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## WATER WORKS BONDS

### TO DRAW ONLY SIX PER CENT AND SELL AT PAR.

**Morris & Whitehead, of Portland and Denver, Offer to Take the Entire Issue of \$50,000—Run for Twenty Years—This is the Seal of Approval Placed on the Sumpter Proposition by Men of Experience and Far Reaching Judgment.**

W. L. Vinson has received an offer from Morris & Whitehead, of Portland and Denver, of par for the entire issue of water works bonds, \$50,000, to run twenty years and draw six per cent interest.

This proposition was made by F. S. Morris a day or two since, after having inspected the system, looked into the mining resources of the district and estimated the prospects of Sumpter, as to its present prosperity and its continued growth and permanency. No class of men are so far seeing as the successful financier who deals in securities, the value of which is based on the stability of a municipality, and Morris & Whitehead stand at the head of such firms operating in the West. That they should make so liberal an offer for Sumpter waterworks bonds means that men trained in judging of the resources of a country and the probable long continued prosperity of a town have placed the seal of their approval on this town and district, and backed their judgment to the extent of \$50,000.

The capital stock of the Water company is only \$50,000, and will have a bond issue of an equal amount. This offers excellent security for the bonds and the property will prove a bonanza for Mr. Vinson, the fortunate exclusive owner. He stated to a MINER man this forenoon on his return from Baker City, that the deal with Morris & Whitehead has not yet been formally closed, and that the statement in a Baker City paper to the effect that the offer had been accepted is incorrect, for it hasn't been.

#### First Bank of Sumpter's New Quarters.

Sumpter's prosperity and growth is indicated by the fact that the business of the First Bank of Sumpter, which opened its doors for business less than a month ago, is obliged to enlarge its temporary quarters to accommodate its patrons until the new brick, which will be the permanent home, is completed. To this end the bank has arranged with Mr. Connel, of the Star hotel, to remodel the two rooms in the extreme west end of his building, which will be occupied as soon as the work can be done, thus giving back to the Sumpter Hardware company the much needed space now used by the bank.

#### Sumpter a Newspaper Reading Town.

All of the live newspapers of the Northwest have had representatives in Sumpter during recent weeks, to see and report on this latest wonder in rapid town building. The results of their investigations have been told in scores of columns of matter about fabulously rich gold deposits now being uncovered, resulting in Sumpter suddenly changing from a sleepy village to the most active, liveliest mining camp on the continent. The newspapers themselves have been quick to take advantage of these conditions. Close upon the heels of reporters have followed canvassers.

The former found here a cosmopolitan population; whether they came from British Columbia, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana or Utah, they learned that former citizens of those states were here. The canvassers, therefore, have done a big business in this town. Three months ago the old exponent of mossbackism, the Oregonian, covered the field, while now there are offered for sale daily on the streets and at news stands the Salt Lake Tribune, Boise Statesman, Rossland Miner, Spokesman-Review, Anaconda Standard, Butte Miner, San Francisco Examiner and Call, Portland Telegram, Seattle Times, three or four New York papers and the Denver News. The Spokesman-Review takes the lead, because Spokane people awoke from its long sleep this rich district and many are here and more are coming from that place. C. J. Freese, representing this paper, made his second visit here last week. He says that close on to 100 Reviews are taken in Sumpter at present.

#### PROMINENT PEOPLE PRESENT.

##### Sumpter Crowded With Visitors From All Over the Big West.

Sumpter has been particularly crowded with visitors during the past week or ten days, the list including many prominent men in various lines of business throughout the Northwest.

General Passenger Agent Hurlburt, of the O. R. & N., arrived a week ago, accompanied by F. S. Morris, of the firm of Morris & Whitehead, financial brokers of Portland and Denver, and Editor Jackson, of the East Oregonian. They visited several of the surrounding camps under the guidance of W. L. Vinson, remaining here three or four days, apparently enjoying themselves under the hospitable care of their entertainer.

Some of the other visitors of prominence are D. J. McDonald, a famous mining expert from Rossland, B. C., who is here in a professional capacity; E. Juessen, a mining engineer from Spokane; J. F. Bachelder, chairman of the mining department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by F. E. Armstrong, also of Portland, J. K. Pardee, Jr., of Phillipsburg, Montana; C. S. Batterman and F. E. Shaw, Butte; Mr. Peterson, of Anaconda, Montana; Arthur Hill, of Michigan, interested in the Ibex; H. S. Stebbins, Seattle; C. H. Fisher, of the Risdon Iron works, San Francisco; ex-Governor Black, of Utah, now a resident of Spokane; O. G. Labaree and Mr. McDonald, Spokane.

#### 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.

P. R. BISHOP.

#### Heavy Furniture Stock.

Case, Looney & Co., the furniture dealers in the opera house block, have just received five carloads of furniture, carpets wall paper, linoleums, matings, mattresses, etc. This firm, by buying in carload lots, is in a position to offer their goods at Baker City prices, thus saving you freight from that point.

#### Red Chief Mine Sold.

O. G. Labaree and associates have purchased the Red Chief property, in the Cable Cove district, and will at once begin work thereon.

## WARREN HEIGHTS.

### Sightly Residence Addition Now Platted.

Civil Engineer H. K. Wheeler has finished the plat of the Sumpter Townsite syndicate's second addition, which has been named Warren Heights, in honor of the man who has made adjoining and all Sumpter property valuable and saleable.

This addition comprises between eighty and a hundred acres, situated north of Manilla and Pine streets to Magnolia. It contains thirty-four blocks, all of irregular shape, platted to conform to the topography of the land, the hills and dales surrounding the reservoir, and a finer piece of engineering work and draughting is not to be found in the Northwest.

Twenty-four of these blocks, as far east as Badger street, have been subdivided into lots, every one a slightly home building location. The other ten blocks have not been subdivided, and the intention of the Syndicate is to sell them to people who want large grounds around their handsome residences.

This property will be placed on the market in a few days.

#### Municipal Election December 5.

At a meeting of the town council Saturday evening the recorder was instructed to give notice of the municipal election to be held December 5, according to the method prescribed by law. The notice is published in another column of THE MINER today. It is understood that there will be no caucusses nor conventions to nominate candidates for the several offices to be filled. Any one who wants to run for one of the places can do so by getting out a petition with ten signatures attached, and file it with the recorder five days before election. Candidates have not yet uncovered themselves.

#### Second Payment on a Group of Mines.

The second payment of \$5000 was yesterday made by Arthur Murphy and his associates on a group of claims near the Red Boy, that was recently tied up by them, and upon which Mr. Preble is now directing the work. According to reports sent down by that gentleman, the vein, which was followed from the grass roots, has responded nicely as it has been opened up, and some very high grade ore is now exposed. He is very much pleased with the prospect, and if the proposition improves as rapidly during the winter as it has during the past season, the owners will begin to cast about for a mill.—Baker City Democrat.

#### Vinson Saw Mill Starts Today.

The sawmill plant erected half a mile up Powder river from town by W. L. Vinson, began cutting lumber today. The capacity of the mill is 25,000 per day. The supply of logs on hand will permit the mill to be run to that capacity for some time. The entire output will be used by Mr. Vinson in his various enterprises, first of which will be the building of the bridge across the river, connecting his west side addition with the town.

#### Madame Britten's New Restaurant.

Madame Britten, well known as a caterer, has secured the Woods building on Mill street, opposite Basche's, and is fitting up a first-class restaurant on the ground floor, which is intended to be one of the best appointed dining rooms in Sumpter. The kitchen will be under her

own supervision, thus assuring her patrons strictly palatable, home-cooked meals and everything good to eat, as the Madame has arranged to have such supplies as are not in this market regularly shipped her from the coast. She will also furnish the eight rooms on the second floor with new and elegant furniture, stoves and everything for the comfort of first-class transient or home patronage. The upper front rooms of this place are particularly desirable, having large projecting bay windows, from which a fine view up or down Mill street can be had.

#### Sale of the Treadwell Group.

The Treadwell group of mines has been sold to Topping of Trail Creek, B. C. The Treadwell consists of four full claims, and the development is sufficient to insure a safe investment. The mine is on Olive creek near the Van Anda mine of the Blewetts, in the Sumpter district. The price paid is said to be \$60,000.—Idaho Statesman.

#### SUMPTER CLUB HAS A HOME.

##### Formal Opening Will Take Place in Van Duyn Hotel December 9.

The Sumpter club has rented the second floor of the building now known as the Van Duyn hotel; will take possession December 1 and have its formal opening on the evening of December 9. This was decided at a meeting of the club Thursday evening.

At that time the by-laws were submitted by the executive committee and with some minor changes were adopted. It was decided to incorporate under the mutual association act, passed by the last legislature, which does not require the incorporated company to have a specified capital stock. All property is held and controlled by a governing board, the number of which is elastic. This board for the Sumpter club will be its officers and chairmen of the standing committees.

Communications were read from the Portland chamber of commerce, suggesting that the district arrange to make a mineral exhibit at the Paris exposition next year, and from Miss Meyers, principal of the city schools, requesting aid in securing much needed furniture for the school. Both propositions were discussed at length, but no definite action was taken on either.

#### Engine Off the Track.

The engine attached to the logging train which should have left for Baker this forenoon, ran off the track at the Mill street crossing as it was pulling out, and had not been replaced on the track at noon. Little or no damage was done.

#### New Dentist Arrives.

A. C. Greenlee, a dentist from St. Paul and other eastern cities and more recently from Portland, comes to Sumpter highly recommended in his profession. He has opened an office in the Austin building, over the Columbia market.

Wm. Schnarr, who sold the Inter Mountain group to Calder and Finch, will return to his home in Illinois, after an absence of eighteen years.

Make your Thanksgiving dinner perfect by serving fresh grain fed fowls. Johnson's meat market. Fifty cents.

Johnson & Davis, confectioners on Mill street, offer their own make of fine Turkish Nugget chocolate and bon bons.

For fresh fed fat fine fowls for Thanksgiving leave orders at Johnson's meat market. Fifty cents.