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## MARKED LUMBER TRADE REVIVAL.

### SUMPTER LUMBER COMPANY'S HEAVIEST WEEK.

Local Demand Good For Building Purposes While the Wholesale Trade and Mine Orders is Keeping the Mills Busy.

A more than noticeable revival in all lines of legitimate business among the Sumpter houses is now evident, and particularly in the lumber trade. The Sumpter Lumber company is today doing the largest business in its history, and while there has been a lull in their business in the earlier summer months, the mill has never been closed down for a day unless for repairs and the replacing of new and heavier boilers and machinery. Mr. Stoddard has had his men in the woods logging and others engaged in hauling logs to the mill while others were engaged in sawing and piling up the product, until the yard now looks like one of a large city. During the summer he has also made improvements in the way of new warehouses for storing sash, doors, blinds, glass, etc., of which he carries a large stock, new barns for the thirty-two head of horses which he is working, blacksmith and repair shops, an extension on the store and office building are among the new improvements, while the stump land north of and adjoining the planing mill has been cleared and leveled up for the reception of other lumber piles. East of the plant and for nearly a quarter of a mile he has dry cord wood and slab wood piled up which will prevent any chance of a wood famine this winter, even if none else has wood to sell.

While at the yard this morning, where the men were loading several cars with lumber for shipment, Mr. Stoddard said the last week's orders were the largest he had ever had on his books, and while most of it was for outside points; the local demand was very good, David Wilson being the heaviest patron; though several others had placed orders for smaller houses to be built here.

The Columbia mine has an order in for 20,000 feet of heavy timbers of the 14x14 and 16x16 dimensions, several of the smaller mines between \$200 and \$300 worth, the towns of Granite and Bourne over \$600 worth, for Ogden, Utah, four cars, Notus, Idaho, one car, Palmer, Idaho, two cars, Haines one car, Baker City parties 110,000 feet, and the county 3000 feet of bridge plank.

All this within one week certainly gives an evidence that the lumber business is undergoing a healthy revival.

Mr. Stoddard has fifty men on his pay roll at the present time who are engaged in logging, sawing, planing, teaming, etc., all of whom are residents of Sumpter.

### Race Track Interest.

The half-mile race track being graded and put in shape by the Sumpter Racing Association is well under way and will soon be completed. The secretary reports a heavy correspondence in regard to the coming meet next month and says there will be a fine lot of horses to compete for the premiums. The large full sheet bills have been mailed promiscuously all over the northwest and are doing their work of advertising the race meeting.

Some evidence of the interest taken in this class of sport was shown Monday evening when Wm. Swick of Hamilton ran a sorrel horse from their place against the favorite bay horse of W. A. Jones of Sumpter. The race was a hastily arranged affair for \$40 a side in which the Hamilton horse beat the Sumpter racer about half a length on the quarter mile track west of the river. It is stated that on Monday afternoon W. A. Cushman will ride the Bourne horse of John Fox against the W. A. Jones horse on a good wager.

If the interest shown in these impromptu races is any indication the September meeting should be a successful one when a good string of horses are entered.

### The Spokane Exposition.

The Red Men of the Pacific Northwest are anticipating a big time on October 5, which is the first Friday of the Spokane Industrial Exposition. There will be a great many members of the order present on that occasion. Many lodges will be in attendance and all the chief men thereof in the northwest will be there, and in addition a large number of the native Indians are expected to help in the big pow wow.

One week later the Elks of Spokane will entertain their friends at the laying of the corner stone of their new temple in that city. It is not necessary to say that this will be an event which every Elk in this part of the country will attend if there is any way for him to reach Spokane on that date. Elks of Spokane have a reputation as entertainers.

### Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCulloch entertained a party of young folks Saturday afternoon at their rooms in the Palace, the occasion being the eighth birthday anniversary of their son, Frank. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in games, etc., and refreshments were served the little folks by Mrs. Fisher at the Rimbol. Those present were Helen O'Rourke, Jean Spangler, Floyd Hurst, Anna Fisher, Victor O'Rourke, Fred Spangler, Clair Fisher, Alex Hurst, Roscoe O'Rourke, Francis Tousey, Ralph O'Rourke and Claude McCulloch.

### A Crazy Scare.

The residents of the southern portion of the city have made numerous reports during the past few days of seeing a man, unadorned with clothing, parading around. The officers have been unable to locate the alleged crazy, but are working on a theory that will likely bring the culprit to captivity before long.

### Sumpter Valley Extension.

The grading of the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad has so far progressed that the laying of ties and iron has been commenced and will be pushed until the line is completed. Additional graders have also been added to push the work.

### Lecture on China.

On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. W. S. Holt, who has been a missionary in China for twelve years, will deliver a lecture in the Presbyterian church on "Present Conditions in China." Rev. James Byers will preach in the morning on "The Divinity of Christ." All are welcome.

### For Sale.

Front bar, back bar and large mirror for sale. For further information call at MINER office.

## SMELTER TO START

### Up Monday For a Weeks Run —Ore Coming In.

The smelter will start up the first of the week for a several days run, a sufficient quantity of ore having been secured. There are three four horse teams engaged in hauling ore from the Tempest mine in the Greenhorns, each trip requiring four days and the charge for hauling is \$15 per ton. When the railroad is completed to Clifford it will materially reduce the distance to be hauled and the cost. Other Greenhorn mines are arranging to ship in ore. The Greenhorn ore is a neutral ore and very desirable for smelting purposes, carrying silica, iron, sulphur, etc., with a trace of copper and indications that the per centage of copper will increase with depth.

The Standard, of Quartzburg, is also shipping ore regularly now, an air connection having been made between the tunnel and shaft.

Arrangements have also been made to have several old dumps sorted over and the proceeds will be worked. This is an excellent opportunity for persons owning dumps to dispose of them to advantage.

The smelter management has trouble in securing lead ores and has offered to test lead and carbonate ores carrying 30 per cent or more, free in order to secure them. This would enable them to run a lead charge and treat the Cove ores, provided they could get them to advantage as full values would be allowed, while with copper matte the lead in the Cove ores is valueless and the other spices injurious. It is evident that the bulk of the ore for the smelter must be drawn from the Quartzburg and Greenhorn districts, unless something desirable is found in the new district over the divide from the Cove. The other ores being largely free milling and concentrating propositions. The copper ores of the Baker City section are desirable and will be drawn on to a considerable extent.

The first run of the smelter demonstrated it was just what the base ores of this section require, and all that is needed now for its success is for the mine owners to co-operate and furnish sufficient ore to keep it running.

### A Mineral Exhibit.

Captain C. H. Thompson, who is the appointed commissioner to secure an exhibit of ores from eastern Oregon for the Spokane Industrial Exposition, is in the city on mining business this week. While not devoting his entire attention to the mineral exhibit proposition he never loses an opportunity to put in a word for it. The exhibit which Paul E. Poindexter collected from this district last year secured the gold medal from nearly 200 other districts, attracted the attention of mining men from the entire northwest and resulted in many investments in our mines.

The district is in better shape than last year, many new properties having been added to the list of producers, and there are hundreds of prospects awaiting capital to open them up. In addition to the Spokane Exposition, Pendleton is arranging for a street fair, and is very desirous of securing an exhibit of our ores. Pendleton capital is already interested in our camp some, and an exhibit there would undoubtedly attract other investors,

especially as Umatilla will have over two million dollars worth of wheat. The dates of the two fairs do not conflict and the same exhibit would serve for both points. There is no time to loose and some definite action should be taken at once to get the ores together.

### Developing the Golden Gate Group.

H. Saville Sherard who has been operating in the various districts of Eastern Oregon for several months has obtained control of the Golden Gate group of mines at the head of Quartz gulch, four miles from Geiser and is now working two shifts of miners with the intention of sinking 100 feet on the property.

Mr. Sherard was seen last evening and says they are down 37 feet and are in a fine body of solid ore running \$8 to \$24 in values with good free gold showings. The property is said to be a valuable one and this will probably be fully demonstrated in a short time under the present management.

### Reservoir Improvements.

Robert E. Strahorn, the new owner of the water works, is expected here on the 6th of next month with a carload of cement and a practical man to be employed on the work of cementing the reservoir to the top. When this work is completed it is thought the big water receptacle can be filled to its capacity of one million gallons with perfect safety, thus giving Sumpter more water than could be run out if all the hydrants in town were opened for hours. Perhaps some of the "sure thing" insurance companies can then be prevailed upon to reduce their unjust and exorbitant rates which is sapping the life out of every business man in Sumpter who has occasion to patronize them.

### Methodist Services Last Night.

Rev. W. W. Van Dusen, presiding elder of the Boise district, Idaho conference of the M. E. Church, preached to a very attentive congregation in the Methodist place of worship (Ellis hall) last evening. It was the occasion of the fourth quarterly conference on Brother Shannon's charge. He found the year closing in a gratifying manner on the Sumpter charge. Rev. Mr. Van Dusen and Rev. Shannon leave today for the seat of the annual conference at Baker City, which convenes tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Andrews presiding.

### Nome Boom Busted.

The Nome boom has busted and with it went many a man's all, and to add to the horrors an epidemic of disease has broken out among the stranded rainbow chasers. Government relief is being afforded as much as possible, but much suffering can not be avoided, and, as the cold weather approaches, will be greatly increased. It seems strange that people will rush to such out of the way places for business opportunities when the local field ever affords a chance for the progressive and energetic.

### Red Men's First Dance.

Egan Tribe No. 20, I. O. R. M., gave their first dance of the season at Ellis hall last Friday night, at which the attendance was large, the music good and apparently all had an enjoyable time. Financially, the event was a success, as are all the dances and entertainments given by the Red men, which is the largest in membership of any order in Sumpter.

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