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ELECTRIC PLANT SOLD.

TACOMA CAPITALISTS THE FORTUNATE PURCHASERS.

Attorney Richards and Seymour Bell Negotiate the Deal—New Owners Expected to Arrive Here Tomorrow—Ample Capital With Which to Make all Needed Improvements—Week or Ten Days Before Lights can Again be Furnished.

A. C. Little, state fish commissioner of Washington, is expected to arrive in Sumpter tomorrow, with one or more capitalists from Tacoma, who came here looking for investments.

Arrangements have about been completed for the sale to these gentlemen of the electric light plant. Those who are negotiating the deal say it will undoubtedly be closed in a few days.

Attorney Richards, to whom the property was deeded some days since, to secure him against loss of money loaned, has been engaged since that time in perfecting the reorganization of the company. He has finally made arrangements with Seymour Bell, representing these Tacoma moneyed men, whereby they purchase all the property of the company, plant and franchises.

He says that they have ample capital with which to make this one of the best electric light systems in the West and that their intention is to do so. With this idea in view, it has been decided not to repair the old machinery, but to put in new dynamos; two of them, one for the incandescent circuit and one for arc lamps. This will enable the company to furnish street lights, something very much needed here at certain times, especially in the spring and fall months.

The price paid is not made public, but it is understood that the valuation is a reasonable one, with little or no consideration being given to future possibilities.

Until the new owners take charge, nothing will be done towards running the plant. It will probably be a week or ten days before impatient customers can again be furnished with lights.

Awakened After Sleeping Fourteen Days.

Mrs. D. Nichols, of Bridgeport, Baker county, who was brought to Portland Friday in a heavy slumber, in which condition she has been fourteen days, was awakened last evening and took a little nourishment. The woman is at Dr. Coe's Sanitarium at Mount Tabor, and her condition is greatly improved. Last night she was conscious and remained awake for some time. She then sank into a deep slumber and is sleeping again today. Mrs. Nichols is 55 years of age, and is the mother of several children. She went to sleep the afternoon of April 1, and was never conscious until last night. On several occasions an electric battery was used on her and she was aroused sufficiently to take some food. Yesterday Mrs. Nichols was in a dangerous condition, and little hopes were entertained for her recovery. Today her condition is greatly improved and she is no doubt on the high road to recovery.—Portland Telegram.

Death of Mrs. May Leduc.

Mrs. May Leduc died Sunday evening at her residence on North Cracker street. Deceased was born in Iowa in 1846 and came west with her husband and other

members of the family in 1883, settling in Prairie City. They moved about a good deal and made friends in a number of the western towns, who will be sorry to hear of her death. She was respected by all who were acquainted with her, on account of her pleasant though somewhat rare faculty of making every one welcome and feeling at home in her home. She leaves a husband, three sons and five daughters, two of which are married, Mrs. Eliza Daughtry, of this place, and Mrs. Minnie Lewis, of Drewsey, to mourn the loss of a good wife and devoted mother. She had been ailing for some time, and a few days ago caught the prevalent eruptive disease, and later on an attack of pneumonia, from which she suffered intensely. But death ended her suffering at 8:30 p.m. on the fourteenth inst., and she was buried the following day at 4 p.m., the funeral being quite largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Shannon, of the M. E. church of this city. Baker City and Boise papers are requested by friends to copy.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Rate Fixed for Water Hydrants at Six Dollars per Month.

A. W. Ellis was in the chair at the council meeting Saturday evening, in the absence of Mayor Gleason.

W. L. Vinson appeared before the council and asked that he be allowed a rate of eight dollars each for thirteen hydrants. The matter was postponed until Tuesday evening, when an adjournment meeting would be held.

The attorney was requested to submit the tax ordinance at the next meeting.

A. P. Goss and A. E. Dagany, of the property owners committee in charge of the improvement of Mill street, appeared and protested against the manner in which the city engineer was handling that work; in so far as he wouldn't permit the committee to boss the job. Considerable feeling was displayed over the matter, resulting in Engineer Wheeler handing in his resignation, which was accepted.

W. H. Britts, of the Western Clay Manufacturing company, made a talk on sewer pipe. The council informed him that he was ahead of the improvement schedule, but requested that he give prices, for future references.

At the Tuesday evening session the matter of water rates was again taken up. It was decided to pay the company six dollars a month per hydrant for one year, from January 1, 1900. The rate submitted by the company for private consumers was objected to and laid over for future consideration.

The committees on alleys and streets was requested to confer with Cracker street property owners relative to its improvement, and Engineer Fenner was employed to make the estimate of cost.

Healy Sells His Cigar Store.

The cigar and fruit store of P. D. Healy, on Granite street, has been purchased by J. Schwartz and will be managed hereafter by Louis Moses, formerly with J. H. Folsom. Mr. Moses is well and favorably known here and will make this a popular smokers' resort.

H. K. Wheeler having resigned his position as city engineer, in order that his exclusive time can be given to civil engineering and surveying, hereby solicits a portion of the public patronage in this line.

Go or send to the City Green house, Baker City, for choice pansey and daisy plants.

BONDS ON TWO PROPERTIES.

Captain Wood Goes East to Consult His Backers.

Captain Wood left Monday for his home in Chicago. He will return to Sumpter before the first of May.

Though he did not announce the object of his trip, it is learned from those with whom he has been doing business in this district that he has finally secured short bonds on two properties near Granite, and that he has gone east to submit the propositions to his people in Chicago. It is stated that the price agreed upon for one of these mines is \$60,000 and for the other \$125,000. In both instances, the bonds specify an early date at which work shall begin and the first payment be made.

Captain Wood has been in the district over two months this time and has been busy examining the country, prospects and mines. He is convinced that this is a great gold mining region and has shown his faith by securing more than twenty claims, which he is already prospecting. Those that look favorable will be developed.

His original plan was to buy a developed producing mine, but not finding just what he wanted, started in to make one. The properties referred to above, on which he has secured bonds, were tied up only within the past week or ten days and come nearer being what he wants than anything found in the district. It is thought to be very probable that he will take both; nor will he abandon the prospects now being opened up.

It is known that the gentleman has unlimited financial backing and can handle anything in the shape of a mine, from a claim located yesterday, to a million dollar proposition.

FOUNDRY AND BRICK YARD.

Men Here to Start These Much Needed Industries.

A number of strangers have been in town this week looking for business locations—and they didn't want to open more saloons, either.

One, C. L. Freer, whom THE MINER man has thus far been unable to corner, wants to put in a foundry and machine shop. He is in the market to purchase a site for such a plant. No industrial institution is more needed in the district, as at present all repairs of machinery must be sent to Baker City or Portland.

Three or four parties have been looking into the brick yard proposition, two from Walla Walla. One of these proposes to put in a primitive plant and sell brick at nine dollars a thousand. The other will install a modern machine and sell at eight dollars. Either would be a great relief from present irritating conditions. Both want land for the purpose and are looking for favorable sites.

Great Field For Prospecting.

E. C. Gove of Spokane, one of the old timers in mining in the northwest, has just returned from a visit to Sumpter district. He says that he saw nearly everything that was to be seen, spending several weeks among the mines of the district and he is delighted with everything he saw, with the showing being made by the camp. Mr. Gove mentions especially the American, the Alamo, Concord group and Mastiff near Granite, Red

Chief and others. The ground in the Sumpter and the neighboring camps is hardly more than scratched," said Mr. Gove. "The amount of ground that still yields a field for the prospector was the most surprising thing about the camp. The mineral belt of eastern Oregon is undoubtedly immense and the character of the ground is as favorable as any I ever saw for prospecting. While in Sumpter I heard that Chicago parties were about to close a deal for the entire Imperial group near the Red Chief. This will be an important thing for that part of the camp, though the mine is already an established producer."—Spokesman-Review.

OUTPUT FROM THE COUGER.

First Twelve Days Run of the Cyanide Plant About \$3,000.

J. W. Larkin, the managing owner of the great Cougar mine, came to town yesterday with the product of the first twelve days run from the new cyanide plant. Of course Mr. Larkin wasn't going around town telling people what the exact result of this trial run amounted to. All he could be induced to say was that he thought he would be making wages when running at full capacity.

From those who handled the stuff, THE MINER learns that it weighed not less than 350 pounds and not more than 400. Its value is reliably stated to be not far from \$80 a pound. It will therefore not require much figuring to ascertain that about \$3,000 in gold was taken from the rock in twelve days; or \$250 a day.

Anyway, it is safe to assert that Mr. Larkin is making fair wages, enough to keep the voracious wolf from the door.

Joe Barton and His Transit.

General Manager Joe Barton, of the Sumpter Valley road, has been in town today with his transit, running lines and driving stakes around the depot and yards of that company. What he is driving at is not known; but there are various surmises advanced. One theory, that looks reasonable, is that the depot building is to be sufficiently enlarged to half-way accommodate the business, and that he was laying out the ground to be covered. Another is that some change is to be made in the tracks.

Return of a Pioneer Settler.

Charles Rimbol, one of the early settlers in Sumpter, returned today from California, where he has spent the winter. It was from him that A. W. Ellis bought most of his original holdings here, including the townsite and placer ground. Last fall Mr. Rimbol paid more for one lot on Mill street than he received a few years ago for the whole townsite, and says he got a better bargain then than Mr. Ellis did at the time he acquired the original plat.

Sumpter souvenir spoons. F. C. Brodie, watchmaker and jeweler, Opera house block.

Fenner & Worthington have special instruments for underground surveys.

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

The City Green house, at Baker City, furnishes choice cut flowers.

Go to Fenner & Worthington for all kinds of engineering.

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