the Warners, John Murphy, Ed Gove, and half a dozen more. John M. Burke is back with a hundred thousand dollars ready to push things on the Banzette." All of which looks as though Spokane people were beginning to take a pretty lively interest in that section. The Captain also says that the Golconda and Ibeax are looking better all the time, the former taking out some ore which appears to be more gold than quartz.—Spokane Stock Report.

Summit Mine to be Developed.

Leo H. Long and Jas. Clark, of Spokane, and E. A. Smith, of Sumpter, owners of the Summit mine, on a parallel vein with the E. & E., are preparing to prosecute development on this, one of the prettiest prospects in the Sumpter camp. The Summit shows surface value of from \$10 to \$50. A 600-foot tunnel will be run this winter to tap the ledge at a depth of 400 feet. A 300-foot ore shoot is exposed on the surface, and assays in the bottom of the shaft, across a 3-foot ledge of quartz, show over \$16 per ton.

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