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SUMPTER'S FINANCES.

ENTIRE RECEIPTS FOR TWO YEARS AMOUNT TO \$10,634.

Of this Amount One-third was Collected last Month, Indicating the Town's Growth—Present Net Indebtedness \$256—Heavy Expenses Will Soon Be Incurred Which Will Reach the Debt Limit—Municipal Bonds for \$10,000 Will Probably Be Issued.

At the expense of much labor and research, Recorder Manning has completed a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Sumpter since its incorporation in April, 1898, two years ago. Mayor Gleason has checked up the statement and endorsed it with his signature.

The interesting fact deducted therefrom is this: The entire receipts for the two years, lacking a few days, the account being brought up to April 1, were \$10,634. Of this amount, \$3385.07 was collected in March, last month, or nearly one-third of the whole. This is not the income of the town for a year, collected in one month, but consists of fines and other revenues for one month only, and liquor licences for one quarter.

During this time the expenditures have amounted to \$10,890, divided among the several departments as follows: Town buildings and furnishings, \$1370; police, \$2110; salaries for clerk, attorney etc, \$950; health officer, physician and hospital expense, \$1130; street improvements and engineering, \$840; supplies, blankets etc, \$115; fire department, \$2370, sewers, \$450; bonus for water works, \$1125; miscellaneous expense, \$430. This leaves a net shortage thus far of \$256.

Within a short while, however, there will be some heavy expenses incurred, and the debt limit will be reached. They will aggregate \$2000, \$1300 of which will be for improving Granite and Mill streets. The state law under which the town was incorporated fixes the debt limit, but is said by attorneys to be somewhat vague. After a town has acquired a population of 2000, which number Sumpter now more than doubles, an increase of indebtedness is allowed. These figures speak well for the economical management of the town's affairs by its councilmen.

An ordinance is now being carefully drafted, to conform to the requirements of state laws, providing for issuing municipal bonds to the extent of \$10,000, for internal improvements, interest and principal to be paid by a property tax, which has so far never been imposed.

Republic Banker Buying Mines.

A. W. Strong, formerly a banker at Republic, Washington, has been in Sumpter and vicinity for a week past. He had a representative here for several weeks before he came. To a MINER representative he states that he has found a property that suits him and is negotiating for its purchase. It is understood that the price has been agreed on and only unimportant details now remain to be arranged. Those interested in the deal have not yet made public the property involved.

Wants to Dredge for Gold Here.

L. E. Moses, a mining man from Denver, Colorado, has been in Sumpter for some days past, investigating the possibilities of profitable investment here. He

is largely interested in a successful dredging proposition across the line in Idaho and is here looking for a similar one. Dredging is the modern method of working placer ground and large fortunes are being made in sections where claims that had been worked by old primitive methods, have been abandoned. There is an excellent opportunity in the Sumpter district for this branch of mining. Dr. Selwyn called attention to the fact when here last fall. Sam Stott is showing the gentleman from Colorado around and will doubtless place him in a few days.

Looking for a Bonanza.

Major W. T. Manning and Will Brodie shouldered their blankets early Monday morning and left for the hills, in search of the Lost Rocker mine, the Mother lode, the Blue Bucket diggings and other bonanzas of song, story and reality. They will begin active search over Prairie City way and work in the direction that the good spirit and experience leads. Mr. Manning put in eight years in Alaska and several in the Black Hills and is thoroughly familiar with the work in hand; while Mr. Brodie knows this region well. Their friends here hope that they will uncover twenty thousand dollar rock with the first stroke of the pick.

BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER.

Work at Foot of Granite Street Will be Commenced Tomorrow.

A. W. Ellis has taken the matter in hand and will build the bridge across Powder river, at the foot of Granite street. Yesterday he bought the lumber for the structure from the Sumpter Lumber company, a portion of which will be delivered today.

Contractor McLain, who has done much similar work in this district, built several of the large stamp mills, including that on the Bonanza, has been engaged to superintend construction. The work will begin tomorrow.

The lumber company has agreed to furnish timbers at the rate of 15,000 feet a day. A sufficient number of carpenters will be put to work to use up this quantity lumber, and at this rate the bridge will be completed in one month.

The structure will be 240 feet in length and 80 feet wide. The roadway will be 56 feet in width, with 12 feet on either side for foot passengers. The planking on Granite street will be continued from Cracker to the bridge approach, making a good road across the entire distance of the low land in that vicinity. On the other side of the river a road will be constructed to connect with the one leading to Granite and other mining camps out that way, which will undoubtedly divert that travel from the present Cracker street route.

As soon as these improvements are completed, there will be no more desirable property in town than that known as the Vinson addition and an effort will be made to build up that part of the town. Roy H. Miller now has charge of the property and that means that it will "go."

"The Portland," conducted by Woodward & Hammond on Mill street, is a representation of its name. A visit will convince any skeptics.

The celebrated Jed Clayton brand of whiskey at the Mint saloon, corner of Center and Sumpter streets.

Quartz and placer location blanks of the most approved form for sale at THE MINER office.

Go to Fenner & Worthington for all kinds of engineering.

POSTMASTER JEWETT.

Takes Charge of the Office Today

Frank Jewett took charge of the post-office this morning. He and ex-Postmaster Kahler were engaged yesterday checking up accounts, and otherwise preparing for the change. No inspector was here to make the transfer. The two gentlemen arranged every thing between themselves.

The office will remain where it is for some time. Mr. Jewett says he has not yet decided where it will be located permanently. No arrangements have been made for the present quarters for any definite period of time. One report is that the new location will be in one of the rooms of the remodeled barn on Center street, but it may be no more reliable than any of a dozen other such rumors that have gained circulation.

Miss Minnie Moeller, of Baker City, has been engaged as assistant and has been in the office a couple of days familiarizing herself with the routine work. She is said to be a wonder in the way of accurate and rapid distribution of mail matter, having had long experience. Indeed even yesterday, when she was assisting, it was noticed that the time required for distribution was much less than formerly.

Mr. Kahler looks cheerful and happy today. He said to a MINER man that he feels as if he had just escaped from a long confinement in jail for an offense he had never committed. He has had a difficult post to fill and has done better under the circumstances than ninety-nine men out of one hundred would have done.

And "The Miner" Did the Printing.

The Diadem Gold Mining company, of Sumpter, Oregon, has issued for private distribution an elegant souvenir prospectus. It is typographically as dainty a piece of work as the most recherche ball program, is very complete, and in addition to presenting the claims of the Diadem Gold Mining company to public favor, contains many items of interest, descriptive of Sumpter and vicinity. The group is in the Greenhorn mountains, and consists of the Diadem and Brindle Horse claims.—Seattle Mining and Industry.

Funeral of Mrs. E. C. Gove.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review of Monday, says: The funeral of Mrs. E. C. Gove, who died at Los Angeles, Wednesday, will take place at 1:30 p. m. today from 1517 Sixth avenue. Mrs. Gove's remains will arrive over the O. R. & N. this morning. Dean Perine will conduct the funeral services at the house and at Fairmount cemetery, where interment will take place. The pall bearers will be George T. Crane, A. G. Kellam, F. Heine and J. G. Slayden.

Developing the Colorado Group.

The Grizzly Gold Mining company, recently incorporated here to work the Colorado group, and whose treasury shares are offered for developing purposes, has placed several large blocks of stock within the week. This company is also having a handsome prospectus printed at THE MINER office, which will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Gold Bug-Grizzly Group.

J. J. Hennessy, known as the discoverer of the Noble Five mines in British Columbia, but who has changed his base

of operations to the Sumpter district and become the possessor of several good properties hereabouts, has with others incorporated the Gold Bug-Grizzly Gold Mining company, to work the claims Gold Bug, Grizzly Numbers 1 and 2, which it is claimed with all reason are the direct southwest extension of the IbeX mine. Enough work has been done on the lead to determine this to almost a certainty. This fact in itself, and the reputation of Promoter Hennessy among his friends where he has successfully operated for years, has been the means of placing several thousand dollars worth of the treasury shares of the new company, from the proceeds of the sale of which extensive development work will be prosecuted.

Sumpter Republican Club.

The Sumpter Republican club was organized last evening. The meeting for the purpose was held in Ellis opera house, and although only a short notice was given, through the medium of hand bills, a large crowd was in attendance. Constitution and by-laws, furnished by the national organization, were adopted. The following officers were elected: N. C. Richards, president; J. W. McVicker, vice-president; Charles Miller, secretary; G. B. Tetrowe, treasurer. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening, one week from today, when good music and speakers will be provided. The public is invited and an effort will be made to fire up the political pot to the boiling point.

Granite Boulder's Novel Business Methods.

J. Nat Hudson, editor of the Granite Boulder, the only paper in the world that will not accept an advertisement from a resident of the town in which it is published, arrived in Sumpter yesterday and left for home today. He had come from Baker and reports that his patronage from these two places is growing so rapidly that his time is occupied almost wholly here and there. His idea in not taking any Granite advertising is that he is an attorney, real estate and mining broker, general promoter and money loaner himself, and desires to use all the space in his paper, that is not urgently demanded by Baker and Sumpter business men, for himself.

Only Five Cases of Eruptive Disease.

The health officer's report, submitted to the city council at its last meeting, stated that there are but three cases of eruptive disease in the pest house at the present time, and that two of these will be released this week. There are two other cases in town, quarantined, both of which are convalescent. No new cases have been reported for two weeks or more. And this is not a bad bill of health for a town of 4500 people.

Death of J. H. Gallagher.

J. F. Gallagher, aged 61 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Looney, in this city April 5. The funeral services were held at the residence on the sixth and the body interred at the Sumpter cemetery. Mr. Gallagher was an old, respected citizen of this community and leaves many friends here who sincerely regret his demise.

The Mint saloon, corner Center and Sumpter streets, serves the best brands on y of wines, liquors and cigars.

The Columbia beer, brewed in Sumpter, is today as good as any made.

Columbia beer, brewed in Sumpter, is second to none.

Superior job printing at this office.