

## PRAIRIE CITY NOTES.

## Much Activity in That Camp and District.

There has been considerable activity here since the new townsite was surveyed. More people are coming in and interest is being taken in the prospects for the town, with the railroad heading this way. Arthur Philbrick, of Sumpter, finished laying out streets, blocks and lots on the section secured west of and adjoining the old town by the promoters two weeks ago, and has about completed the plats. R. W. Wanzer, civil engineer, of Sumpter, took the work and has been busy for three weeks running levels, grades, etc., on the townsite. Ed Blewett is his right bower, while young Rogers also helped carry the chain. The two latter, also from Sumpter, are so pleased with this place they have concluded to remain and are already getting hold of mining claims.

Professional and business men are prospecting for personal locations.

There are three general stores and two cigar and confectionery shops, three saloons, one assay office, one hotel, one restaurant, one livery barn, one feed stable, two blacksmith shops and one undertaking and cabinet shop, one Masonic hall and I. O. O. F. lodges.

The Prairie City hotel, long closed, as a hostelry, will soon be reopened by George Rose, of Granite. It is said this house had made \$70,000 for one man during the first few years of its career, when the camp was in its hey day of prosperity in placer mining.

There are between two and three hundred inhabitants within the corporate limits.

Around Quartzburg there is much interest in Shebundy's mine, which is undergoing extensive development. Marshal Hauser was showing some very fine specimens at the assay office last week. He brought in one chunk of quartz that was sparkling with copper, gold and other values. Assays showed up in the hundreds. There is an immense ledge. The piece of mineral rock now being displayed in town was in weight something like two hundred pounds. He is satisfied he has struck it rich and plenty.

The Cleavers, the townsite promoters, also have fine ledges of copper and gold quartz. Lon Cleaver is here looking after both the mineral and landed properties of the brothers. In reference to the town lots, he informed a MINER representative that as soon as the plats were received he would designate the blocks the railroad company will claim. At present he did not know if it would be on the north or south side of the John Day river. They will have a choice of thirty acres on the north or 20 acres on the south side of the new town.

Dr. Cleaver also stated that as soon as the plats were received town lots would be on sale. They will range in price from \$200 to \$250 for business and from \$100 to \$150 for residence lots.

Dr. Causey and Billie Reese, of Granite, were down here last week looking over the country. They went as far down the valley as Spanish gulch, which place was attracting the notice of mining men.

Jno. C. Young, who seems to be in touch with both the railroad and the townsite men, has been here for several days.

Christian Anderson, one of the chief engineers of the Columbia Southern, recently spent several days in the valley in the interest of the company.

This is a fair farming community, good stock raising section, and is surrounded by mountains containing all kinds of valuable minerals. There are many good prospects and a few mines within a radius of ten miles. There is plenty of water in

many streams and lots of timber in the hills near by.

E. Chidsey, one of the old residents and pioneers of this valley, a valued citizen and postmaster of Prairie, died on the seventeenth inst, after a lingering illness of several years. He was 64 years old. Many fraternal organizations turned out at the funeral to do honor to his remains.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Laurance here Thursday night. Mrs. Laurance is a daughter of the late Edward Chidsey.

Your correspondent, mounted on a thoroughbred cayuse, starts out tomorrow for Shanico, the present terminus of the railroad, some 140 miles from Prairie, to take a general prospective survey of the valley and the prospects of continued railroad building up this way. W. T. M.

Prairie City, April 21, 1900.

## SALE OF KEYSTONE GROUP.

Spokane Syndicate the Purchasers and Will Develop.

W. S. Yearsley and associates, of Spokane, have purchased the Keystone group of six claims, adjoining the Pulaski group, and carrying the same ledges. Incorporation papers have been filed under the name of the Sumpter-Keystone Gold Mining company, with head office in Spokane.

Development has been commenced with a small force of miners, until the property can be opened, when a large force will be added and extensive work will be done during the season.

The group was purchased from M. E. Gallimore and Titus Davis and is only one and one-half miles northeast of Sumpter. It is stated on good authority that the Pulaski group, owned by the Giffen brothers, could have been sold for \$75,000 recently.

The exact consideration for the Keystone group is not known, but is away up in the thousands.

## Copper King Ore Carrying \$333 in Gold.

Dan Reynolds came down Sunday from the Dixie Butte section, near Prairie City, where he has been engaged in the examination of properties in the interest of outside investors. He brings reports of a rich strike in the Copper King mine of the Standard group, owned by United States Marshal Zoeth Houser, of Portland, and a company of Pendleton people. In tunnel No. 1 of the Copper King a 2-foot vein of rich ore was struck, which assayed an average of \$333.50 per ton in gold, with good silver and copper values also. The roads between Sumpter and Prairie City are now in fairly good condition and the travel is heavy.

## Sixty Dollar Nugget From Mule Creek.

The Eagle was recently shown a beautiful nugget, valued at about \$60, recently taken from the Mule Creek placer mine, which is largely owned by W. H. and C. P. Johnson, of John Day. This placer property is near Spanish gulch and is located on deeded land owned by W. H. Johnson and others. They have about three-fourths of a mile of this gulch on their land, and if all of it is as rich as the land they are at present working, it is indeed a bonanza.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

## Obituary of LaGrande-Granite Road.

What has become of the committee appointed a few weeks ago to look after the Granite road proposition? This committee was appointed in good faith at a public meeting at which a large representation of citizens were present. It was then and is still the sentiment of the people of this community that a wagon road to Granite is an undertaking of prime importance. Is this project to be allowed to die in the hands of the committee? The committee should be heard from in one way or another.—LaGrande Chronicle.

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