

**INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.**

**City Council at Work on This Important Matter.**

The city council at its meeting Saturday evening put in most of its time very profitably in considering matters pertaining to internal improvements, street grading and paving, sewers, signs and so forth.

Messrs. Robbins and Neil, of the property owners committee, who are looking after the matter of paving Granite and Mill streets, appeared before the council and asked that the city establish street grades. The request was promptly granted and the attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance, covering not only these two thoroughfares, but all the principal streets of the town. The city engineer will do the work at the expense of the city.

The attorney was also instructed to draw an ordinance regulating the placing of signs over business houses, prohibiting those extending across and others obstructing sidewalks.

The proper committee was asked to make an investigation of the sewer problem and report at the next meeting; including the possibility of using the gulch water to flush same, when the system is constructed.

The committee on streets and alleys was instructed to confer with the railroad officials and learn whether or not they will join other property owners in that vicinity in improving the streets on which their property abuts.

And then that perplexing question involved in the water ditch rights through the city was again considered. The matter was referred to the city attorney for his legal opinion.

Revision ordinances, referring to the duties of marshal and treasurer, were introduced and passed to their second reading.

Night watchmen were assigned to regular beats, Center street being the dividing line.

**Platting Prairie City.**

Arthur Philbrick left Saturday with a half dozen men, to survey additions to the town of Prairie City, for the Chorier Brothers, who are promoting that proposition and who are enthusiastic and hopeful over the outlook for having a boom town there second only to Sumpter. It is about forty-five miles distant from here, south of west. Every one seems to think there will be a rush into that section, that the location of Prairie City is such that it will become an important point. That has been a great stock country for many years; it is said to be second to none for fruit growing, has produced hundreds of thousands of dollars in placer gold and of late years many valuable quartz ledges have been discovered, some of which are now being worked.

**British Columbia Miners Coming Here.**

A press dispatch from Rossland states that miners are leaving that district very rapidly for Sumpter and other American camps, on account of labor troubles in British Columbia. The telegram further states that the passenger agent of the Red Mountain railway says that for the past ten days the miners leaving for points in the United States averaged thirty-five per day. These, added to those who left previously since the mines shut down and those who went to other British Columbia points via the Columbia & Western, would bring the total number of miners who have left the camp since the three large mines closed, up to about 450 to 500. In talks with departing miners they said that mining was brisk in all of the mining camps of the United

States, and that they did not care to lose their time while waiting for an adjustment of the differences that have arisen. They could go to work elsewhere, and there would be no question of contracts, and they would be paid for a day's work when they had done one. They claimed that there was a period of great industrial activity on all over the continent, and that there was more work than there were men to do it, and, under the circumstances, they thought it would be foolish to remain there and split hairs with the management of the mines that have shut down, as it would simply lead to a loss of time and money on their part at a period when there was no necessity for it.

**TO WORK RICH PLACER MINE**

**Diggings in Ten Cent Gulch that Will Pay \$15 to \$20 a Man Per Day.**

Down the gulch about a mile below the Cougar quartz mine in Ten Cent gulch is a placer claim, located two years ago and now owned by J. M. McKee & Sons, which is an entirely new mine and shows prospects such as made Granite one of the world's famous placer mining camps in years gone by. Mr. McKee and the boys are busy just now getting ready to put in their pipes and they have over 400 inches of water which they will use under thirty feet pressure, as the dirt is very soft and easily worked. They could have 300 feet pressure but do not need so much.

This ground is very rich. We visited the mine yesterday, which is only 2 1/2 miles from Granite, and were shown to cents in coarse gold dust washed out of a teacup full of dirt. On bed rock, six feet below the surface, dirt was struck going 75 cents to the cubic foot, or \$6.75 to the yard.

When the piping is in and the hydraulic at work, these diggings will pay \$15 to \$20 a day to the man. Their opinion is that there are other good pieces of ground not far distant, and not yet located, that, if thoroughly prospected, will be found to pay equally well. The by-wash or tailing ditches, where work has been previously done and cleaned up on the Black Pine ground, were afterward cleaned up, and \$75 taken out of three ditches, each about fifteen yards long.—Granite Boulder.

**Water Power on Eagle Creek.**

A new electric light and power company, organized under the laws of the state of Oregon, has located a water power on Eagle creek about forty miles from Baker City, and has secured a franchise for an electric plant in Baker City, and is proceeding as rapidly as possible to the development of the water power for the purposes of furnishing electric light, power and heat. When placed in operation this power will make many mines active that are now idle, by furnishing cheap power, light and transportation.—Baker City Correspondent in Spokesman-Review.

Magnolia lodging house has nicely furnished rooms by the day, week or month, over the Magnolia.

See the electric clocks that run forever without winding at Adler's.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Sealed bids will be received by the committee of property owners at the office of the City Engineer for the improvement of Granite street from the east side of Mill street to the west side of Cracker street.

Bids shall be made as follows:  
Bids for the grading only of the roadway to receive the curbing and planing.

Bids for the planing, curbing and sidewalking of the entire width, such bids include only the furnishing and laying of the lumber with the necessary hardware.

Bids for both the grading and the planing, curbing and sidewalking of the street as above.

Also:  
Bids for the improvement of the street by graveling, crosswalking, guttering, curbing and sidewalking—such bids to include all necessary grading and the furnishing and laying of the material required.

The contractor is referred to the city engineer for plans and specifications and for more detailed information.

Bids will be received up to 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, March 22, 1900.  
The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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