

TALK OF THE TOWN.

C. H. Fenner was in Boise yesterday. David Wilson was in town a couple of days this week.

Roy Miller went to Baker City Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Brock left yesterday for Portland, where she will visit friends for some weeks.

It looks as if the snow on the ground had "come to stay," as the rural editor loves to repeat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins returned home Sunday from down La Grande and Pendleton way.

Mrs. Otto Herlocker has returned from Wisconsin, where she spent a couple of months visiting relatives.

R. E. Strahorn, owner of the Sumpter water works, orders his MINER sent to the Palmer house, Chicago.

Mrs. Hudspath, of Baker City, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Hurt, returned home yesterday.

M. E. Baine expects to leave today or tomorrow for the Quartzburg district. He is negotiating for the purchase of a mine over there.

Hon. W. H. Hobson, president of the Mercantile company bearing his name, left yesterday for Portland and other western Oregon points.

Frank Thomas is now at the White Swan mine, in charge of everything in sight. He writes a friend here that the property is a winner.

Mrs. James Newlands and the children arrived yesterday from Portland and will reside here in future. Mr. Newlands met them in Baker City.

Castings for the hotel have not yet arrived and building operations are still suspended. The streets around the block are filling up with other material, brick, lumber and sand.

That report which is being circulated on the streets to the effect that J. Nat Hudson's new paper is to be called the Whitney Saw Log is a josh. The man who has the naming of that publication says it is to be called the Gold News.

Charley Van Duyn returned from San Francisco several days since, having been rejected in his effort to enlist in the navy, owing solely to defective teeth. Mrs. Van Duyn stopped at Heppner to visit her mother for a few days and will reach home next week.

The United States circuit court grand jury in session at Portland Monday returned an indictment against Fred J. Hallock, the former postmaster of McEwen, who is accused of having appropriated to his own use the sum of \$493.02 belonging to the government.

Judge Newbury returned this forenoon from Portland, where he has been for a fortnight past on business pertaining to his mining interests here. While there he,

incidentally, had considerable to say about eastern Oregon gold fields through interviews in the papers.

J. W. Duckworth claims to have lived in Sumpter longer than any resident now here. Next month will complete his thirty years in this camp—and he doesn't look to be over twenty-six now. He is in favor of paying the firemen for the work done this morning.

J. L. Edmiston has contracted with the city council for the erection, within 14 days, of a hose tower to be placed in the rear of the city hall and hose house on Cracker street, for the purpose of washing, drying and otherwise preserving the fire hose after use. The tower is to be ten feet square at the base and a height of 50 feet.

Letson Balliet was in town Tuesday night. It is merely surmised that he is organizing for a finish fight with the people, themselves under cover, who are backing Cassidy to make his blackmail attack upon him and knock his private business deals. This scrap will be worth watching if any of the local "boxers" of Mr. Balliet's class will step from their hiding place and enter the ring, unmasked.

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