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THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR HOTEL

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUILDING PRACTICALLY COMPLETED.

In Sumpter \$12,000 of the Capital Stock Subscribed and the Remainder of the Sum Asked for Assured—David Wilson Puts up \$20,000 and Controls the Proposition.

For eight months past THE MINER has been having more or less to say about the big brick hotel which David Wilson contemplated building on south Mill street. When the announcement was first made, it was stated that work would surely be commenced as early in the spring as the weather would permit the making of brick and the working in mortar. For one reason and another the beginning of work has been postponed from time to time and has not yet been commenced.

It looks now, however, that at no distant day the work will be inaugurated. David Wilson put in all of last week here working on the proposition. He asked that \$15,000 be subscribed here. The building will cost \$35,000. He will put up \$20,000 of this amount and control the proposition. Twelve thousand dollars of the \$15,000 asked for was subscribed here. Little effort was required to secure this sum. Several of those who signed for certain amounts, stated that if more were required, they would increase their subscriptions. Others who will subscribe were not seen, so there is scarcely a doubt but what the entire amount will be secured. These are not donations, but subscriptions to the capital stock of the company.

Architect Samms, of Baker City, who drew the plans for the hotel, was here Friday and Saturday looking over the site, for the purpose of preparing specifications for the foundation.

There will be little change from the plans, detailed descriptions of which have been published in these columns. Mr. Wilson was called by wire to Ontario Sunday, but will return to Sumpter in a day or two, when some definite announcement regarding his intentions will be made.

OLIVE LAKE FOR POWER.

Red Boy Mine Will go Sixteen Miles for Water Power.

Under date of July 30, the Telegram correspondent writes from Granite as follows: Perhaps one of the greatest riparian enterprises, as well as most interesting to the Miner, in eastern Oregon, is that of utilizing the waters of Olive lake for mining purposes. Back of this enterprise are E. J. Godfrey and Clark Taber, owners of the Red Boy mine.

The Red Boy mill is operated by water power, the water coming through a covered ditch from the mouth of Beaver creek, about two miles distant. This ditch taps both Beaver and Clear creeks, and also Olive, which empties into Beaver near the mouth of the latter. As during perhaps two months in the fall of the year, however, all of these streams get very low, the owners of the Red Boy have been driven to the necessity of replenishing the supply. This necessity

has resulted in the Olive lake enterprise.

Olive Lake is situated about 16 miles southwest of the Red Boy mine, in a fire-fingered basin along the northerly slopes of the Greenhorn range of mountains. It has long been known to the pioneer prospector and hunter as a paradise for the lover of the piscatorial sport. Its waters teem with trout. Though scarcely a mile long and perhaps half a mile wide, no one has yet been able to compute the amount of water it contains. Attempts have been made to sound it, but in each attempt the sounding line gave out without touching bottom. The altitude of the lake, as nearly as can be estimated, is about 8200 feet.

With such a reservoir to draw from, it is little wonder, therefore, that the enterprise of mining men should invade even the long-undisturbed haunts of the festive trout. Distance offered no obstacles to Messrs. Godfrey and Taber in their search for water, and they have already established direct communication between the waters that rightfully belong to Olive lake and their mill. The inlet to the creek that feeds the lake has been dammed about a mile above its outlet, and here a natural reservoir covering some 200 acres has been formed. The water in this reservoir averages from 12 to 15 feet in depth. A ditch connects the reservoir with Ruby creek. Ruby creek empties into Clear creek, and thus the water makes its way to the Red Boy ditch, having its source at the mouth of Beaver.

But the formation of this large reservoir above the lake is only an incident of the plans of the Red Boy owners to utilize the waters of Olive lake in their mining operations. An excavation has already been dug for the building of a dam across the outlet to the lake, and work upon the dam, which will be of a solid stone wall four feet wide and about 120-feet long, will in all probability be begun this fall. Through this dam the water in the lake will be raised about 15 feet, and its surface area considerably increased. The shady groves now used by campers will be inundated, and new camping retreats will have to be sought.

Upon the completion of this dam it is the intention to build another ditch from the lower end of the lake to Ruby creek, and through Ruby and Clear creeks convey the water to the mine mill ditch.

Through the completion of the enterprise projected, the Red Boy owners will be able to dispense with their 200-acre reservoir above Olive lake, and be assured of an inexhaustible supply of water from the lake itself.

Nuggets Versus Sumpter Nine.

A game of base ball was arranged yesterday between the Nuggets and the regular Sumpter club, on a bet of twenty-five dollars to ten. The Nuggets, who give these heavy odds, consist of some men around town who have played ball in their day, but are not now in any organized nine. The game will be played Sunday.

Go or send to the City Green house, Baker City, for choice carnations; thirty-five cents per dozen. Roses fifty cents per dozen.

Only the best of Wines, Liquors, Ice Cold Beer and temperance drinks at Barnard's Halfway House.

All kind of cake, pies bread etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite the depot. All orders filled promptly.

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

TALK OF THE TOWN.

H. H. Fritz expects to leave today for Republic.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gagan leave today for a summer outing in the hills.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stinson returned today from a trip to Portland and the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins have been to the Concord mine for some days past.

Stop! Stop! See Joe Schmidt at the Brewery Saloon. Five cent beer. Best in town.

There was no council meeting last Saturday evening, there being no quorum present.

The fire bell tower is finished and the bell in place, on Center street, between Granite and North.

J. E. Harris, of the Portland Telegram circulation department, is here on business connected with that paper.

A. W. Ellis returned some days since from Salt Lake City, where he went a couple of weeks since on a business trip.

Wm. Miller, district attorney of Grant county, passed through here yesterday on his way to Granite, where he has official business.

Miss Margaret McMeekin, of Portland, niece of George Baker, is visiting her uncle and family for the remainder of the summer.

Harley G. Wood is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism and threatened pneumonia, which kept him confined to his bed all last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Richards, James K. Pardee, W. C. Calder and C. O. Morrell were in LaGrade this week transacting business before the United States land office.

J. H. Brown and M. E. Baine are over in the Burnt river country doing some assessment work on properties the former owns there, and prospecting. They will be absent a month or more.

Dr. Brock has been over in the Prairie City country for several days past. He is expected home this evening, having been telephoned to return, on account of the illness of Mrs. Brock.

John Goss left yesterday for Prairie City and Canyon City, to make final arrangements for A. P. to open branches of his Bank of Sumpter at Prairie and either at Canyon City or John Day.

A number of Sumpter citizens have taken up timber claims along the extension of the Sumpter Valley road, and many more are preparing to do so. The building of this branch renders valuable large tracts of timber.

It is a good thing for the beer consuming public that the price of that popular beverage was reduced prior to the present hot spell, for those on the "outside" would either have gone broke, or else suffered with burning thirst.

Mrs. C. H. Marsh, who has been undergoing treatment at the St. Vincent hospital in Portland for over a month, has sufficiently recovered to be able to leave that institution, but is not well enough to return home as yet.

Monday was the hot day of the season. The mercury stood at 102 to 106 in the shade in several locations around town. There was a breeze stirring, and when one kept quiet, in the shade and draft, with a quart mug of beer at hand, life was not entirely unendurable.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurt, Mrs. M. Fuchs and Milton Bloch, the latter two of Baker City, came

in from a ten days outing on the McEwen ranch in the foothills near McEwen station, all looking the better for a few days of out door life. Joe Hurt says there are plenty of deer and grouse where they were.

Baker City papers state that the Cleaver Brothers have made arrangements for developing the Oregon Wonder, and that all kinds of money have been provided for this gigantic undertaking. If this property pans out as it indicates, and its owners hope for, it will be a greater mine than the Treadwell or the Homestake.

There were more than a hundred people on the excursion train from Baker City to Sumpter Sunday. A bridge, a few miles this side of Baker, burned during the day and the train did not reach here on its return trip until 12 o'clock at night. Many of men folks had fun with themselves loading up, which the ladies couldn't do, of course.

Major Manning Off For Peking.

Major W. T. Manning, who has been in Sumpter since last fall, saw in the press dispatches some days since that the Chinese of Los Angeles, California, had expressed their willingness to assist the powers in suppressing the Boxer riots in the Flowery kingdom. Above and beyond all else, the Major is a globe trotter, and he saw in this an opportunity to combine his ruling passion with an chance to do a good turn for humanity, by setting the Chinese to work killing each other. With this idea in his head, he left Saturday afternoon for Los Angeles with a view to organizing a Chinese regiment for the relief of the foreigners at Peking, which expedition he hopes to lead himself. In the event that the laundrymen of Los Angeles were merely following the example of the American politician by making a remark or two to the gallery, and have no intention of fighting their brothers at home, Major Manning will proceed to Prescott, Arizona, which town, he reasons, will have a boom this winter as a result of the building activity necessitated by the recent fire there.

Development in the Old Gem Mine.

Mr. F. J. Perkins, manager of the Gem mine, near Sparta, now owned by a Portland syndicate, who purchased the property several months ago, is in the city, and to a Democrat reporter yesterday he outlined the development work that is in progress at the mine. A depth of 460 feet has been attained. Levels are being run 450, 350 and 300 feet in depth. An upraise from the 450 to the 350 level is being driven for air. A prospect tunnel is being run 300 feet north of previous workings and is to be 150 feet in length. A contract has been let to sink a prospect shaft 300 feet south of all previous workings. In doing development work larger ore bodies are exposed and there is ore enough in sight for a 10-stamp mill for years to come. The old Gem was worked 30 years ago by Captain Ainsworth and Captain E. M. White, but was abandoned, so far as working was concerned. It was in the days of extravagant management and poor direction. The wealth of the mine was little known, as recent developments show. The property now bids fair to be a great producer.—Democrat.

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

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