

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

R. R. Erwin is in Portland this week. Clark Snyder has been in Baker this week.

A. P. Goss expects his father, A. J., to arrive in Sumpter Friday.

George W. Winegard, the merchant of Bourne, was in town Sunday.

After a four years absence Miss F. B. Turner has returned to her home at Granite.

Two new coaches for the Sumpter Valley railway were attached to the train today.

General Warren and W. C. Calder returned Sunday from a flying business trip to Spokane.

H. H. Fritz has returned from Spokane and Republic, where he has been for a month past.

Charles H. Chance has come to Sumpter from Portland to engage in the practice of law.

H. W. Edmundson, of the Badger mine, Susanville, was in town several days last and this week.

Kahler & Co. have received among other new goods, a nice line of fancy stationery, blank books, etc.

Brock & Herlocker have moved their office from the Healy block to the corner of Mill and Granite streets.

The article on the Elk Creek diggings, fifth page, should have been credited to the Baker City Democrat.

R. L. Neill returned several days since from Portland, where he went to buy more goods for the big clothing store.

C. H. Buck, a recent arrival from Omaha, Nebraska, has opened a new barber shop in the rear of the Capital Hotel bar room.

J. T. English, owner, and W. H. Jackson, superintendent of the Golconda, and Ralph Blewett, manager of the Van Anda, have been in town this week.

Carl Adler, one of Baker City's leading merchants, is in Sumpter for a day or two. He has not yet made definite arrangements for a store building.

Fred Snipes, with W. L. Vinson's surveying corps, fell at his transit Monday morning, from some heart trouble. He was removed to his room and was soon out of danger.

Judge W. S. Newbury, of Portland, who spent last summer in the Sumpter mining district, arrived in town last week and will locate here permanently, practicing law. His partner, Ralph Bisbee, will look after the Portland end of the firm's business.

A. E. J. Percival, another of the prominent Spokane mining promoters, arrived here Sunday morning, with the intention of securing a mining property to be operated by himself and associates. It is only a matter of time until a majority of the Spokane contingent is interested hereabouts.

General Manager Hayes, of the Bonanza mine, was in the city yesterday, securing miners to take the place of some of those who quit work recently. He expects to have the mill running to its full capacity in a few days again.

H. E. Johnson, from Walla Walla, and Ben K. Davis, from Pendleton, have established themselves on Mill street, opposite the A. P. Goss brick building, where they will carry a full line of candy and confectionery goods of their own daily manufacture.

Mrs. J. D. Fryer has returned to Sumpter and resumed her position as book keeper for W. C. Calder. F. E. Bucknum, who filled the place during her absence, now devotes his entire time to the officers of the Sumpter Townsite company, keeping accounts, making out deeds, etc.

N. M. Richardson, of Lansing, Michigan, assistant adjutant general of that state, left for home yesterday. Mrs. Richardson will follow him in two weeks. They came here to attend their son, whose life was despaired of, but who is now fortunately out of danger.

Paul E. Poindexter returned home this week from Spokane, wearing with much pride the gold medal awarded the Sumpter mineral display at the Spokane exhibition, which he had in charge. More to Mr. Poindexter's efforts than to any other one man is due the credit of winning this prize.

## Predictions as to Sumpter's Population.

One year ago a population of 1500 was predicted for Sumpter within a year. She has now passed that mark and we prophesy 2500 by this time next year, as a most conservative estimate. The lack of water works system has heretofore been the great drawback to the building up of the town, but now a gravity system furnishing an unlimited supply of pure mountain water, with numerous fire hydrants on all principal streets to protect the town, will give building an impetus it never before had. One of the finest electric light plants in the west is being installed, sidewalks are being constructed and streets graded. Some of the men who built Spokane are building Sumpter, and men with money are putting it in there. If Sumpter has four or five thousand population by next November it will not be more surprising than the growth of many other mining towns in recent years.—Cove Ledger.

## Labor Strike on the Bonanza.

Last week the men at work at the Bonanza mine struck, practically a clean walk out resulting. It was reported here yesterday that three men were at work. The night shift demanded that the hours of work be reduced from ten to nine, as in all other mines in the district. The demand was refused and both shifts quit. The Bonanza is reputed to be owned by Standard Oil company people, who are accustomed to such incidents.

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