

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Al Geiser is in town today.

A. M. Keltie returned Monday from a business trip to Shokane.

Plats of the Vinson addition to Sumpter were filed at the county seat Monday.

Six four-horse wagons loaded with steel rails for the Ibox mine left Sumpter Monday.

General Warren expects to leave Saturday for a flying business trip to Butte, Montana.

J. H. Robbins, president of the First Bank of Sumpter, spent Sunday in Pendleton.

W. L. Vinson left Sunday evening for Portland, going to Baker City on a special train.

J. B. Huntington, known in Umatilla county as the "Cow Boy" lawyer, is in Sumpter with the intention of settling here to practice law.

The team, wagon and battery for the Golconda mill broke through a bridge while en route to the mine several days since, the whole outfit falling in the creek.

The many friends of E. A. Smith will be glad to hear he is convalescing, after a long siege of typhoid fever, but is slowly improving and hopes soon to be up and return to Sumpter. He is now in the care of friends in Portland.

C. H. Armstrong, of Spokane, representing a first class Chicago tailoring firm, is in Sumpter with a fine line of samples, from which can be ordered suits or single garments at eastern prices and made up in eastern style.

Colonel E. S. Topping, of Trail, British Columbia, who has bought and will develop the Blue Bird, has been in the hills for several days past, examining other properties. He will return to Sumpter tomorrow.

C. E. Haight, of Glendive, Mont., has recently come to Sumpter and will make this his home, expecting to bring his family here at an early date. The local papers of Glendive speak highly of Mr. Haight and express their regrets at losing so valuable a citizen.

Postmaster Kahler has been confined to his home for several days with threatened typhoid fever, though his physician, Dr. Pearce, thinks he has the fever broken and that Mr. Kahler will be out and attending to his duties in the postoffice in a few days.

T. W. and R. L. Davidson, father and son, of Bay City, Michigan, arrived in Sumpter yesterday. The elder Mr. Davidson spent some time here last summer, leaving for home about two months since. While here he bought the Bald Mountain mine from R. Haywood, detailed mention of which was made in THE MINER at the time. On his way out here he stopped over at Denver, where Mr. Haywood resides, and paid \$5000 on the deal.

Manager Stoddard, of the Sumpter Lumber company, hopes to have the mill running today, soon after which he will be in position to supply the more urgent of the earlier orders. He has had some difficulty in securing logs, along with his other troubles, owing to the bad condition of the roads.

Captain J. R. Woods, of Chicago, representing the great Tanner syndicate, arrived in Sumpter yesterday. He figured conspicuously in the Buffalo Hump country last spring and summer. His mission here is to secure one or more of the Sumpter district bonanzas. He is one of the most famous mining experts on the continent.

James Howard, a prominent real estate man from Pendleton, William Robbins, a mining man from Spokane, arrived in Sumpter last evening and, in company with J. H. Robbins, of this city, went out to Granite today, to examine some mining property. These three men have recently incorporated the Concord Gold Mining company.

Looking for a Business Location.

George H. Walker, a recent arrival from West Superior, and E. J. Dwyer, who also lived there ten or a dozen years ago, but now a resident of Sumpter, spent several days at Granite, returning yesterday. They report that camp as very lively; say that town lots have already begun to climb up towards the ceiling and that residents have the utmost confidence in the future growth and permanent prosperity of the place. Already inside lots are quoted at \$500. Mr. Walker is looking for an opening for some mercantile business and will probably settle in Sumpter.

Will Spend the Winter in California.

H. J. Watson, who has been in the Cracker Creek and Cable Cove districts all summer, came down Monday on his way home to San Francisco, where he will remain through the winter, having completed the work on several mineral claims bought or located for himself and California parties, in whose interest he came here. Mr. Watson was formerly a newspaper man of the old school, and his recent contribution to this paper has been read by thousands and reprinted in several other papers.

Sale of the Gem Saloon.

The Gem saloon, formerly owned by Snyder & Stinson, has been bought by Andrew J. Stinson, he having acquired Clark Snyder's interest. Mr. Stinson has remodeled the interior of the place, repapered and painted and so changed the general appearance of everything that the many patrons will scarcely recognize it as the old Gem, although that name will be retained by the new management.

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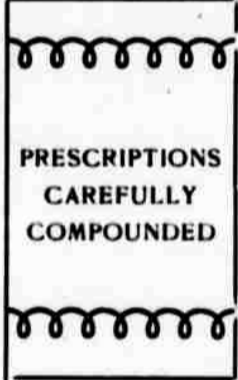
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