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## FUN ON THE FOURTH.

### ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR A BIG CELEBRATION.

**Purses for Horse Racing Materially Increased—Rock Drilling Contest Will be in Hard Granite—Wrestling Match for \$500 a Side—No Order Ever Issued by the Governor for the Rough Riders to go to Portland.**

Every arrangement has been completed for the Fourth of July celebration and there is now no question but what it is going to be a howling success, with big crowds and plenty of enthusiasm. The grand stand is finished and a first class quarter mile track constructed.

The committee having in charge the horse racing features, have decided to increase the purse in the first free for all quarter mile race, to \$100 instead of \$60, as at first announced; also in the second race for saddle horses, in which event the purse will be \$50 instead of \$40. This should increase the interest in the race and bring out a good string of horses.

The committee in charge of the rock drilling contest, wants THE MINER to state that the rock will be hard granite, from the Ithaca district. He has had 5000 pounds of it hauled to town.

Another drawing card is going to be the Orwell-Williams wrestling match which will take place on the grounds in the early evening. Aside from the purse offered by the committee, these men have put up \$500 a side, and the match can be relied upon to be a hotly contested one. Williams threw Orwell at Bonanza some few days since, but those who saw the latter put Brown on his back in Ellis Opera house a few weeks ago, know that he is game and skillful and will make a desperate effort to win back the recently lost laurels.

An effort is being made today to make a match ball game with the Lawton team. Negotiations are now in progress over the wires, and at this writing it looks as if it will be a go. In case satisfactory arrangements cannot be consummated, the game will be between two local nines. And it will be a good one, too, for there is sufficient talent in this camp to organize two or three championship clubs.

Two petitions have been forwarded to the governor, one signed by members of the troop and the other by citizens generally, asking that his order commanding the Sumpter Rough Riders to be in Portland on the Fourth be rescinded, and that they be not required to leave here for the encampment at Salem until after that date. A telegram was received a day or two since from the adjutant general stating that no such order had been issued.

Many merchants have expressed their intention of decorating their business houses with flags and bunting and, of course, the streets will be lined with green trees.

The literary program has been completed by the appointment of Paul Poindexter to read the Declaration of Independence.

Some weeks since the town council passed an ordinance regulating the explosion of fire crackers on this day, as a precaution against fire, which requires

that this sport be confined to the west side of the river. The police will see that this provision is enforced.

### MONEY FOR MEDALS.

#### Ice Cream and Berry Festival Begins Tomorrow.

The ladies in charge of the work of raising funds for purchasing the diamond medals to be awarded to the winners of the rock drilling contest, report that they have met with the most gratifying success in soliciting contributions for the ice cream and berry festival. They say that all the ladies of Sumpter called on have willingly responded and manifest much interest in the movement. THE MINER is requested by Mrs. Brock, at the head of the committee, to state that if any have been overlooked, it has been entirely unintentional, that every lady in town is included in the invitation to assist and that donations of cakes will be gladly accepted.

The medals have been ordered from Chicago, through C. E. Brodie, who kindly transacted the business without profit to himself. As soon as they arrive they will be on exhibition at his jewelry store, in the Opera House block. The Sumpter Lumber company has donated the lumber needed and Bousum & Spaulding have given all the ice that can be used.

The tents are being put up today. They will be tastily decorated with bunting and the national colors. Arbors of evergreens are being constructed in William Stinson's yard, in which will be placed rustic seats. The grounds will be lighted at night with Chinese lanterns, making bowers of beauty, indeed.

All the pretty girls in town will wait on the tables the three afternoons and evenings during which the festival will be held, beginning tomorrow. Mrs. Griffiths will act as cashier. This will undoubtedly be a great success, socially, and it is hoped financially also, as much money is needed to buy the handsome medals which have been ordered.

### Divorced and Married to Soon.

The following from the Baker City Republican relates to a resident of Sumpter: During the session of the court this morning, Judge Eakin annulled the marriage of Mrs. N. Toney and Elmer Toney. The circumstances are as follows: Mrs. Toney had been married and secured a divorce and within six months of the granting of such divorce, married Elmer Toney. When she became apprised of the illegality of her second marriage, so the evidence discloses, she left the home of Toney and applied to the court for her second marriage to be declared void, Judge J. B. Messick appearing for her in the case. This decision, which is based upon findings of the Supreme court, affects a large number of marriages in Baker City and county. We can call to mind four marriages which are illegal, and so far as any remedy can be applied, none is effective except the parties re-marry after the laps of six months from the granting of divorces.

### Wind and Hail Storm at Lawton.

Word has been received here that a severe hail and wind storm raged in the vicinity of Lawton Friday night, doing considerable damage. All sorts of stories regarding the size of the hail stones are related and it is said one woman came near being killed by being struck by an extraordinarily large one. The store building of Stewart & Davis was blown out of shape, breaking all the windows, and a portion of the Lawton hotel roof was blown off. Tents were torn into shreds and trifling damage was done to several small buildings.

## THE LAWS FRACTURED

### Highway Robbery, Shooting and Clubbing Scrapes.

The law has been frequently fractured during the past few days in and around Sumpter.

Friday Grant Thornburg and F. L. Moore were held up a few miles from town while on their way home to Granite. The former quit the game twenty dollars loser and the latter contributed five to the enterprising highwayman, who has not been apprehended.

Saturday evening Steve Barker shot T. H. Dunphy in the leg. The row occurred in the Club saloon, over a gambling difficulty. Barker was tried before Justice Steffen yesterday on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He was acquitted on the ground of self defense, it appearing on the preliminary hearing that Dunphy was beating up the accused a plenty, when the latter pulled his gun, which was discharged in a scuffle which ensued. Barker was then tried on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, and was fined twenty-five dollars and costs.

Sunday evening Tom Barrett, a miner, having taken a drop too much, was ejected from the Star hotel, where he was accustomed to stopping, by F. H. Cromwell, the clerk. Shortly afterwards a man who looked like Barrett, returned to the hotel and pounded Cromwell's head out of shape with a six shooter. Dr. Pearce fixed up the head as good as new. With this same face Cromwell testified on the witness stand at the hearing before Justice Steffen yesterday that he didn't know who hit him—the whole proceeding was veiled in an impenetrable mystery as that legendary encounter in which Billy Patterson was assaulted by some party whose identity has never yet been revealed. Mr. Barrett was, of course, discharged. He was arrested again, tried and fined fifty dollars and costs for carrying concealed weapons. Two days before, Marshal Austin seeing that he had been drinking, told him to put his gun away, which he did, the officer seeing him do it. This being the evidence against him, his attorney, A. A. Hammond, advised him to plead guilty. This whole proceeding has a striking resemblance to a legal farce, in which perjury and spite work played star parts.

A. B. Winfree, deputy prosecuting attorney, represented the state in both cases. In neither has the fine and costs been paid.

### Sumpter Free Gold Mining Company.

It is learned that the troubles of the Sumpter Free Gold Mining company are in a fair way to be adjusted at an early day. This is one of the promising properties of the district and a body of good ore was encountered just prior to the shut-down, and every one familiar with the mine was surprised when they learned that work had been suspended. This was followed by the filing of a number of liens by miners to secure their wages. THE MINER is informed that the trouble was the result of differences among the officers of the company, who live at Colfax, Washington. It is stated that the secretary refused to issue any more stock, for what reason it is not known, and that all operations were suspended until this difficulty could be adjusted. The company advertised its stock in this paper and many orders were received, especially

from the east, where the correct impression prevails that a company which is not afraid to exploit its claims in a home paper, is a safe concern to deal with. A meeting of directors is being held today, at which time it is thought an assistant secretary will be elected, who will be in harmony with the majority of the board, and operations will soon be resumed.

### J. N. Doane, School Director.

At the election yesterday to choose a successor to School Director W. W. Looney, resigned, J. N. Doane was elected, receiving 81 votes to J. G. Connell's 55. The latter gentleman was forced into the race by his friends against his wishes and himself made little effort to win. At the last moment considerable interest was manifested in the election and, unfortunately some animosity was engendered—or, more, accurately speaking, revived. A couple of years ago two clubs, then existing here, got into some sort of a controversy, and the ghost of this old fight was galvanized into life, and jested as an issue into the school election. Another element of interest in the contest was the prevailing impression that the election of Mr. Doane meant the retention of Miss Meyers as principal of the school and that lady's friends pulled off their coats and went in to win.

### Diseases of the Eye, Ear and Nose.

Dr. Pilkington, formerly professor of diseases of the eye and ear in the medical department of Willamette University, and credited with being one of the most successful operators on the Pacific coast, has located at Baker City, and will be in Sumpter Wednesday and Thursday, July 4 and 5, and may be found at the Capital hotel. All persons troubled with any disease or defect of eye, ear, nose, throat or any chronic trouble can go and get an expert examination. Consultation free.

### The Umpqua Continues to Improve.

The work of crosscutting the ledge on the Umpqua property is progressing satisfactorily. They have fifteen feet of fine ore cut and have started to drift on the ledge. As the drift progresses, the ledge widens and the rich pay streak is much wider in the bottom of the cut than on top. There have been several flattering offers made for the property, but the owners know they have a good thing and propose to get the full benefit of it.

### Fourth of July.

Get your bunting and flags for decorating on the Fourth at the Post Office News and Stationery company.

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

WANTED—First-class assayer and chemist. Portland Assay Office, 229 Stark St., Portland, Oregon.

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

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

Go to Fenner & Worthington for all kinds of engineering.

The City Green house, at Baker City, furnishes choice cut flowers.

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

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