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HOTEL A SURE GO.

Will be Built on the Corner of
Granite and Mill.

STINSON'S 100x100 FEET

Deed for This Property Now in Escrow—
Stock Subscriptions of \$25,000 Asked
for—Nearly all Raised—David Wilson,
the Builder, Says This is a Good Town
to do Business In—Work Will be Com-
menced at Once and Finished De-
cember 1.

The site for the big brick hotel, to be built by David Wilson, has been changed from south Mill street to the William Stinson lots on the corner of Mill and Granite streets. This property is 100 feet square and is an ideal location for a hotel, being at the intersection of the two business streets of the town, and therefore in the very heart of the camp.

Last winter, when the real estate market was at fever heat, Mr. Stinson refused all kinds of money for this property, persistently refusing to sell; but now it is wanted for a purpose that will be a benefit to the entire community, he has consented to part with it. The deed was placed in escrow yesterday. The exact price and terms are not made known. The figures are said to be about \$10,000, which is considered a fair valuation; as prices rule at the present time.

Mr. Wilson says he never found pleasanter people to deal with, in a business way, than those of Sumpter; that Mr. Stinson, particularly, has displayed a public spirit in this matter that encourages him to do business here and invest in Sumpter to the limit. Having decided to buy this site for the hotel, he has increased the amount of bonds which he asks the citizens of Sumpter to take, from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and he feels sure that this sum will be subscribed for. Nearly \$20,000 had been taken this forenoon, and there was every prospect of disposing of the remainder. As soon as the sum reaches \$22,000 work on the hotel will be commenced.

Regarding the time for beginning and finishing the undertaking, Mr. Wilson says:

"I expect to begin immediately; that is in a week or ten days, undoubtedly before the first of September. I will have no trouble in getting all the material needed, as soon as it is required. The time necessary to finish the building will depend on the labor supply and the weather. With good luck the block will be finished by December 1. In this case, it ought to be opened for business by January 1, 1901.

"There is now at the brick yard a kiln, which is not yet cool, containing 130,000 brick, some of which have been sold, but over 100,000 of which I have contracted for. Others can and will be burned before these are exhausted. The first work to be done will be to excavate for the basement, and that will be commenced before this town begins to realize that it is to have the finest hotel in eastern Oregon."

The plans of the hotel have been described in these columns in detail before.

The building will be one hundred feet square, three stories high. The ground floor will contain lobby, kitchen, dining room, barber shop, bath rooms, and a few office suits. The lobby will be two stories high, with a gallery around the four sides. Every known modern convenience is provided for.

Was Here Over Thirty Years Ago.

Dr. Holmes, of Butte, was in town Sunday. For two months past he and Mrs. Holmes have been visiting at the home of the latter's brother, Mr. Hall, near Prairie City. The Doctor was on his way east, expecting to go as far as Maine before he returns, in a month or six weeks. He was a surgeon in the regular army, stationed at the now abandoned and demolished fort over near Strawberry butte, more than thirty years ago. He is, of course, astonished at the wonderful progress made, the great transformation scene which has taken place during that time. He is also enthusiastic over the future possibilities of this entire region, and may possibly come to Sumpter to remain permanently.

FOR A RACE MEETING.

This Enterprise is Now Taking Definite Shape.

The Sumpter Racing association held a meeting Saturday, at which time it was decided to try to raise \$1500 by subscription, for a five days race meeting, to take place early next month. President A. P. Jones appointed three committees to handle the work of raising this money.

To solicit from business men—Thomas McEwen, F. H. Neill and A. P. Goss. From mining men—W. H. Jackson, Joe Mikel, J. P. Fox and W. H. Spencer. From saloon men—E. S. Abbott, S. Clein, Harley Wood.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow evening, when these committees will report progress, and it will be definitely decided whether or not this meeting will be held. Everything is said to look favorable for the success of the enterprise.

Scenic Line of the World.

For an enjoyable trip east, take the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, Scenic Line of the world. Three daily trains between Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and all eastern points, and all points on the Pacific coast. Most magnificent scenery on this continent. The leading feature in connection with the trip is that the through trains pass through the scenic attractions of the Rocky mountains in Colorado by daylight, thus affording passengers a cool, pleasant and enjoyable ride, free from dust and the annoyances experienced via other lines. Superb dining car service on all through trains. Service a la carte, pay for what you order. Through standard and tourist sleepers. Stopovers allowed on all classes of tickets anywhere between Ogden and Denver. Call on your nearest ticket agent for tickets, rates and all information, or address,

B. C. NICHOL,
General Agent, Portland, Ore.

Removed.

McDevitt & White have removed their stock of goods from the Goss building, on Mill street, to the Potter building on Granite street, where they will be pleased to meet all their old, and as many new customers as can crowd into their store.

Shack For Sale.

It is conveniently located, well built and comfortably furnished. Terms reasonable. Enquire at this office.

NOW OWNS 2000 ACRES.

Sumpter Development Co's Holdings Near Town.

The Sumpter Development company has taken up its bonds on all the acreage adjacent to this camp, and now controls about 2000 acres of land.

This is one of the strongest companies operating in eastern Oregon. It is not a premeditated concern, organized primarily to sell stock and, secondly, to sell lots. Its development has been the natural result of conditions existing here. When this camp was booming to the sky limit last fall, Seymour Bell saw an opportunity to turn an honest dollar by buying up adjacent acreage. He is a natural born plunger and took in every tract in sight; saw that things were coming his way and played the game high.

He had more than he could handle, so let in a few friends, who in turn, saw that their friends also got in on this good thing. Most of the stockholders are Tacoma and Portland capitalists. One of the first to become interested was Henry Hewitt, Jr., of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company, one of the heaviest operators in timber lands and largest manufacturer and dealer in lumber on the Pacific coast. He commands practically unlimited capital. During the past ten years he has invested fully ten million dollars of eastern money on Puget Sound, most of which came from the coffers of J. D. Rockefeller and the Colbys. With him in the Sumpter Development company are United States Senator Foster and George Brown, both Tacoma capitalists and associates in the lumber business with Mr. Hewitt. The last named is expected to arrive here in a few days, to look over the ground and decide upon the future plans of the company.

Other stockholders in this company are A. C. Little, C. F. Owen, J. B. Stoddard, S. H. Bell, G. P. Wright, A. W. Ellis, W. S. Pond, J. D. Wilcox, D. C. Lewis, R. McClay and E. F. Warner; all good men for such a concern.

The general plan of the company is to advertise and help build up the town, to create a bona fide demand for what it has to sell, lumber, houses, town lots and acreage. It has some vast projects under consideration, plans for their consummation having not yet matured.

Largest Business in Its History.

The Sumpter Transportation company is doing the heaviest business in its history, at the present time, both in hauling passengers and freight. Every stage goes out loaded with passengers, baggage, express and mail. It has also found it necessary, in keeping up with the policy to promptly handle heavy freight, merchandise, machinery, etc., to add thirty new teams of draught horses to its outfit. The stage service this summer is all that has been promised and little, if any, complaint is due, or heard from the public. Arrangements for running a daylight service to Prairie City, Canyon and John Day have not yet been consummated, but will probably be in a short time.

Old Folks' Excursion to Sumpter.

August 16th the Sumpter Valley railroad will run an "old folks" excursion from Baker City to Sumpter, charging no fares. In order to get in on this free ride, one must show by the records that

he or she is at least sixty-two years old. A meeting of Sumpter citizens was held one evening last week to arrange for entertaining these worthy visitors, when Dr. Fisher, Tom McEwen and Cato Johns were appointed a committee to look after the matter. Another meeting will be held tomorrow evening, to appoint sub-committees, enlist the aid of the ladies, and take other necessary steps to make the occasion entirely enjoyable.

False Statements About the Smelter.

In the Portland Mining Review of August 4, is a communication from Sumpter, in which the inference is drawn that the smelter here is a failure, that the recent run was not successful. There is absolutely no foundation for any such conclusion; the test run was entirely satisfactory. Superintendent Laughlin informs THE MINER that he has interviewed the writer thereof, convinced him of his error and received the promise that this false statement will be corrected. In this connection, Mr. Laughlin says there is no truth in the reports circulated at Baker City that the smelter will be moved away from Sumpter; that this town was selected as the best place to locate the plant, after careful investigation and mature deliberation and it will be operated here.

Rich Ore From Eagle Mountain.

The mining man, P. L. Mallory, of Big Buffalo fame, is in the city from a prospecting tour on Eagle mountain, eastern Oregon. He brought out rich samples of free gold ore, which are as good as the famous Thunder mountain samples that excited mining men all over the Northwest last fall. These specimens compare with the Marshal Lake and Lamoreaux ores. This free gold lead, Mr. Mallory says, is not large, but there was a 20-foot lead that carries half a dozen minerals, which aggregate very good average values. This new find is about ninety miles from Lewiston. Mr. Mallory has visited this discovery the second time this summer, and there is no longer a doubt of its importance, as he is a mining man of experience.—Lewiston, Idaho, Tribune.

Second Shipment of Diadem Ore.

The Diadem Gold Mining company will send another 10-ton consignment of ore to the sampling works this week. The last load is on the way from the mine today. It is expected this second shipment will net the owners even better than the first, as the general appearance would indicate greater values.

For Sale.—A ten light arc dynamo, in first class condition. Very cheap. Apply to Seymour H. Bell at office Sumpter Light and Power Co.

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.

Handsome lot of Dicken's vest chains for men at F. C. Brodie's jewelry store, Opera House block.

Five quart bottles of Olympia beer for \$1.00 at Henry Finger's.

Ask for the Columbia beer, brewed in Sumpter.