

**LUCK OF TENDERFOOT****STRIKES \$98 ORE ON HIS FIRST PROSPECTING TRIP.**

**Finds This On the Surface a Couple of Miles from Sumpter—Away from Home Less Than a Week and Returns a Prospective Millionaire—Located Two Rich Claims in Two Days—"And There Are Others."**

Without naming the exact date, further than that it was within the past ten days, there came to Sumpter Charles A. Burton, from Freewater, Oregon, with the intention of making a prospecting trip through this district. His first venture on the day following his arrival took him one and three-quarters of a mile from town, on the Bourne road, from which point he had gone scarcely a mile to the east, where he found surface croppings to indicate a mineral ledge, upon which he at once made a location. He came to town that day to have his samples assayed.

While waiting the following day to get returns from the assay office, he went back and made a second location in the same vicinity, for a friend at home. A MINER man chanced to meet him when he came in from the second trip and was told about his two days' work and shown the samples brought in. It was then suggested that the assayer would have completed his work, so a visit was made to that office, where Burton found he had \$98 returns in gold from his first find.

It is needless to describe the missionary work he will do for the Sumpter camp when he gets home, for which place he left the next morning, having been gone only four or five days. He expects to return in a short time, bringing others with him, who have the same opportunities as himself.

The above is no fairy story, as can be verified by writing Mr. Burton, and is an occurrence of every few days, with a certainty that only a small per cent of the good things are brought to light through the press.

Within a few weeks the results of work done by prospectors will reach the outside world and bring yet larger crowds than are now beginning to arrive, at which time also the hills will be entirely bare from snow, making it in every respect the Mecca for the gold hunter, for from Sumpter, the hub of the entire mineral section, supplies of every conceivable nature can be had and at prices often less than charged in the larger cities, and certainly never higher, while, with other smaller towns scattered a few miles apart over the whole gold belt, the supply question is one never to worry the prospector.

**Buchanan-Lambert Company.**

The Buchanan-Lambert Company, which gives the last of eight performances in the city tonight, have proven a pleasant entertainment company, and when they go they will leave regretted. The audiences have been given the worth of their money, and the house and troupe have done very well financially. We can cheerfully say that the attraction is made up of ladies and gentlemen who are educated in the line of business they represent and are giving the people all or more than they claim. Ritzville finds them worthy of most liberal patronage.—Ritzville Times.

**Massachusetts Capital Coming to Sumpter.**

L. Q. Swetland, son of E. P. Swetland, who was formerly in the confectionery business in this city, is visiting his uncle, H. A. Quimby, of Pearl street. Mr. Swetland, who received his education in our public schools, is now chief deputy in

the county clerk's office at Portland, Or. He reports that many Springfield people are becoming interested in the mines of southern and eastern Oregon, particularly in those of the Sumpter district, which appears to be the present rival of the Alaskan gold fields. As a sample of the mushroom growth of the west, he quotes the town of Sumpter, which a year ago contained but ten or a dozen residences and business buildings and now has over 3500 inhabitants. Mr. Swetland's eastern trip is partly for pleasure and partly to interest his local relatives and acquaintances in several mining properties which he controls.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

**LOCAL EXPANSION.****Scenes of Activity a Mile and a Half from the Center of Town.**

To gain an idea of the expansion and building now going on in Sumpter, just get out and walk around the outskirts. A MINER reporter was out a day or two since, a mile and a half southwest, out of town, as he supposed, when all at once he came on to a corps of surveyors plating an addition to the city. Just beyond Messrs. Beamer and Brown's suburban residences is the large sawmill of the A. T. Shaw Lumber company, recently started up under the management of A. B. Bloomer.

A plant is here in operation, working some dozen men, while all about is dotted little tents, houses and sheds for the accommodation of the employes of the company. Women, children, dogs, chickens and geese were making themselves at home, while a surveying outfit was running lines, blocking off lots on which homes are soon to be erected.

The mill company, just getting its planers started in connection with the saw mill, is stacking up lumber ready for the dry kiln, and selling it green to fill demands.

The location is on the Canyon City county road, which borders the banks of a limpid stream and a telephone line.

**Fraser & Chalmers' New Catalogue.**

The well known Chicago mining machinery house of Fraser & Chalmers has recently issued the fourth edition of their No. 46 catalogue, which should be on the desk of every mining company or man who has use for mills, hoists, pumps or other machinery, or who desires information that otherwise would probably cost them many dollars to obtain.

The catalogue goes into much detail, too intricate to be reviewed here, further than to say it contains tables, illustrations, descriptive matter, prices and other information concerning the thousand wants of patrons, that makes it a desirable volume, that can be had by application to the house, corner Twelfth street and Washtenaw avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**Wanted.**

Situation by a No. 1 mill and mining man and wife; man as foreman of mill, wife to run boarding house. None but reliable parties need answer. For reference enquire of J. K. Pardee, vice-president of the Diadem mine.

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If you want to forget your troubles, don't fail to see Robert Buchanan at Ellis opera house during the week beginning March 10.

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