

MUCH FREIGHT HERE.**Big Outfit From Cripple Creek to Haul It.**

The Sumpter Forwarding company's warehouses here are a sight to behold, in the way of miscellaneous merchandise, furniture, hay, grain, etc., etc., awaiting transportation to points west of Sumpter. Over forty carloads are now stored there and more coming each day, until the Forwarding company has been obliged to utilize the room beneath the main building until the freight teams relieve its storage capacity.

In conversation with one of the company's officials it is learned that freighters are in no hurry to contract this service, expecting to exact their own price at the right time. In this connection THE MINER man is told that H. C. Willis, of Cripple Creek, Colorado, is en route to Sumpter with the largest freighting outfit ever brought into the country, consisting of fifty or sixty freight teams and twenty-five head of pack mules, on which he can load from 300 to 400 pounds each, in case the roads are in such condition as to make hauling by wagon impossible, or extremely difficult, as they now are.

It is known that many of the heavy general merchandise dealers as far west as Prairie City and Canyon City, have almost depleted their stocks by the heavy trade of the past winter, caused by the influx of new people filling up the country. Now that the trade of hundreds of arrivals daily is beginning, they are anxiously waiting for their stocks, much of which is here and more coming constantly.

In this connection it is pertinent to remark that if the supervisors of the county roads in this part of Baker county would give more of their attention to improving the roads hereabouts, and the funds were more equitably divided, giving this part of the county a square deal, those officials would have the thanks of the people, instead of some of the harsh things recently heard said of them. Especially can the road to Bourne be improved, where it follows the river the entire distance and along the banks of which are plenty of good wash gravel and boulders, easy of access, to make a splendid turnpike. As the Bourne district has several of the largest mines in the district and is nearest to Sumpter, it is natural that most every new comer desires to go out this road first and before going elsewhere through the country; hence the importance of having one good road, at least, to help create a good impression on this class of travelers; as well as those who pay tribute the year round.

Extent and Wealth of Sumpter Gold Belt.

All the ores of the Susanville district carry considerable silver values. The shipping ore of the Badger often runs as high as 600 ounces per ton. There is little question but that the formation is a part of the great Bonanza slate dyke, with occasional intrusions of porphyry and serpentine. There is a remarkable similarity between the copper ore of the Basey-Elkhorn; so much so that it is difficult to distinguish them apart at first glance. This is also an interesting fact when it is known that these mines are sixty miles apart, and strongly tends to prove the wonderful continuity and extent of the Sumpter gold belt. Every year you will see some good mines added to the list, until there is a string of mines from east to west for a hundred miles, and perhaps more.

J. F. L.

Free Coinage in on Gokonda Ledge.

The Free Coinage, which is the property of Vic Schilling and Ed. Cannon, of Portland, has developed the Gokonda ledge, which was split by a ravine, and is

taking out ore as like in color and character to the Gokonda's as two peas in a pod. The property is being rapidly developed, and in a most permanent manner. In a recent visit there it was found that the tunnel and crosscuts on the level at present being worked were 550 feet in extent. Contracts have been let for a 200-foot shaft, hoisthouse and other improvements. Within ten days the hoisting machinery will arrive from Portland, and will be installed with the necessary boilers and sinking pump for operating the same. The timber and lumber for these improvements are now being cut at the Gokonda and Free Coinage saw mill. It is learned that the owners will drive another tunnel 500 feet after reaching the 100-foot level with the shaft, and a similar tunnel on the 200-foot level. The shaft will then be sunk to the 300-foot level. All this work is to be finished by July 1, when will be erected a mill with a battery of 20 stamps and all modern auxiliary appliances. By September 1, Messrs. Schilling and Cannon expect to begin dropping the stamps upon ore that will pay good dividends from the start.—Special to the Portland Telegram.

Man Killed at Granite.

At Granite Thursday forenoon of last week, Tom Eagleton was shot and killed by Frank Turner and Al Keeton. The trouble started a week prior to the tragedy, over a game of cards, and there had been several encounters in the meantime between Eagleton and Turner. Mutual acquaintances feared serious trouble and tried to square the deal, but without avail. It is reported that the dead man was unarmed when killed. Turner and Keeton were brought to Sumpter by Special Officers J. P. McCoy and J. C. Wolley, and turned over to the sheriff of Grant county, who happened to be here on his way home from Baker City with another prisoner. The party left Friday for Canyon City. The customary reports concerning the bad record and disreputable character of the prisoners are being circulated, which are always a part of such unfortunate affairs.

Will Handle Sumpter Mines.

A new corporation has just been formed, the Portland Mining and Trust company, and have opened for business in room 518, Oregonian building. Mr. J. H. Marshall, who is largely interested in several of the most promising mines in Sumpter and Burnt River districts, will manage the business of this company. Paymaster, Consolidated, Sumpter, Gail Borden, Sumpter Consolidated, Nora B. and Oregon Exploration and Development will be specialties, but buyers or sellers of stocks in any reputable mine will have their prompt attention.—Portland Telegram.

Sumpter Mine Produces \$36,000 in 15 Days

The Bonanza mine is keeping up to its well earned record as the leading gold producer in the eastern Oregon gold fields. Mr. F. P. Hayes, president of the Bonanza Gold Mining company, is in Baker City and with him the output of the Bonanza mine for fifteen days of the present month, amounting to \$32,000, four bars of gold valued at \$8,000 each. Besides this product there is entitled to the credit of the mine for the same length of time about \$4,000 in concentrates.—Baker City Democrat.

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.

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