

THAT CON GAME IS OFF.

Sumpter People Will not Invest in Alaska Mines.

It looks like a con game. In fact, it bears such a striking resemblance to that popular pastime that it failed to work. One, J. H. Bush, related the alluring tale of great placer gold diggings in the far away, frozen north. He had been to Alaska and knew exactly where these rich diggings were, and are yet undiscovered by any other living man. He told a good story, a straight story, one that is far more enticing than the old, familiar gold brick song and dance—which catches the best of us, occasionally.

Bush's first proposition was that he would show a representative of a local syndicate where these fabulously rich mines are, if a purse of \$1500 were raised for a grub stake, he to receive a certain interest in the property. This was accepted promptly and the amount of money raised without difficulty. Some of the shrewdest business men in town were in on this good thing. Shares were placed at fifty dollars each and several citizens sparred for more than was apportioned to them. Walter Looney and Mr. Cowden, brother of J. W., the capitalist, were going along to represent the syndicate. Mr. Looney had gone so far as to rent his home.

When arrangements had reached this advanced stage, several days since, the sole repository of this valuable secret, modified his offer. The \$1500 was raised so easily, that he thought \$500 more could be picked up without much trouble. He wanted that for his very own, as pay for his information—wanted it in currency, so that he could put it in his pocket. This looked suspicious and there was a suspension of operations. J. W. Cowden offered to deposit \$2000 in the First Bank of Sumpter, to be paid over to him when Messrs. Looney and Cowden would certify to the fact that he had fulfilled his agreement.

J. H. Bush refused to accept this offer and the deal is off—and Sumpter people are \$1500 better off than they would have been had they punbled.

Change of Time on S. V. Ry.

Time table number 18, taking effect today, June 20, makes a material change in arrival and leaving time of the afternoon passenger train on the Sumpter Valley railroad. Where it formerly arrived at 4:05 and left at 4:25 the new schedule brings the same train in one hour earlier, or at 3:05, leaving at 3:25, connecting at Baker City with the west bound train on the O. R. & N. The morning train time remains the same, coming in at 9:20 and going out at 9:40. The change serves to shorten the time of Sumperites desiring to make the round trip in a day, which fact is acceptable to some, while to others it will necessitate remaining over in Baker City until the following morning.

Capital Barber Shop and Baths.

New barber shop and bath rooms in connection with the Capital hotel have undergone a complete change and are now under the management of A. G. Davidson, who was in business here two years ago, but enlisted with company D., O. N. G. and served fifteen months in the Manila campaign. Since his return from the latter place he has been engaged on the Pullman cars in the barber business, but decided to come here, where, with Claude Drew, a nephew of Al Jones, of Sumpter, they will conduct the Capital hotel shop and baths.

Town Council Proceedings.

At the council meeting Monday evening I. A. Manning was appointed fire marshal and building inspector, without pay. The

recorder was instructed to write the secretary of the fire department that the council is dissatisfied with the chief of the department, and request that he resign. The recorder was instructed to publish in THE SUMPTER MINER a notice calling attention to the ordinance imposing a fine on any one who conceals a case of contagious disease. The meeting adjourned until Monday evening. At that time the mayor and one or two councilmen were absent and no meeting was held.

Work at the Keystone.

Captain C. H. Thompson, the Spokane mining operator, has been here for several days, during which time he has arranged for the rebuilding of the burned property at the Keystone mine, which fire occurred last fall. All plans for replacing the buildings and operation of the mine will be completed at once and extensive development will be inaugurated at an early day. Other claims will be added to the Keystone group, now owned by that company, making it one of the most desirable in that vicinity.

ORDINANCE NO. 12.

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AN ORDINANCE TO CONFER CERTAIN POWERS AND IMPOSE CERTAIN DUTIES UPON THE HEALTH OFFICER.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Sumpter:

SECTION 1. The powers conferred upon the marshal and the duties imposed upon him by Ordinance No. 10, being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance imposing certain duties and prohibitions for the better protection of property, morals, safety, health and conveniences of the town of Sumpter, are hereby conferred and imposed also upon the health officer of the Town of Sumpter.

Passed the Common Council June 9, 1900.
W. H. GLEASON,
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