

FOR PARIS EXPOSITION

Government Agent Here to Collect Ores for Exhibit.

Joseph S. Woodruff, a well known and extensive mining operator from Chicago, reached Sumpter Saturday. The purpose of Mr. Woodruff's trip west at this time is to look after his mining interests in western Oregon. He is one of the principal owners of the Bohemia, in the Cascades.

Learning of his proposed trip, Frederick J. V. Skiff, director of the department of mining and metallurgy for the Paris exposition, commissioned him to make a collection of Oregon ores for exhibition at that great world's fair. And that is the direct cause for his visit to Sumpter. He saw F. R. Mellis, commissioner from this state to the Paris show, for only a few moments while in Baker City, en route to Sumpter, and therefore reached no definite understanding with him relative to the matter. While in Portland he will call on General Passenger Agent Hurlbert, of the O. R. & N., to secure his co-operation.

Oregon will doubtless have its own separate mineral exhibit at Paris, and in this case Mr. Woodruff's mission will merely be to urge the importance of making a comprehensive and creditable display. The return to the owners of any ores entrusted to his care is insured by a government bond.

He saw and was favorably impressed with the exhibit from the Sumpter district at the Spokane fair, and on account of the information there acquired, came direct here to prosecute his work, knowing that the richest ores old mother earth ever yielded are found in the Blue mountains surrounding this camp.

Mr. Woodruff says that the fame of the Sumpter district has reached Chicago, and mining men are so much interested that several will come out in the spring looking for investments. He himself hopes to become interested sooner or later.

Col. Topping, Like All Others, is Pleased.

Colonel Topping, of Trail, B. C., who a short time since went down to the Sumpter district to look over the mining field in that section, is, to judge from the result of his inspection, pretty well satisfied with the outlook there, as he has lately closed the deal for another property there. This time it is the big Van Anda group which has changed hands, at least a three-fifths interest in the property is taken up by Colonel Topping with other British Columbia capitalists, the price paid being, it is said, \$1,500,000. The group includes the Last Loaf, Red Chief, Black Friday, Humpback, Campaign, and Hunter claims, situated at the head of Olive creek, not far from the famous Red Boy mine. The property was being developed by the Blewetts, who have been instrumental in opening up some of the most noted properties of that section. It is proposed to install a mill at once, there being, it is said, enough ore now in sight to keep it running for a year. The recent rich strike in the Last Loaf is said to be what led to the deal.—Spokane Stock Report.

Prophet of Oregon Reservation.

John Michell, great prophet, I. O. R. M., reservation of Oregon, was in Sumpter the last week. He is on a tour visiting the tribes of eastern Oregon. He has been the editor of the Times-Mountaineer at The Dalles for the last hundred years, or may be, it is fourteen years, he said. Marshal Baker steered him into THE MINER office while here.

The Sumpter Grocery company has just received a car load of choice Eagle Valley apples.

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12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Canyon City	10:30 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	Ar. Clifford	Lv. Canyon City	8:00 a. m.
1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Canyon City	7:30 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Ar. Austin	Lv. Canyon City	5:00 a. m.

Connecting at Austin with stages for Canyon City and interior points.

1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Bonanza	7:30 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar. Bonanza	Lv. Clifford	6:30 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pyx, Robinsonville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and Etcher mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Granite	10:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Granite	Lv. Sumpter	7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Boy, Banquette and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-BOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Bourne	9:30 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	Ar. Bourne	Lv. Sumpter	8:00 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	Ar. Columbia	Lv. Sumpter	7:30 a. m.

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