

"BIG BOYS" COMING IN.**District Filling up With Large mining Operators.**

The "big boys" are beginning to arrive in Sumpter, after a prolonged absence. What has kept them away so long is an unexplained mystery. Most of these large operators are familiar with the district and the conditions prevailing here. Their presence at this time indicates but one thing—that after two or three months of comparative inactivity, so far as trades and transfers and talk are concerned, mine owners being busy with development work, the inevitable fall revival is about to be inaugurated.

D. J. McDonald, mining expert for Governor Mackintosh, is here and expects to remain several weeks in the district. This is not his first trip here, though he has not been in the camp for several months. His particular mission at this time is not given for publication, but he is not here for his health. Governor Mackintosh and a party of English capitalists are expected here soon, and it is not unlikely that transactions of greater magnitude than this section has ever known will then be consummated.

Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, Michigan, principal owner of the Ibeex mine, arrived here Sunday morning and went out to the property at once, Mr. Chapman having come in to meet him and had a conveyance in readiness when the train arrived. Mr. Hill has just returned from a five months trip in Europe and is on his way to San Francisco. His visit here at this time has in it no special significance, and probably would not have been made had he not been obliged to go to the coast—at least, that is about the way he wants it put in these columns.

Colonel W. M. Ridpath, the Spokane capitalist, came up Saturday on his way to visit a mining property near Granite, in which he is interested. The Colonel expresses himself as well pleased with the country hereabouts, and predicts a great future for it, when more moneyed men have found out its merits and come here, as they are now doing.

PRAIRIE CITY ACTIVITY.**Many Capitalists and Mining Men Going to That Section.**

Judging from the number of strangers that are coming and going, lively times are liable to turn loose most any time, and when better times do arrive they will be a permanent fixture. Prairie City and the John Day valley are not like other places that have boomed and then in a few months be scratched off the map. The mines are here waiting capital to develop them, the farms are here waiting to be tilled, and all the other natural resources are here that are needed to make up a commonwealth and an everlasting prosperous country and city.

Thursday of last week Elmer Cleaver brought in from Baker City P. F. Morey, president of the General Electric company of Portland, and T. W. Sullivan, hydraulic engineer for the same company. The next day they went to the Oregon Wonder camp and immediately proceeded to enjoy themselves prospecting and fishing and hunting.

Last Monday Lon Cleaver, Clifton Cleaver, W. M. Davis, deputy attorney for Portland, and Attorney T. Williams and family arrived. Mr. Davis went to Canyon City to visit and have a hunting trip with some old time friends, but will be through Prairie again in a couple of weeks.

Tuesday there arrived from Baker City A. L. Lavere—and wife, accompanied by

Joe Reese. Mr. Lavere is a mining man of Baker City, and has figured in some of the big deals of that district. He is here on a general tour of inspection of the mines in the Quartzburg and Strawberry range districts and will probably tie up something good before leaving.

J. D. Goss, of the Bank of Sumpter, has been in the field for a week ascertaining what business a bank could do in this section, and went away highly elated and himself or brother expect to return soon.

Elmer Cleaver, Mr. Morey, and sons, and Engineer Sullivan expect to be in the mountains thirty days, while Lon Cleaver will return to Baker City and attend to the business affairs that end of the line, and Clifton Cleaver will return to Pendleton to look after the Cleaver Brothers big general merchandise store.

Lee Tutch, an employee of the Cleaver Brothers at Pendleton, who visited Prairie City last spring, is again here and will make an extended stay. He is now at the Oregon Wonder.

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In railroad circles nothing of interest is being made public, but it is rumored that all the different companies that intend entering this district have men in disguise out establishing grades, etc., and it is stated on good authority that within the last month no less than six of these parties have slipped through this part of Oregon without revealing their mission. —Prairie City Miner.

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