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THOUSANDS COMING HERE

General Warren Brings Tidings From the East.

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Information Gathered in Montana, Idaho and Washington—All Interested in Securing Information—Case of "Warm Feet"—Plan for a Thousand-Stamp Mill at This Point—Sufficient Water Power—Question of Transportation can be Solved—O. R. & N. Will Doubtless Run Trains to This Camp Before Snow Flies.

General Warren returned today from a business trip to Butte. He greeted a MINER representative with: "Well, I'm back again, with a pair of as warm feet as ever trod the hot sands of the desert, yet they have been wading through the slush of half melted snow." In explanation of this enviable spiritual condition, expressed in characteristic metaphor, the general talked in this wise:

"I spent five days in Butte, formerly in undisputed possession of the title of 'the greatest camp on earth'—and still a good one, too, even if it is about to yield its proud distinction to Sumpter. I know everybody over there and talked with most of them. Mining men are a migratory class and there is going to be an exodus from Montana this spring, commencing at an early day. They are going to Nome and coming to Sumpter, but this place has the call and will get the larger proportion.

"I came home through Idaho, stopping at Pocatello; went through the Palouse country and remained over a day at Spokane; and then started for home via Walla Walla. Everywhere I went, in hotels, at depots, in trains, I talked with people and when they learned that I was interested somewhat in Sumpter and was more or less posted on the situation here, I was besieged with inquiries; had the floor to myself and tried to do my duty in enlightening those who were earnestly seeking the truth. Everybody is interested in the subject, and the more they learn of the favorable conditions existing here, the more interested they become and the more determined they are to cast their future lot in this favored region.

"I tell you, my boy, it is just as certain that thousands are coming into this district this spring as it is that the robbers mate and nest in that poetic season. It is the time of year to move and the big crowd is moving this way. It is already coming. When I got off the train at Baker today, there were at least fifty others, forty of whom were inquiring where the Sumpter depot could be found—the others had been here before.

"This year is to be a great epoch in the interesting history of mining movements in the West. The stampede to Sumpter will in the years to come ever be mentioned in connection with the great Cripple Creek excitement of a few years since, and other similar movements of magnitude in earlier years. And this is why my feet are warm and comfortable."

Asked for information regarding the spe-

cific object of his trip to Butte, General Warren said:

"I went there to interest capital in certain enterprises which we have on foot that will be of incalculable benefit to this camp and the entire surrounding country. I don't care to say at this time just what these plans are, because the arrangements are not all consummated. I feel sure, however, that all will be well. Some of the capitalists with whom I talked and did business will be here in a week or ten days, when definite information can be given out.

"In coming in on the train with A. W. Ellis today, he assured me that he has a water power a few miles distant, sufficient to operate a thousand stamps. Such a mill is what is needed here. Mining operators, large and small, should get together and arrange to unite on such a proposition. With this cheap power, and conveniences which such a large institution would afford, ore could be milled for \$1 a ton. That in itself would be a saving that will make this country rich and great.

"The only obstacle in the way at present is transportation facilities, and a system of radiating electric lines, which we are now encouraged to believe will be constructed, will effectually remove that difficulty. One of these lines can be finished by August."

To a question as to the prospects of a railroad as an outlet, more satisfactory and cheaper transportation than is now afforded by the slim gauge road, the General predicted that the O. R. & N. would be running trains into Sumpter before the snow flies. His idea is that unless the Sumpter Valley road sells to the O. R. & N., the latter company will build a competing, standard gauge road, and will then, of course, be in position to choke the wind out of the local concern. Anent the statement of officials that the Sumpter Valley line will be extended into the John Day country this season, he expressed the hope that this promise will be fulfilled; said that the country over there would develop very rapidly with such aid as a railroad would lend, and that Sumpter will grow in proportion to the growth of tributary country.

Hoisting Works for the Free Coinage.

Vic Schilling and associates who own the Free Coinage mine in Sumpter district, on which a rich strike was recently made, have just made a contract with the Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works, Portland, for a steam hoist cylinder 4x10 with a 28 drum, feeling satisfied that the work turned out by this enterprising firm would compare most favorably with eastern manufactures. Wolff & Zwicker have a special representative in the Sumpter district and hope to divide with other companies some of the big contracts for mills to be installed here this year.—Mining and Machinery Review.

William McKinley in Sumpter.

Sumpter has gained a new business man and resident in the person of William McKinley, who comes here from Boise, Idaho, to establish himself in the promotion and development of mining properties. He is not a stranger to the situation, having been here at various times, when he secured interests which he can better look after by being on the ground; hence his wise removal to Sumpter.

The celebrated Green River whiskey "without a headache," at the Capital Hotel bar.

Robert Buchanan is emphatically the coming peer of America's best comedians.—Chicago Times.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

H. H. Fritz spent last week in Baker City.

Mrs. Ira Manning, of Tacoma, joined her husband here yesterday.

Dr. Greenlee, dentist, is located over the Sumpter Drug company store.

James A. Howard, the Lawton town-site man, was in the city yesterday.

Chief of Police Patrick, of Baker City, was in Sumpter yesterday on business.

H. K. Wheeler has been out Granite way this week, doing some civil engineering work.

Mrs. General Warren, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Murphy were in Baker City Monday.

The Sumpter Steam laundry is open and running to a big business, being operated by F. Kinert.

Editor Chandler, of the Grant County News, has been in Sumpter this week, leaving for home today.

Attorney Roblin has returned from Baker City and LaGrande, where he spent a week on legal business.

D. B. Fisk has his new blacksmith and wagon shop in operation in the Vinson addition, at the foot of Granite street.

Owing to the delay caused by an unimportant break in THE MINER'S new cylinder press, the paper is a day late this week.

Captain O'Bley, of Liverpool, England, who was here with Professor Selwin last summer, has returned to Sumpter to remain an indefinite time.

Charles R. Miller, local agent of the Telegram, returned yesterday from a two week's visit in Portland. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

President Goss, of the Bank of Sumpter, expects his brother to arrive from St. Paul in a few days, to remain in the bank until their father returns from a trip east.

H. W. Ogilbe, a civil and mining engineer from Portland, is here to secure evidence of this being the best mining camp on earth. He has an easy job.

W. J. B. Nichols, a mining broker and operator of Seattle, has been in the camp for the past week. It is presumed he is looking for an investment in his line.

Frank L. Hunter, of San Francisco, special agent of the London Assurance Company came in yesterday and established their agency with Manning Bros.

John Ambruster and A. W. Ellis have returned from Portland, where they went a week ago on business connected with the Columbia Brewing and Malting company.

THE MINER has now on its staff, C. F. Dupuis, one of the volunteers who served his country in the Manila campaign, with Company D of this state, enlisting from Pendleton, Oregon.

Stock in the Van Anda mine, recently incorporated for \$1,500,000, is said to be selling at 98 cents in Baker City, since John English has assumed a majority holding in the company.

Ed. Hendryx, a young newspaper man from Milton, Oregon, passed through Sumpter yesterday, en route to Lawton, where he has been engaged on the soon-to-be-issued Lawton Standard.

H. Bamberger, of The White House dry goods store at Baker City, was visiting Sumpter last Sunday for the first time in many months. For his sake, it would scarcely do to let Baker City people know what he had to say.

P. C. Barton, a mining engineer from Portland, and a member of the recently or-

ganized stock board at that place, was in Sumpter last week, examining the merits of the district. He returned home Monday properly enthused.

Since the dissolution of the firm of Cornwell & Sullivan, which formerly conducted the livery business on Cracker street, J. L. Sullivan has taken the sole management of what is now the Eureka Feed and Livery company.

R. Armstrong, of Chicago, arrived here Sunday morning to attend his son Chris, who has been dangerously sick, but is now considerably improved. The father and many friends of the young man are hopeful of his speedy recovery.

Norman Ellsworth, editor of Mining and Machinery Review, Portland, has been in Sumpter for several days past in the interest of that publication. While here he arranged with Bush Livermore for regular reports from the mines.

W. T. Wallace, representing the H. J. Heinz Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, manufacturers and canners of the celebrated brands of table delicacies, visited here Monday and Tuesday, doing a handsome business with the Sumpter merchants.

R. R. Erwin left several days since for Portland, having been called there by wire, in regard to a mining deal of large proportions which he is promoting. Mr. Erwin says he now feels sure that considerable Portland money will be invested in this district this year.

E. H. Smith and C. E. Carter, of Boston, both largely interested in the Mammoth mine, were here last week and a part of this, returning home Monday. The former gentleman is also part owner in the Bald Mountain group, and will return here later in the season.

The local A. O. U. W. lodge is making preparations for one of the jolliest dances of the season at Ellis Opera house on Friday evening, the occasion being the celebration of St. Patrick's day. Get on your dancing clothes and go, or miss a good time.

C. H. Seneco, operating a large sheep ranch at Bliss, Idaho, came up Friday morning, in response to a telegraphic message announcing the illness of Chris Armstrong, who was an old friend and associate. He returned home Sunday, when it was considered the latter was out of danger.

W. H. Mosby, of the Sumpter Town-site company's office, is seriously contemplating what he calls a "folding bee" to help dispose of the twenty thousand lot of pamphlets printed for the company by THE MINER, and which is to help enlighten the outside world of the greatness of Sumpter and its mines.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Herlocker entertained the Sumpter Whist club last Wednesday evening at the Capital hotel parlors. Mrs. Cassidy and Mr. Tedrow were awarded the first prizes, Miss Anna Myers and Joe Hurt taking home the boobies. Mr. Goss and Mr. Roblin entertain the club on Thursday evening at the bank parlors on Mill street.

If you want to forget your troubles, don't fail to see Robert Buchanan at Ellis opera house during the week beginning March 19.

The Buchanan-Lambert Company is the best that has been seen in Sprague in many a day.—Sprague Times.

Carpets, matting, oil cloths and leno-leums cut to measure at the Hobson Mercantile company's.

A complete line of photo supplies at Adler's.