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FIRST CLASS HOTEL.

DAVID WILSON WILL COMPLETE ONE IN SIXTY DAYS.

Conducted on the European Plan—Corner of Mill and Austin—Steam Heated, Electric Lighted and All Modern Conveniences—Forty-One Bedrooms and Other Apartments—Conditions Demand Such a House Immediately—Already Rented.

While David Wilson was in town last week, he was asked by a gentleman here if it would be possible for him to build a first class hotel, to be operated on the European plan, and have it completed some time during the spring season. The gentleman wished to lease the house himself. This imperative requirement of early completion excluded the possibility of erecting a brick structure, which is Mr. Wilson's specialty, and in which he has won renown throughout the Northwest.

Yesterday he returned to Sumpter, having considered the proposition favorably. He brought with him plans for the building and is prepared to begin work at once. Last evening he stated to a MINER representative that he thought work would begin Monday; that only a definite understanding as to details with the lessee, whose name he does not now care to make public, is necessary in order to insure the immediate building of the house. Regarding this, he believes there is scarcely a doubt. Mr. Wilson is himself a building contractor of long and varied experience, and will personally superintend the construction.

The plans are for a very attractive three-story structure, 60 by 90 feet. It will be on Mill street, on the opposite corner of Austin from where he will build next summer the large, elegant brick hotel. The house will have a stone foundation, lap siding outside of building paper, and will be lathed and plastered inside, the best quality of seasoned lumber being used throughout. It will be electric lighted and steam heated.

The plans for the ground floor provide for a store room 20 by 40 feet on the corner, a barber shop 12 by 20 feet, opening on Mill street, with three bath rooms, and water closets in the rear; the main stairway entrance to the upper floors, eight feet wide, beginning ten feet from the entrance, and another room 20 by 40 feet, to be used as a cafe, with kitchen in the rear. On Austin street in the rear of the corner store, there will be four suits of offices, of two rooms each, the front office being 12 by 16 feet and the rear room 12 by 12. All of these fronts will be of plated glass.

The second and third floors are very similar in design, each consisting of a parlor on the street corner, bath rooms and water closets; the second floor twenty bedrooms and the third twenty-one.

The cost of this building will be about \$10,000. Together with the site and furniture the hotel will represent an investment of fully \$15,000.

Fraternal Union Installation.

On the evening of February 10, Sumpter Lodge No. 37, of the Fraternal Union of America, held a public installation of officers in Ellis' opera house, and this very interesting program was rendered: Instrumental music, Miss Carrie Spalding; vocal solo, Mrs. White; address on the order, J. J. Sturgill, supreme guide; vocal solo, Mr. Sexton. The following

officers were then installed by J. J. Sturgill, deputy supreme president: E. C. Steffen, fraternal master; George Baker, justice; Mrs. Barbara Duckworth, truth; Mrs. Mary M. Amell, mercy; Miss Josephine Stadman, guide; V. R. Mead, protector; T. D. Taylor and Mrs. V. R. Mead, stewards; Frank G. Shaver, secretary; J. L. Sullivan, treasurer; Miss Carrie Spalding, musician; Dr. C. M. Pearce, physician; J. O. Lockhart, guide; W. A. Green, sentinel. The address of the supreme guide, J. J. Sturgill, was well received. Sixteen new applications were obtained. An executive session was then held and fifteen candidates initiated into the mysteries of the order. The lodge now has over sixty-five members, and expects to reach the 100 point this month. The charter will be open for a few days longer, at the charter rates of \$7.50.

Mining Not a Three Ball Business.

The following, from the Prescott Prospect, will be appreciated by claim owners who have had experience with so-called mining men who want the earth and the fullness thereof: There are at present a number of gentlemen in this town in search of a mine that is developed to a point of absolute safety as an investment—and that has all the geological and mineralogical conditions in its favor, and gives further evidence of increasing ore bodies, both in extent and richness. Such a mine is being searched for, and presumably with expectations of being found; and such a mine these gentlemen would buy providing that double the amount of the price asked is in sight, and that the seller guarantee that it will continue to improve with development by depositing the purchase price in the hands of a third person, to be paid to the buyer in case the mine fails to come up to the requirements stipulated. Go home, gentlemen, and back to your congenial calling. The principles of the three-ball shop cannot be successfully applied to mining.

Charity Ball at Bonanza.

The ball given at Bonanza Thursday evening, for the benefit of a worthy sick couple, was a decided success, socially and financially. The floor was in excellent condition, the music was good, the lunch delicious and the crowd large. The ladies of Bonanza who conducted the worthy effort are deserving of all praise. Several sleigh loads from Sumpter attended, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jett, Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Marsh, Mrs. Otto Herlocker, Mrs. H. K. Wheeler, Misses Carrie Spalding, Effie M. Young, Mollie E. Johnson, Lulu Jett; Messrs. A. M. Keltie, Robert Newlin, Will Griffin and L. Bush Livermore.

Voters Attention.

The voters of the North and South Sumpter precincts can now register at the city hall, E. L. Manning, city recorder, having received the registration books from the county clerk for that purpose.

All of the latest novels, such as David Harum, Under the Three Flags in Cuba, Richard Carvil, Via Crucis, Strong Arm, When the Sleeper Wakes, My Lady and Allen Darke, at Adler's Crystal Palace, Sumpter, Oregon.

It is not necessary to go to Portland to get properly fitted with spectacles. Call on J. B. Sawyer & Co., at Parker's studio, Baker City. Hours, 1:30 to 4 p. m.

WANTED—By two young Japanese boys, situations in mining camp or private family. Enquire at this office.

Kodak and supplies at Adler's Crystal Palace.

ONE MAN'S VIEWS OF SUMPTER.

Will Come Here at Once to Engage in the Mercantile Business.

E. P. Weir, of the firm of Shurte & Weir, Arlington, this state, tells the East Oregonian that he will soon remove to Sumpter to engage in the mercantile business. He expressed his opinion of the town in this wise:

"Sumpter, in my opinion, is going to be the leading town of Baker county. It has the advantage of being close to the richest mines in that section and has the further advantage of a railroad. Of course, there will be other good towns, but they do not possess the advantages that does Sumpter, and, consequently, in my judgment, they will never be able to keep up with Sumpter.

"The town is also possessed of the richest mining claims of the entire section, and they are located in close proximity to the town. I am not a practical miner, but from what I saw I am convinced that the mines are fully as rich as is claimed of them. I visited nearly all of the mines now being worked, and was agreeably surprised at what I observed. Every mine is being worked with a full force of men, and tons and tons of ore rich in gold, silver and copper are on the dumps. At nearly every mine it is claimed that the ore in sight is practically unlimited in quantity, and is generally increasing in value with depth. Baker county mines are all right, and in my judgment their richness is beyond estimating at this time. I have no fear of the outcome and propose to establish myself in business there just as soon as it is possible to do so."

Newspaper Situation at Granite.

F. G. Hull left for his home in Milton on the noon train today. He came down from Granite yesterday, where he is erecting a building for a newspaper office. This, he says, will not be completed until next week. Some of his printing material has already arrived in Sumpter, and arrangements made for hauling it to Granite. Mr. Hull says that S. P. Shutt has offered to withdraw from the Granite newspaper field for the mere bagatelle of \$3000. The latter's building is about ready for occupancy. The Hood River Sun announces that its plant will be shipped to Granite by Mr. Shutt. Nothing has been heard from J. Nat Hudson for a day or two, and it is supposed that he is coming in with his newspaper plant. O. W. Athey, of Idaho, shipped a printing plant to this place, expecting to go to Granite, but found the ground so thoroughly covered that he will stop here for a while.

All Enquiring About Sumpter.

John Duquet has returned from a four-weeks trip east, having visited Denver, Chicago, Omaha, Des Moines and other places, where he says he found people in a more excited state over the Sumpter gold field question than those right here at home. Everywhere was he questioned by hundreds, and being a visitor to several Woodmen's lodges, he had an opportunity to do some good missionary work for this district. Many large capitalists will personally, or through agents, investigate our country immediately winter breaks up. He says they are all anxious for literature or anything that will convey information concerning the country.

Baker City's Second Pamphlet.

O. L. Miller, secretary of the Baker City chamber of commerce, is in town today. He is getting material for the second edition of the pamphlet which the chamber will issue some time in March, numbering 5000 copies. It will include

the mining region from Snake river to Canyon City. Mr. Miller says he received such a frost from Sumpter last year that he hasn't the nerve to present another proposition to our citizens, though he would be very glad to give the town whatever space it might desire, in the way of reading matter and illustrations.

Man Injured by Premature Explosion.

There was a premature explosion of a blast in the Columbia mine early Saturday morning, resulting in the severe injury of A. H. Cleland and the loss of his hearing by John Kennedy, both miners. Cleland was brought to Sumpter and his wounds were dressed by Dr. Pearce. His face was badly torn by flying rock and one eye seriously damaged, though the doctor hopes that his sight was not destroyed. He was taken to the hospital at Baker City.

Another Prominent Mining Man Here.

J. Obalski, M. E., of Quebec, Canada, prominent in eastern mining circles and a government mining engineer and inspector of mines for the province of Quebec, is in this district to personally gain what information is generally necessary to interest Canadian and British capital. It is unlikely that his opinion will be otherwise than favorable, as is usual with mining men coming here who have had some practical experience.

Thirty Stamps for the May Queen.

John Thomson, president of the May Queen Mining company, announces that his company will increase its capital stock \$50,000, and add twenty stamps to the mill, making thirty in all. He says that ore bodies now blocked out justify this move. J. G. End, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, vice president of the company, is now in the district.

Eight Feet of \$200 Rock in the Diadem.

Charley Bonner, superintendent of the Diadem, came down from the mine yesterday, bringing the most encouraging reports from that property. He says that eight feet of ore has been encountered that will assay \$200 to the ton. This property, development work on which was only commenced last fall, has already made several profitable shipments.

Redmen Will Dance.

Eagan Tribe No. 20, I. O. R. M., will give a dance on the evening of Washington's birthday, February 22, at Ellis opera house, for the benefit of the public school and the fire department. The best of music has been provided for, and the affair promises to attain the usual success which marks all functions given by this popular order.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Sumpter camp, M. W. A., No. 7546, was instituted here Friday night with fifteen charter members, and these officers: L. T. Brock, V. C.; H. A. Griffin, W. A.; W. Mayer, clerk; A. P. Goss, banker; Dr. Brock, physician; William Johnson, sentry; G. O. Scott, watchman; J. D. Forbes, escort.

Another Baker Firm in Sumpter.

McCord Brothers will open a first-class fruit, confectionery and cigar stand in the new building on Mill street, opposite Basche's hardware store. The young men were popularly known in Baker City where they conducted a business of the same kind, and are sure to be successful here.

Sumpter souvenir spoons. F. C. Brodie, watchmaker and jeweler, Opera house block.