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INDUCEMENTS FOR DRILLERS.

DIAMOND MEDALS AND \$300 OFFERED AS PRIZES.

Great Attractions Given in Sumpter at the Fourth of July Celebration—Parade, Base Ball Game, Foot and Horse Races, Rock Drilling Contest, Wrestling Match and Numerous Athletic Events—Fireworks and Dance at Night.

The executive committee of the Fourth of July celebration, consisting of A. W. Ellis, A. J. Stinson and H. G. Wood, has done much good work during the past week and arrangements for the day are well advanced. An excellent program has been arranged. Liberal prizes will be awarded, which are sure to attract a large crowd.

There will be a parade in the forenoon, starting at 10 o'clock. In this there will be a liberty car, containing the Goddess of Liberty and young girls representing the different states, a lot of plug uglies, Sumpter Rough Riders and secret orders. Miss Edna Van Duyn will be the goddess of liberty.

The procession will march to the grounds west of the river, where the literary exercises and the athletic contests will be held. Hon. John Cradelbaugh will deliver the oration. There will be a balloon ascension at 6 o'clock in the evening, and a wrestling contest between Orwell and Williams later on. A grand display of fireworks will be followed by a ball, in Ellis' opera house, which will close the festivities of the day.

Of course, the athletic sports constitute the most attractive features of the celebration, and of these the rock drilling contest is the chief. The large purse of \$250 and two diamond medals for the winning team, the latter to be given by the ladies of Sumpter, and \$50 as a second prize, makes it worth while for the miners to strive for these awards. The contest is open to all resident miners of eastern Oregon. Entries will be closed on the evening of July 3. Messrs. Poindexter, Stinson and Mikel will be the committee in charge of this event.

There will be three horse races, quarter mile dashes. In the free for all a purse of \$60 is offered; for saddle horses \$40, and in the consolation race, \$50.

A purse of \$50 is offered to the winning base ball nine. A game has not yet been definitely arranged at this writing, but negotiations are pending with the club at Bonanza, which will doubtless be closed to day. Harley Wood is chairman of this committee.

Walter Cronin has been appointed chairman of the committee to manage the job lot of the athletic contests. Among these will be 100 yard foot race, purse \$10; 50 yard handicap foot race for boys \$2.50; the same for girls, \$2.50; ladder race for boys \$2.50; sack race for boys \$5.00; three leg race, \$5.00; tug of war, \$10.00; catching the greased pig, the pig; climbing a greased pole, \$5.00.

Other attractive features are being arranged for, which will be announced in due time. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for excursion rates on both

stage and railroad lines, and there is no doubt but what a large crowd will be present.

Carpenters Give a Day's Work.

The following carpenters have agreed to give one day's work towards building the grand stand for the Fourth of July celebration: D. A. Walton, H. L. Blake, F. A. Jennings, G. L. Turner, J. E. Crandall, Wm. Brownlee, Ed Rand, S. T. North, S. H. Summers, D. Russell, J. A. Martin, T. R. Yerger, Al Wenrich, S. Smith, J. H. Gray, J. W. Call, Charles Myers, J. Crause, E. Nordyke, C. H. Carle, C. Y. Burr and J. S. Lampman.

BERRY AND CREAM FESTIVAL.

To Raise Money With Which to Buy Miners Diamond Medals.

The executive committee of the Fourth of July celebration has appointed Mrs. J. H. Robbins, Mrs. E. J. Dwyer and Mrs. Wallace to assist Mrs. Brock in raising the funds with which to purchase the diamond medals which the ladies of Sumpter will present the winning team in the rock drilling contest. Instead of soliciting donations for this fund, these ladies have decided to raise the money by opening an ice cream and berry booth, which will in itself be a most delightful social event. It will be continued three days, June 28, 29 and 30, thus not interfering in any way with the tradesmen on the day of the celebration.

William Stinson has kindly given the ladies permission to erect a tent on his property, corner Mill and Granite streets, a most desirable location. Claude Basche will furnish the tent and the Case Furniture company the tables, free of cost. And last, but not least, the Sumpter band will furnish music each evening until 9 o'clock, to help the good cause along.

The tent will be open afternoons and evenings for three days, when the ladies in charge, assisted by a bevy of pretty girls, dressed in attractive costumes, will serve refreshments and entertain all comers. This will undoubtedly be the social storm center for the time being.

There is going to be some other feature connected with this affair, which is thus far kept a profound secret and jealously guarded.

This diamond medal will surely attract many miners to Sumpter on the Fourth. A large sum of money is needed to pay for these trophies, which Mrs. Brock and her assistants say must necessarily be something really elegant, and their efforts being for so worthy a cause, should receive all aid and encouragement which the citizens can possibly extend.

S. V. R'y Extension to Clifford.

Baker City papers announce that the first spike in the extension of the railroad to Clifford was driven here yesterday. This is pure fiction, on the face of it. In constructing a railroad through the mountains, some grading is necessary before rails are laid and spikes driven. The construction crew has not yet reached here, though it is reported that work will be commenced at an early date.

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.

A nice cool pitcher of Weinhard's beer 25 cents, at Henry Finger's, Center street.

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

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

ONE PAN, \$2400 IN GOLD.

Result of Bedrock Cleanup Near Bonanza.

Word was brought to town yesterday that Minot Austin, while cleaning up the webfoot bedrock in his Winterville placers, near Bonanza, had the day before taken out \$2400 in one pan. It was, of course, practically all gold. The statement bears every evidence of reliability.

Mr. Austin bought the ground last spring, agreeing to pay \$15,000 for it, on long time. He has already taken out more than enough gold to pay for it, and men who have made a careful examination of the property estimate that there is still \$100,000 there which can be easily and economically mined.

This beats even the best story that has ever been brought out from Alaska, all of which grow rapidly on the long voyage. And these stories all discount the facts, giving cards and spades; encumbered with all the handicaps known to the trade of the professional liar.

IMPORTANT RULING.

Right to Ledges Restricted to Those Located on the Public Domain.

The Secretary of the Interior has issued the following circular of instructions, dated July 1, which is of interest to all miners:

To conform to the principles announced by the Supreme court in the case of Del Monte Mining Co. v. Last Chance Mining Company (171 U. S., 55), as applied and followed by this Department in the recent case of Hustler and New Year Lode claims (29 L. D., 668), paragraph seven of the mining regulations, approved June 24, 1899 (28 L. D., 577, 595), is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

7. The rights granted to locators under section 2323, Revised Statutes, are restricted to such locations on veins, lodes, or ledges as may be "situated on the public domain." In applications for patent to lode claims where the survey conflicts with the survey or location lines or another lode claim and the ground in such conflict is excluded, the applicant not only has no right to the excluded ground, but he has no right to that portion of any vein or lode the top or apex of which lies within such excluded ground, unless his location was prior to May 10, 1872. His right to the lode claimed terminates where the lode, in its ownward course or strike, intersects the exterior boundary of such excluded ground and passes within it.

Paragraph eight of said mining regulations is hereby abolished.

Colonel Grayson Locates Permanently.

Colonel John T. Grayson has been in the district several days, for the purpose of making an expert report on some prospect in Cable Cove district for eastern parties. The Colonel has permanently established his office at Baker City, where he can more conveniently communicate with his clients at a distance, though naturally the major portion of his time is spent about Sumpter and its mines, where, in the professional capacity of a mining expert, acting for eastern and English capital, his duties call him. Colonel Grayson has an exalted opinion of this country, which coming from a man of experience is another convincing proof of its actual worth. He

does not hesitate to say either that the present lull, coming as it does at a time when it is natural to expect it, is the best thing that could happen to Sumpter, in as much as it clears out all the "rif-raff" and "cold feet" element and also puts the town and district on the basis of solidity and permanence, which moneyed men desire to see when investing large sums for profit.

Check Forger Operates Here.

A man who called himself Thomas Daniels, passed a forged check for \$75 on the Hub Clothing store a few days since. It was drawn in his favor by the Empire Gold Mining company, Ed LeClair, superintendent. The check was deposited in the Bank of Sumpter, transferred to a Baker City bank, where the forgery was detected. The man bought a suit of clothes and paid for it with the check, receiving the difference in cash. According to the Democrat of yesterday morning, he turned two or three similar tricks in Baker City and has not yet been apprehended.

Many Horses Missing.

There is much complaint of lost horses recently. Matt Clements, who has been looking for one for two days past, says: "Every body seems to be looking for horses." The general impression is that either a gang of thieves is operating here, or else the animals are being driven into the hills, in the hope that rewards for their recovery may be obtained—about the difference there is between a burglar and a sneak thief.

School Director Election.

A special meeting has been called by the chairman of the school board, for June 26, for the purpose of electing a director to fill the unexpired term of W. W. Looney, resigned. J. N. Doane is mentioned for the office with much favor and it is probable that he will be elected if he allows himself to be put up as a candidate. He is an old resident with an interesting family of children and naturally takes much interest in school affairs.

Close Call on Death.

Charles Cullum, the sawyer at the Mitchell mill, was struck on the head by a timber yesterday afternoon and knocked senseless. It was thought that he was dead, but on the arrival of Dr. Brock, he found that life was not extinct and began work on the injured man. Consciousness was finally restored and today he is out of immediate danger, though he will probably lose the sight of his left eye.

Class in Penmanship.

Prof. G. M. Paul, former penman of the Tacoma Business college, and recent penman of the Empire Business college of Walla Walla, Washington, will begin teaching a class in penmanship at the school house in Sumpter on Monday evening, June 25, at 7:30 o'clock. A large class will be in attendance.

"The Portland", conducted by Gus Woodward on Mill street, is fully a representation of its name. A visit will convince you of this.

Mrs. S. A. Campbell has a tent 20x30, for sale. Inquire at tent south east of school house.

Weinhard's beer on draught at Henry Finger's; 10 cents per glass.

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