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HORSE RACE MEETING.

MONEY RAISED TO GUARANTEE ONE BEING HELD HERE.

Dates Fixed For September 26 to 30, Inclusive—Will Hang Up \$1500 in Purses—Half Mile Track Will Be Constructed in South Sumpter Addition—Sixty Outside Horses Will Be Entered.

Al Jones and Seymour Bell returned Sunday from Baker City, where they met with the principals of the racing association and track directors of that city. It was learned that the Burns association, in the eastern Oregon circuit, had arranged to hold its meeting September 17 to 22, inclusive.

Sumpter dates were fixed for September 26 to 30, inclusive; Baker City, October 3, 4 and 5, Boise City, October 8 to 14.

Messrs. Jones and Bell report that the subscription fund here for the racing association is now guaranteed and they are going ahead with all arrangements to make this first event in Sumpter a great success. Work will at once begin on the half mile track under the direction of President Jones, who is familiar with such things and will soon have it in first-class condition. The location will be on the Townsite company's South Sumpter addition, where a comfortable grand stand stand will be erected.

A good string of horses from the Burnt river district will be here, also from Burns, where they have race horses in plenty, and as speedy as any in the west. Other points will also send entries, four or five coming from Portland. It is confidently expected that sixty outside horses will be entered.

It is scarcely necessary to say that every business man in Sumpter should take a personal interest in this movement and do everything in his power to promote and help it along. The fund of \$1500 asked for by the directors is not a large one, considering the results that a successful meet would be to the town.

This amount has been provided for and all of it will be hung up as purses. It has not yet been decided just how it will be cut up, but the division will be an equitable one, as no one connected with the enterprise has any individual ax to grind.

Changes in First Bank of Sumpter.

Cashier Newlands, of the First Bank of Sumpter, retires from that position at the end of this week, to take an important place in the management of the Sumpter Transportation company, in which he is a large stockholder. He will go to Portland, his former home, remaining there several weeks. On his return he will be accompanied by his family, who will reside in Sumpter in the future. Roy Miller will assume his old position as cashier of the bank. Everyone knows that he is all right. Mr. Newlands says that in all his experience, President Robbins, of the First Bank of Sumpter, treats his customers and depositors with more consideration than any bank officer of which he has knowledge, and that the system is a "winner."

Owner of the Baby McKee Here.

Captain Charles Regnier, of Cincinnati, one of the eastern owners of the Baby McKee mine in Cable Cove, being

developed under the able direction of Colonel John T. Grayson, arrived here this morning in company with the latter, and left for the property, to become personally familiar with the same. The Captain is one of several well to do men who live thousands of miles away from here, but who have shown their faith in the district by the investment of their money through a competent representative. Development work at the Baby McKee is being actively pushed forward; good houses will be finished for the miners for all winter work, and the "Baby" will soon be on the list of shippers.

HOBSON COMPANY'S BRICK BLOCK

Work On This Building Will Be Commenced Tomorrow.

The Hobson Mercantile company has taken up its bond on the lot next to the corner of Granite and Center streets, where it did business before the fire, and will begin tomorrow to erect thereon a brick block 25x100 feet.

Manager Jesse Hobson says he has not yet let the contracts, but has been figuring with several builders and is in position to close the deal at any time. The work tomorrow will be preliminary, that of surveying and laying off the ground.

This lot has a cellar already excavated. Its walls will be made of stone, as a foundation for the new building. As soon as the debris left by the fire can be cleared away, the stone work will be commenced.

The Hobson Mercantile company has done a large and ever increasing business since the day it bought out W. C. Calder. Both of the Hobsons here are thorough business men and popular gentlemen, who are trade getters and trade holders. The company was much crippled by the fire, more on account of not being able to get a favorable location than for any other reason, and when the old stand is ready for occupancy, it will again do the big business in this section of eastern Oregon.

Promising Burnt River District.

One of the most promising mining districts in all eastern Oregon is the Burnt river district, situated about twenty miles south of Baker City. Quartz and placer mining is going on there without interruption, and the district gives every evidence that in the near future some big paying mines will be brought to the front. M. Keyton, of Keyton Brothers, owns five quartz claims in a group. The ore is free milling and a Huntington mill is in operation on the property, and the ledges run from fifteen to 100 feet in width. The claims are located near the road which runs from Baker City to Malheur City. Keyton Bros. are heavily interested in the district and have leased a claim to Philip Heil. It is worked by an arastra and the ore assays from \$10 up to \$500 to the ton. The district, comparatively speaking, is a new one, and the residents are enthusiastic over its future prospects.—Baker Republican.

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

When you travel the Bourne road remember Barnard has all the latest remedies for dust in the throat.

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

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

OLD FOLKS' EXCURSION

Arrangements For Entertaining Visitors Tomorrow.

The old folks' excursion will be run out from Baker to Sumpter tomorrow, arriving here on the regular forenoon train, and leaving on the return at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Baker City Democrat of this morning states that yesterday 98 names of those who intended to go on the excursion had been handed in to the committee. There will in all probability be more than 100 in the party, no one of whom will be less than sixty-two years old.

The local committee has completed all arrangements for entertaining the visitors. Yesterday, in conference with Mrs. Olmstead and Mrs. Nibley, who came here from Baker for the purpose, it was decided to serve the mid-day lunch in Ellis opera house, instead of in the grove at the foot of Mill street, in order to take no chance on a possible shower. The welcoming speech by Attorney Richards, the response by C. W. Nibley and a musical program by local talent will also take place at the opera house.

The visitors will bring a dozen of their prettiest girls to assist the Sumpter girls in waiting on the tables. The hall is being decorated today.

Various plans for entertaining the old folks out of doors, in case the weather is pleasant, has been perfected.

Oil Money Looking For Investment.

Mr. George P. Snowden, of Oil City, Pa., is a late arrival in the city, and his coming is to make an investigation of the mining industry with a view of making investments, not alone for himself, but for wealthy associates in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. Mr. Snowden says there has been plenty of money made in oil in his state and this capital is in need of investment. Mining, he says, is coming to be looked upon as being just as legitimate as any other business pursuit, and the capitalists of his state are beginning to see as safe investment in mines as in anything else. The mines in eastern Oregon are beginning to be known in Pennsylvania and Mr. Snowden says he thinks much capital will flow here in the near future.—Baker Democrat.

Sumpter the Best Town in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gagen, recently returned from a ten days trip through the west and southwest portions of the districts tributary to Sumpter, including the Burns section in Harney county. Mr. Gagen is very enthusiastic in his claims that Sumpter has much to make it the principal town of eastern Oregon, backed as it is by the finest country out of doors, with mines immediately surrounding it, with stock and farms beyond. That this is the distributing center, decreed by Nature, one has only to travel over the adjacent territory to be convinced.

Fight Between Cattle and Sheep Men.

Pete Miller, of the butcher firm of Carter & Miller, of this city, returned home last evening from Harney county, where he purchased 1000 head of mutton sheep and drove them over the trail to this city, passing through the upper Burnt river section. Mr. Miller got his band of sheep along the route without mishap until he arrived in the vicinity of Herford. Here he lost about twenty head

from eating saltpetre thrown out on the range by cattle owners. A range battle between cattle and sheep owners is imminent in the Burnt river section, according to Mr. Miller's statement. The Malheur divide is the separating ground of the deadly foes. Sheep men are forced to keep their hands on the Malheur side of the divide, and any infraction of the order promulgated by cattle men will precipitate a fight to the death. The sheep men are equally determined to run their hands wheresoever they please and shooting is likely to commence at any moment. Every mother's son of them on both sides ride the range armed to the teeth, and are determined to die if they must in the protection of what seems to them to be their rights.—Baker City Democrat.

Town Council Proceedings.

The town council held an adjourned meeting last Wednesday evening, but did little else than allow the regular monthly bills. The regular weekly meeting was held Saturday evening and transacted some routine business. A representative of the owners of slot machines appeared before the council and asked that the license fee be reduced from five dollars a month. The request was referred to the finance committee. There are now ten machines in operation in town, yielding a revenue of fifty dollars a month.

Sumpter Loses Its First Game.

The Sumpter base ball team went to Baker Sunday to play ball, but instead played horse, which accounts for that town ball score of 31 to 28, the other fellows winning the game. The most generally sprung excuse for this carnival of errors is that our pitcher failed to materialize. This is Sumpter's first defeat this season, and of course, can lose a game occasionally, without losing temper. Between Sumpter and Baker it is now a "horse apiece." The deciding game will be played here Sunday, August 26.

Forty Tons of Ore From the Tempest.

Superintendent Laughlin returned Monday night from a trip through the Greenhorn. He says it is a mining region of great possibilities, but that comparatively little development work has been done there as yet. While on this trip he bought forty tons of ore from the Tempest, which is now being delivered at the smelter at the rate of eight tons per day. This is a portion of the rock over which there was more or less litigation and scrapping a couple of weeks since.

Developing Morning Star Group.

Judge Newberry is spending this week in town, having returned from the mine some days since. He has ten men working in the Morning Star group, located in this county very near the Malheur county line. The group consists of three claims, and the judge says that three distinct ledges run through the entire length of the group, and that the rock carries all kinds of gold. Portland capital is interested in this property and developing it.

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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.

Don't neglect your eyes. Glasses and spectacles properly fitted to defective sight. F. C. Brodie, Opera House Jewelry Store, Sumpter.