

TAX OF ONE PER CENT.**First Municipal Property Tax to Be Levied in Sumpter.**

The town council at its regular meeting Saturday evening instructed the attorney to draft an ordinance providing for levying a property tax of one per cent, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to internal improvements. This is the first tax to be levied on Sumpter property for municipal purposes. A number of improvements are very much needed and only the ever present few chronic will object to paying this tax, the only equitable method of providing for public improvements.

Ordinances No. 1, new series, prescribing the duties and procedure of the council, and No. —, fixing the compensation and duties of the recorder, were passed. These are merely revisions of the old ordinances, making no material change.

Tom Gray appeared before the council and made a very pertinent and sensible talk on the importance of doing something to improve the condition of the streets. He not only offered good advice, but offered, on behalf of the Sumpter Townsite Company, Limited, to give \$50, if the city would appropriate an equal sum, for the purpose of hiring men to keep cross walks cleaned off, until some plan for permanent remedy for the mud evil can be adopted. The proposition was accepted and has already been acted on, with the delightful result that one can navigate the principal thoroughfares without the aid of hip rubber boots.

Dr. Brock, city physician, was requested to hand in a written statement relative to certain charges and insinuations made by the Blue Mountain American, in a silly attempt, a ridiculous failure to publish a sensational article on the city pest house.

The council then adjourned until Monday evening.

At that time Dr. Brock submitted the statement asked for, in which he showed very conclusively that the allegations were false, the insinuations without foundation, and volunteered the very sensible observation that the attention given to the American's foolish attempt to attract public attention to itself would do more harm than the publication of the article.

Al Hillier was appointed special health officer and policeman.

The committee on police was instructed to look into the matter of the way the night watchmen perform their duty and to assign these officers regular beats.

NICKLE LEDGE DISCOVERED.**Said to Be of Vast Extent and Carries Three Per Cent.**

Messrs. John T. English, Frank S. Baillie and Frank Nelson returned by yesterday's 4:22 a. m. train from the west from their visit to the nickel mines located 17 miles west of Rye valley, this county, where they inspected one of the most wonderful ore deposits in the west.

The ore is of the nickel variety, with some gold and silver.

The croppings stand 20 feet high and 102 feet wide.

John T. English owns two claims and Frank Nelson also owns two claims. On one of the Nelson claims a shaft is down 50 feet. A tunnel will be run upon the ledge 150 feet, giving a depth 100 feet or more. At the bottom of the 50-foot shaft the assay gives three per cent or about \$30 per ton in nickel, besides \$5.25 in gold and silver.

The general croppings of this wonderful deposit of nickel and other money metals are over 1000 feet wide and have been traced in length for a mile.

Wonders seem to never cease in the

mineral line in the Baker county gold fields. This latest wonder in nickel may prove to be a big fortune maker for all of the gentlemen who have taken up claims, as well as for others who may secure a holding in the nickel deposit.—Baker City Democrat.

Change in Sumpter Forwarding Co.

A. J. Kline, of Patterson, New York, has bought an interest in the Sumpter Forwarding company, and has been made secretary and treasurer of that thriving concern. He will arrive here the latter part of the present month and at once assume the duties of his position. R. W. Frame, president of the company, will leave Friday for Huntington, where business will require his presence for some time to come.

THE SUMPTER MINER.**Now Has Most Complete Printing Plant in Eastern Oregon.**

Six months ago this paper was started. The world knows of the marvelous growth of Sumpter during this half year. THE MINER today submits itself as evidence of the claim that it has kept pace with the growth of the camp. At the time of its first issue its mechanical facilities were limited, and almost every week since more material has been added to the plant, until now this is the most completely equipped modern printing establishment in Eastern Oregon. The paper today is printed on its new, latest improved Babcock cylinder press, propelled by a three and a half horse power Pelton water motor, acknowledged to be the best made. This is the first application made of the Sumpter water works as a motive power. The trial is a complete, gratifying success.

During the short life of THE MINER it has required constant effort and continual labor by its owners and staff of efficient employes to meet the demands of the public in a business way. In one particular this effort has proven a failure; it has been impossible to print a sufficient number of papers to supply the demand. The exchange list amount—practically to nothing, and for several months past each issue has been from one to several hundred short of orders. Now, however, all this part of the trouble is past. The office now has a press capacity of 4,500 impressions an hour.

The paper, itself, will be improved from time to time, more especially in the way of covering a wider area of country and range of matter. At an early day certain features will be introduced, which will be allowed to do their own talking. In the way of job printing, the office will continue to turn out only the best, and is equipped to do all of this character the surrounding country needs at this time. As to cheap, inferior work, it can't be done here.

Notice to the Public.

All consumers of city water must make application to the office of the Sumpter Water company before the mains are tapped or any residence or business house supplied with water.

SUMPTER WATER COMPANY.

dian, will open an engagement of six nights at Sumpter, March 10, at Ellis opera house, supported by a strong and well balanced company.

The Smelter Addition is now on the market—investigate and get in at first price. D. Copping, agent, corner Mill and Sumpter streets.

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