

**TEN STREET LIGHTS.**

**Council Enters Into Contract With Electric Company.**

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last evening the street lighting ordinance was amended and ordered enrolled and a contract entered into with the Sumpter Light and Power company, for two years. The price to be paid by private parties has not yet been fixed. For the present there will be ten arc lights of 2000 candle power each, for which the city pays \$11.25 each per month. They will be placed at the corners of Austin and Mill, Auburn and Mill, Auburn and Bonanza, Granite and Columbia, Granite and Mill, Granite and Center, Granite and Cracker, High and Cracker, High and Mill, Sumpter and Center.

THE SUMPTER MINER was again made the official paper of the town, the contract running during the life of the present council, until next January. The contract price for publishing legal matter is five cents a nonpareil line.

The marshal was instructed to enforce the ordinance regulating the construction of fuses, and to notify householders to this effect.

At the regular meeting Saturday evening applications were received from Al Wenrich and H. L. Davis for the position of night watchman. The place was given to L. R. Stratton.

The committee instructed to present an ordinance prohibiting street obstructions was given another week in which to report.

The city attorney appeared and explained why he had not submitted a draft for an ordinance imposing a property tax for municipal purposes. There are some legal technicalities to be overcome, relative to the assessment, which cannot be adjusted until the assessment now being made is completed, and the matter will probably be deferred. The town is in need of a larger revenue and some ready money, and in this connection Seymour Bell explained how warrants can be sold at par, if they are allowed to run two years.

Representatives of the Electric Light and Power company agreed to furnish twenty street lights at \$10 each per month, or a less number at \$11.25. The matter was deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held Monday evening.

The committee on fire and water was given another week in which to report on water rates.

**Owns Rich Mines in the Quartzburg District.**

J. S. Hughes, who was the original locator of the Copper King, and other claims composing the Standard group in the Quartzburg district, and who is largely interested therein with Zoeth Houser and associates, was down from there Monday and will remain during a portion of the week. There is no better posted man in that district than Mr. Hughes, who is now on the way to wealth through his holdings in the best properties of the camp.

**Rich Copper Strike on Salmon Creek.**

What is said to be one of the most promising copper finds yet discovered in eastern Oregon, was discovered by J. S. Strock, an old prospector and mining man. The find was made Sunday on the west slope of Salmon creek, near the Tom Paine mine, about nine miles west of Baker City. The lode is about 20 feet wide and carries copper bearing 30 per cent. It is in a district that has heretofore been practically overlooked for that valuable mineral. Should the values stay at par throughout the limit of the lode, the find will prove to be of immense value. Baker

county from time to time presents new and unfailling proof of its mineral wealth. Until very recently the prospector gave no attention to any other mineral in this district except gold. The discovery made by Mr. Strock is another proof that there are large copper deposits in this district, which in time are likely to develop into properties little thought of in the past. Mr. Strock has money to develop the new find and will at once commence work on the property.—Baker City Democrat.

**NEWS NOTES FROM GRANITE.**

The Quebec mine, about eight miles southwest of Granite, is being put in shape for development under the management of P. W. Campbell. It is one of the best properties in this district and is owned by eastern parties.—Boulder.

Development work will soon be resumed on the Comstock property on Clear creek, about half a mile below the Red Boy. Arrangements are being made to put in new track and car and other improvements, and an additional force of men will be put on. It is a good mine and is owned by eastern capitalists.—Boulder.

Henry Retzer, one of the four owners of the Independence group, near the Cougar, was in the city Monday purchasing supplies. Mr. Ritzer reports a good showing at the property he is at present developing, the veins being from 2 1/2 to 14 feet in width and giving values from \$3 to \$63. The Independence group has been opened up by about 750 feet of tunnels and 100 feet of shaft. As it is proposed to push development work through the summer with energy, the prospects are that the Independence group will be ready for a mill by fall. John Edgar and Mr. Retzer's brothers, George and Will, are the other owners of the property.—Gem.

There are several projects on foot for giving Granite and Sumpter better wagon road communication. One of these is to build a wagon road from the Ibex mine, near the summit of the Blue mountain range, into Granite, there being a fairly good wagon road from the Ibex east into Sumpter already. The Ibex route, it is believed, would be a good one the year round. The other proposition is to improve the present wagon road between Granite and Sumpter. E. J. Godfrey, of the Red Boy mine, will endeavor to interest the people of Sumpter in the importance of improving this road and will doubtless succeed. Material improvements in the road between Granite and the Red Boy mine have already been made.—Gem.

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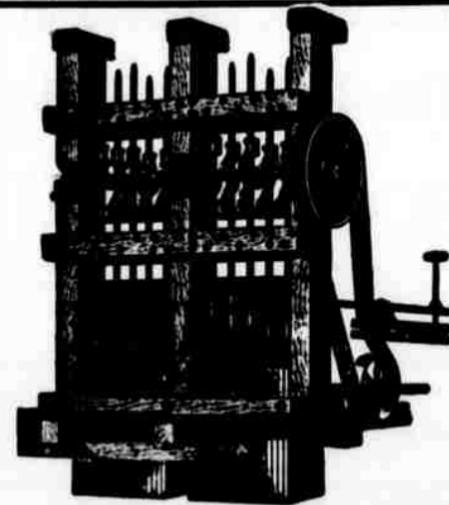
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