

SUMPTER HOTELS.

**Both Old Ones Change Hands
—Two New Ones.**

Thomas Kilpatrick, of Montana, took charge of the Capital hotel Friday, not especially because it was Friday and he wanted to demonstrate the falacy of the ancient superstition regarding the day, but because it was the fifteenth of December, and that was the time named in the lease for him to assume control of the house.

Mrs. Tedrowe has made liberal concessions for repairs, and many changes and improvements will be made. The most notable will be the enlargement of the lobby, rearrangement of the parlor and putting in a lavatory with modern appointments, hot and cold water and marble top stands. Mr. Kilpatrick has had an extensive experience in the hotel business, at one time in Los Angeles, and will undoubtedly make this one of the most popular hostleries in eastern Oregon.

For fourteen years he was in the passenger service of the Northern Pacific, but for the past four or five years has been engaged in mining. Mr. and Mrs. Tedrowe retire from the management of the hotel with the kind regards and good wishes of all patrons and the public at large.

Mine Host Robinson, of the Star.

W. M. Robinson assumed the management of the Star hotel Saturday and will conduct it in future. He is a hotel man of long and successful experience. For some years past he has had charge of the Electric Hotel, at Oregon City. Mrs. Robinson will superintend operations in the kitchen and a special effort will be made to set the best table in town, with a view to securing families and business men as day boarders, to whom special rates will be given. J. G. Connell, who owns the Star and has run it for several years, will remain in Sumpter, and as soon as the weather will permit, will begin to build a splendid new brick hotel at the head of Center street, on the property which he recently purchased from Mayor Gleason, a full account of which was published in THE MINER at the time.

Burn Brick and Build Blocks.

David Wilson, the gentleman who is under contract to erect 250 feet of brick blocks south of the railroad track, fifty feet of which are about finished, was in Sumpter last week. He says that he will begin the manufacture of brick here next spring, just as soon as the weather and the ground will permit, putting in the latest and most improved machine, that will turn out 20,000 brick a day. Sumpter needs an institution of this kind even more than it does railroad facilities and an express service. Mr. Wilson says that he expects to open Hotel Sumpter September 1, 1900, and that it will be a house such as no one can afford not to patronize, his idea being to group there many lines of business. The hotel will be second to none in the state, save Hotel Portland, in point of convenience and elegance.

And Now Comes the Plumber.

H. Orchard, a plumbing contractor of twenty years' experience, has secured the contract with the Water company to tap and make all the necessary connections with their mains as soon as the water is turned on and the public begins to use same. His son, H. R. Orchard, will also establish a complete general plumbing and pipe fitting establishment here and, with a force of competent plumbers be fixed to contract or make repairs in this line at short notice, having a full stock of pipe fittings, coupling, tubes, etc., which will arrive in a few days. Until the new shop is ready, these gentlemen can be found at their home, one door west of Tom McEwen's residence, on North street.

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