

THE NEW ELDORADO.

Sumpter Has More Dividend-Payers Than Three States.

General C. S. Warren is in the city visiting friends and interesting Canadian capital in the new Eldorado. He says: "There are but two new stars in the heavens in the mining world that are now all brilliant, Sumpter and Cape Nome. Cape Nome will do for the young men and adventurous spirits. Cape Nome is now closed to the outside world and will remain so until next June. Sumpter is always open, is at the end of a railroad, and is the center of a mining district, so far as has been explored, second to none upon earth. Within 20 miles of Sumpter are more dividend-payers than in the states of Montana, Washington and Idaho combined. When I left there, less than 15 days ago, there were 22 cars of mining machinery standing on the sidetrack awaiting shipment to the different mines in the vicinity of Sumpter. There are now 12 quartz mills running, 11 in process of construction and Mr. Unzicker, the general agent of Fraser & Chalmers, of Chicago, has 41 applications for mills, cyanide plants and hoisting works. Prosperity seems to be in the air. Over 500 of the best of the Butte miners are now in the district. The many sales that have been made in the past three months, the marvelous growth of the town, which is up to date, with its waterworks, the equal of any in America, two banks, both in two-story brick structures, 30x100 each, a hotel for which a contract has been let, which is to be of three stories and made of brick, a townsite unsurpassed for natural beauty, the distributing and mining center of what may properly be designated as the Rand of America, a town insignificant, forgotten and overlooked 12 months ago, makes it the Mecca and the bonanza land for 1900 for practical miners all over the continent. Every afternoon about 1:30 there is drawn up in front of Mr. Thomas McEwen's stage office from six to ten coaches headed for the surrounding mining camps. Hank Monk, jr., gets his orders, and when he starts off and turns on one wheel it reminds us of the early days when the \$20 gold pieces went over the bar and no change was returned. In a word, the Sumpter district of Oregon is such a mining district as has not been developed in the United States for the past 20 years.

"Several citizens of Rossland have invested in the Sumpter section and can now sell out at a profit of 500 per cent.

"Of course the success of all mining camps depends upon the value of its mines. It does not take even a laymen long to be in Sumpter, and see the gold bricks chucked off the coaches and on the sidewalks, to become convinced that he is in a gold producing country. The mining money is now trending that way. The stories of Bret Harte and John Hay are being re-enacted every day. We have there John Oakhurst, the outcast of Poker Flat, and Tennessee's partner, and all the rest, two generations after the originals were active. Virginia City in its palmy days, Treasure Hill, after crossing the desert, Pioche, Cripple Creek and the Rand are now altogether mingled in one, the Sumpter district of Oregon.

"Baker City is not a rival of Sumpter. It is, however, to Sumpter what L'ever is to Cripple Creek, what Salt Lake is to Pioche; what Carson is to Virginia City; what Johannesburg is to the Rand. There seems to be a mistaken idea on the outside as to the relationship that exists between the two places, Baker and Sumpter. Baker City is the county seat of Baker county and Sumpter is the best patron, the best friend, the best rival that Baker City has in eastern Oregon. The

success of one means the success of both. "Tens of thousands of dollars of British and Canadian capital has been invested in Sumpter. Something that has never been known before in a town of this size is that a failure has not been yet recorded there. Governor Mackintosh has many thousands of dollars invested there and all of his properties are on a dividend-paying basis."

General Warren leaves for Sumpter tomorrow. He is one of the men who is warmly welcomed whenever he comes to Rossland.—Rossland Miner.

Watch next week's issue of THE MINER for announcement of Vinson's West Side addition to Sumpter.

Ore Exhibit for New Orleans.

Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered, of the Portland Telegram staff, was in Sumpter a few days since, for the purpose of securing a mineral exhibit to take to New Orleans and place on exhibition there during the meeting in March of the National Editorial association, to which she is a delegate from this state. While here she visited the Golconda and secured some choice specimens of the free milling rock from that famous mine. She also arranged for samples from other neighboring mines.

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