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## FAVORABLE JUDGMENT

### QUEBEC MINE SUSTAINS THAT OF CAPTAIN WOOD.

**Property Now Being Developed Under Bond—This Intelligent Mining Man Says the Hills are Full of Good, Experienced Prospectors Who Will Demonstrate That This is a Great Mining Region.**

Captain Wood, than whom there are few men better qualified to give an intelligent opinion on a mining country, came in today from the Quebec mine, in the Alamo district, where he is directing work on that property. The Captain repeats the information that the country is literally alive with men who are prospecting for, or developing claims, and he also says there is a different class of these people from what there ever was before; meaning that a more intelligent and practical lot of men, from a mining standpoint, are in the country, which is the most reassuring and beneficial facts that can be had.

The Captain ventures the assertion that enough money and time has been wasted here by the "gopher" miners to open up a dozen more good dividend payers than now exist, and that with the coming of such men as are now filling up the country the Sumpter district will yet be the bonanza land of them all.

There is no doubt that much of the effort to enlighten the outside world of this district's richness has been expended in the wrong direction, though much of it is bound to, and has, reached classes who do not require two dollars to be placed in their right hand before they will let loose of one dollar with the other.

To those who have come and are now coming here and meeting with the success they deserve, too much credit and encouragement cannot be given and within a comparatively short time the results of their work will spread to the extent of bringing here more capital, energy and an appreciative class of mining men, that is as necessary as powder, picks and drills in the operation of a mine.

The past week has seen several quiet and unassuming men here who have given their honest opinions of the country, that would inspire confidence in its future. Some of them have given the reasons for their presence here and while these reasons are not intended for publication, the assurance is promised that they mean much for the welfare of the district.

Captain Wood brought in a number of samples from the Quebec, which he is working under bond, to be assayed. From him no information regarding the property could be obtained, but from other sources it has been learned that it is one of the most promising in eastern Oregon.

#### The Fisherman's Paradise.

To those who enjoy good fishing, this locality and the present season of the year offer opportunities that will meet the ideas of any ardent sportsman. Two of these returning from Deer creek, which is reached four miles east of town, brought in over 300 of the speckled beauties Monday. Several smaller catches have been made on this stream within the past week. Olive lake, near Granite, is another good fishing ground, but the place of great favor and where the fisherman never fails to get a large basketful is in the neighbor-

hood of Austin, on the middle fork of John Day river. B. Weatherford, the Sumpter expressman, returned from there today bringing enough trout to feed a small army and says he cooked enough of them to last him a lifetime. Harley Woods and A. W. Ellis left for this vicinity today and will probably do great execution among the finny tribe, both being expert anglers.

#### SUMPTER ROUGH RIDERS.

**Will Attend Encampment O. N. G. at Salem.**

The Sumpter Rough Riders will attend the encampment of O. N. G. at Salem this year, and are drilling regularly in order to make a record at that time. The armory is nearly finished and will be occupied at an early day. Captain Muir has issued a series of general orders, of which these are of special interest.

The first sergeant will detail a warrantied non-commissioned officer for duty each evening of the week at Troop quarters from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m., who will instruct all enlisted men that assemble in the school of the trooper.

First Lieutenant-elect M. E. Thornton and Second Lieutenant-elect J. F. Shelton are herewith directed to conduct a school for non-commissioned officers, twice during each week until encampment, time and place to be arranged by the instructors.

The following enlisted men will prepare for examination on Thursday, June 21, 1900, and will be ranked in accordance with the result of their examination: W. W. Looney, A. W. Ellis, H. Wood, T. C. Gray, G. Crane, H. Durgan, G. Rinearson, P. Nebergall, C. H. Chance, A. Keltie, A. A. Hammond, J. Brannon, W. Robinson, G. C. Helmick and G. V. Middleton.

#### K. R. Casper Will Stay Here all Summer.

K. R. Casper, representing the San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review, who spent several weeks here earlier in the season, preparing an article on the district for his paper, has returned to Sumpter and announces that he will remain in the eastern Oregon gold fields all summer. He will continue his work of writing of the mines, furnishing matter for other publications, but contributing regularly for the Review. That paper, containing the illustrated article on Sumpter district, is now in press and will be mailed in a few days. As stated before in these columns, Mr. Casper is not only a writer of ability, but is a miner of large experience. He is most favorably impressed with the mining conditions and possibilities of this region, which he freely expresses and is demonstrated by the fact that he has decided to put in so much time here. His work will undoubtedly be of great benefit to this entire section.

#### Hospital's First Patient.

The Sumpter General hospital's first patient is Fred Kane, who was severely kicked by a horse at the Montezuma mine Tuesday and was brought here for treatment. His injuries consist of a bad cut in the abdomen and a portion of the hip bone being knocked off. The hospital is not yet entirely completed, but will be in a very few days and there are applications enough for admittance to keep the nurses and Doctors Tape and Pearce busy. Even at this season, when there is less sickness than at any other time, the hospital is a god-send to the afflicted and should have been here long ago.

On your way to or from Bourne remember the Roadside resort of C. H. Barnard can quench your thirst and satisfy your hunger.

## FOURTH OF JULY HERE.

### Preparations for a Great Celebration are Being Made.

A quarter of a mile track is being graded on the west side of the river and there will be some good horse races here on the Fourth. Base ball grounds have also been laid out there, where all of the athletic sports will be held. Work on a grand stand will be commenced in a few days.

The finance committee has been successful in raising what money is needed and \$1,000 in purses will be given away that day. The program has not yet been definitely arranged, but some interesting features are assured. Among these are horse races, firemen's tournament, base ball game, rock drilling contest, and the regulation diversions of the day.

The most interesting feature of the day will doubtless be the rock drill contest, which will be made especially attractive to the miners. In addition to the purse to be awarded, which will be the largest offered, the ladies of Sumpter will present the winning team with gold and diamond medals. This from the ladies will be a trophy that the miners will surely make a great effort to win. The gentlemen in charge of the celebration today secured Mrs. Brock's consent to act as chairman of the ladies committee. The other members of the committee have not been seen at this writing. There will be two first prize medals given, one to each member of the team, but no second prize will be awarded.

No selection of a speaker and others to take part in the literary exercises has yet been made.

Special efforts are being put forth to secure a large attendance from out of town. The transportation committee is negotiating with railroads and stage lines for cheap excursion rates, and report that satisfactory arrangements will doubtless be consummated at an early date. The committee on publicity and promotion has sent out full sheet hangers announcing in a general way that the day will be celebrated here, and these will be followed by other printed matter giving the various attractions in detail, information regarding transportation, the amounts of the several purses, etc.

#### Work Resumed on the Bunker Hill.

Eugene Sperry received a letter a day or two since from J. J. Penhale, dated at Sherbrooke, Canada, stating that his departure had been delayed a few days, that he would leave there on the sixth instant, and would be in Sumpter one day this week, expecting to remain a day in Spokane. It is learned that the suit instituted against a Spokane bank by Captain Thompson to force it to pay to him \$30,000 of the purchase price on the Bunker Hill, would be dismissed yesterday or today, the matter having been satisfactorily arranged out of court. Work has already been resumed on the Bunker Hill, on instructions wired from Sherbrooke by General Manager Penhale, and will be continued on a large scale.

#### Baker City Man Wins a Prize.

Mr. James A. Carter, a miner at the Baisley-Elshorn mine, is one of the six fortunate winners of the "Trip to Paris" prizes offered to subscribers to the Weekly Examiner. Instead of going to Paris, however, Mr. Carter takes the cash. He is in receipt of a check for \$667. Of this amount \$367 is the amount it would cost to get a round-trip ticket from Baker City

to Paris, and the other \$300 is the estimated amount of expense, allowing three weeks at the fair at the rate of \$100 per week. Mr. Carter's good luck could not have come more timely. He is erecting a cottage in this city for his mother and sister, who are dependent upon him for support, and it has taken every dollar he could raise to carry out his plans. His windfall of \$667 comes like a ray of sunshine in dark gloom. When seen yesterday Mr. Carter was talking of his good luck and was in high glee. His intention is to add conveniences to his home for the comfort of his mother and sister not before contemplated, and will use every dollar of his prize money to good advantage. —Baker City Democrat.

#### General Warren's Trip to Rossland.

General Warren was expected home this forenoon, from Rossland, but did not arrive. He will probably be in on the afternoon train, as he arrived in Baker City yesterday and stopped over there on business. His trip to Rossland was for the purpose of consulting with Governor Mackintosh on a matter of importance connected with his interests in the Sumpter Townsite company. The result of that conference is not known here, but it is hoped that it will prove of vast benefit to the camp.

#### Temporary Base Ball Organization.

A meeting of several base ball players was held Tuesday evening when, it was decided to form a club. Charles Liebenstein was made temporary manager, and Walter Cronin temporary captain. A meeting was called for Thursday evening at the ball grounds. It was decided to challenge the Baker City team for a game on the Fourth of July. It was stated by a member of the Fourth of July celebration committee that a purse of \$50 will be offered for a ball game to be played at Sumpter on the day of the celebration.

#### Ore and Coke for Smelter.

The first two car loads of copper smelting ore was delivered to the smelter today, being shipped from Baker City. There was also four car loads of coke. The smelter people look cheerful and say they have plenty of ore in sight and to be delivered at once. They desire, however, to wait a few days longer until a sufficient quantity is delivered to insure a steady run, as the blowing in of a smelter is an expensive process that no plant is warranted in doing very often.

#### Keeton and Turner go up For Life.

The trial of William Turner and Dave Keeton for the murder of Thomas Eagleton, of Granite, in March last, took place at Canyon City last week and was bitterly contested from beginning to end. It resulted in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Judge Clifford sentenced the prisoners to imprisonment for life in the state penitentiary.

The half way house of C. H. Barnard on the Bourne road is a well conducted, respectable place where ladies or gentlemen can stop for ice cold refreshments and lunches.

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

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

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

Keep your money in Sumpter and drink Columbia beer—a home product.