

FIVE THOUSAND MINERS COMING

General Warren's Estimate of the Stampede to Sumpter in the Spring.

General Charles S. Warren returned several days since from a trip to Butte, Spokane and Rosland. He says that in all of these places, where mining men do largely congregate, Sumpter was an interesting topic of conversation, and he was besieged by enquirers who were anxious to secure information about the camp and district.

Though the General doesn't say so himself, the impression prevails among those who know him best, that he supplied the long felt wants of these earnest seekers after truth. Judging from interviews, republished in THE MINER last week and this, from Butte and Rosland papers, he did not attempt to hide Sumpter's dazzling light under a bushel at any stage of the game.

He estimates that five thousand miners will come to this district in the spring, a large proportion of whom will come from Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia. He did not encourage any one to start before spring.

General Warren says he now feels confident that work on the proposed system of electric roads to the surrounding camps, will be started as soon as the snow goes off. The first one to be constructed will be a line to the Cable Cove district.

He went to Baker City yesterday and will return home today.

Every Lot Contains Its Price in Gold.

It is quite possible that the time is coming when the entire part of what is now the business portion of Sumpter will be mined for placer gold. It rests on a deposit of auriferous gravel averaging probably about eighty feet in depth, and the dirt taken out in digging wells will show colors to almost every pan. In 1898 Sam Campbell and the writer panned some of the dump from the old electric light plant well which prospected good, one small nugget going about five cents, with many coarse particles of smaller size. As high as real estate values now are, and still rising, it is safe to say that there is enough placer gold in every lot on this gravel bed to pay for the lot, if it could be economically mined.—Cove Ledger.

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In a personal letter to Major W. T. Manning, of recent date, Colonel Donan writes that he has already turned in his copy for the booklet on Sumpter, which the O. R. & N. will soon publish. In this connection the Colonel, who is an authority on such matters, says, speaking of Sumpter, "which by the way, doesn't know how to spell its own name. Properly there is no p in it—Sumter."

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