

BIG FREIGHT BUSINESS.

Railroad and Teams all Working Overtime.

Immense quantities of freight are being received in Sumpter at present. For a week or ten days past an average of six cars a day have been unloaded into the warehouse. This does not include lumber, stone and machinery, which do not pass through the company's warehouse. The amount of merchandise, exclusive of building material and machinery, received here thus far in November, is at a rate exceeding 15,000,000 pounds a month.

Sunday thirty cars of merchandise were standing on side tracks, waiting to be unloaded.

The same day twenty-two four horse teams and wagons arrived here from one camp in this district, to load freight for mines. Irwin & Slade have contracted to haul sixteen carloads of supplies to the milling districts. McEwen & Sloan, with their large outfit, have all the freighting they can possibly handle.

In addition to merchandise, many carloads of lumber, stone, brick and other building materials are being shipped to Sumpter to supply the unprecedented demand. Contractors report that it is difficult to get material as needed.

MORE SPOKANE MONEY.

Blue Jacket Group of Mines Sold and Will be Developed.

J. G. McGuigan, of Spokane, who has been identified with many of the largest mining interests thereabouts, particularly in the Slocan district of British Columbia, has been in Sumpter the past week, for the second time within a few months. He has negotiated the purchase for himself and Henry Sieffert, another Spokane mining operator, of the Blue Jacket group of claims, consisting of the Blue Jacket, Independence, First Chance and the Idaho, all situated within a quarter of a mile west of the well known IbeX mine, and being a continuation of that lode.

These claims were discovered and located the past season and have only the assessment work done upon them as yet, but their location being an ideal one for development, and the fact that they are of easy access to the Granite wagon road, only three or four miles away, makes the new owner, Mr. McGuigan, who is a keen observer of long experience in mining matters, think he has a prize in the new properties secured. It is his purpose to immediately begin extensively developing the group and bringing out their hidden treasures as fast as men and money can consummate this end. To accomplish this he has secured as his representative to put in full charge, R. J. McPhee, a superintendent and mine manager of long and tried experience.

At this writing it can only be said that the favorable location of the claims, together with intended development on them will probably result in the making of valuable mines at a later day and will be watched with much interest.

Eugene Sperry, E. Sanderson Smith and R. J. McPhee worked up the deal and consummated the sale.

The Englishes Pay \$500,000 for a Mine.

The most important mining deal in western Washington for some time was the transfer, a few weeks ago, of the Post-Lambert group of claims in the Mount Baker district to J. G. English and J. T. English, of Sumpter, owners of the famous Golconda mine in Oregon. The ledge, consisting of five claims, was purchased in November, 1897, for \$60,000 and sold last month for \$500,000. The surface showing is said to be enormous, four ledges being exposed, two of

them about eighteen inches wide and the other two over four feet. One of the veins has been traced for a distance of 2500 feet, and systematic sampling of 1000 feet gave a return of over forty dollars to the ton, free milling ore. A spit in the mountain exposes the lead to a depth of about 100 feet. Work will be carried on all winter on this property. Wm. Connors, representing the owners, is superintending the development.

Handsome Nugget From Pine Creek.

F. S. Slater was in town Sunday from the Pine Creek placers, about ten miles from Sumpter, bringing a gold-glutted rock that is a beauty. It is about the size and shape of a turkey egg, is of white quartz, fully three-quarters of which is virgin gold; or, as they more accurately express it in Alaska, it is "gold, carrying some rock." The nugget is worn smooth on the surface by friction. It was found in the Pine Creek diggings a few days since.

Call For Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the Union Smelter Manufacturing company will receive sealed bids for supplying 18,000 bushels of charcoal, to be made from green black pine, and for 200 cords of seasoned pine wood, up to noon of November 25, 1899, bids to be left at Van Duyn & Swiggett's office in Sumpter, and addressed to the undersigned.

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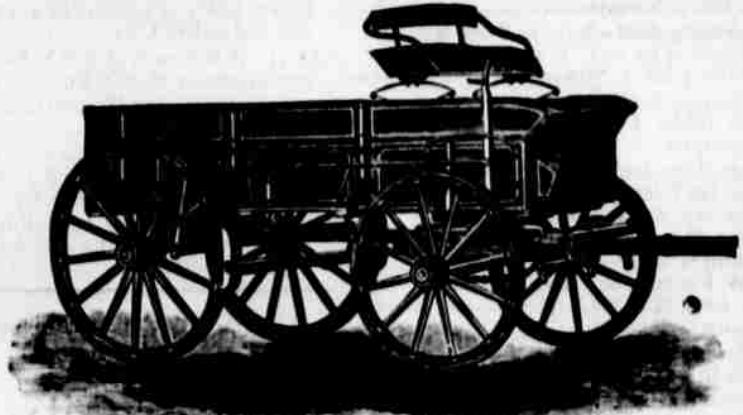
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