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## J. H. ROBBINS TOM M'EWEN.

Candidate for Mayor on Citizens' and Boxer Tickets.

## LATTER'S BACKERS.

Numerous Candidates for Other Places—

Three Councilmen, Treasurer, Recorder and Marshal to be Elected—All Now in the Race Favor Robbins—Possibly Another Ticket May Be Brought Out This Afternoon.

The line of battle for the municipal election next week has been drawn and the skirmishing is now in progress. The principal fight will be on the mayoralty. J. H. Robbins is the non-partisan citizens' candidate; Tom McEwen the standard bearer of the opposition. There are numerous candidates for the other positions, who are making the run on their respective merits.

The campaign for the mayoralty is the one in which the public is mostly interested. As stated above, Mr. Robbins is the citizens' candidate. He refused to run on a partisan ticket. It was the original intention of those who persuaded Mr. McEwen to enter the race to put up a straight republican ticket, but a merely superficial examination of the public pulse convinced them that that would be a losing game, so the nominating petition designated him as the non-partisan people's candidate, or something of that sort. But the Robbins petition was filed first and he will receive this apparently popular designation on the official ballot.

As a matter of fact, Mr. McEwen is the candidate of the Sumpter Transportation company and the local Order of Boxers. T. G. Harrison, an official of the company, circulated the petition, the name of C. J. Johns heads the list of signers and the American advocates his election. The Boxers will make the fight of their lives to install an administration of municipal affairs that will drive out the "foreign devils" now here and prevent others from coming in. Johns can't stand opposition in trade nor the American in the publishing and printing business. They long to once more be the only frogs in puddle. Many good citizens signed this petition because they did not wish to offer an affront to Tom McEwen, who is almost universally liked as a man, but whose qualifications for the position are universally doubted.

The officers to be elected are mayor, three councilmen, recorder and marshal. The retiring members of the council are Al Hiller, P. D. Healy and J. T. Parkinson, neither of whom are candidates for re-election. The holdover councilmen are A. W. Ellis, William Stinson and W. W. Looney.

Aside from the two candidates for mayor, petitions for the following had been filed up to one o'clock today:

Council—T. D. Bellinger, J. B. Stoddard, R. L. Neill and H. B. Griffin.

Treasurer—W. R. Hawley and C. S. Durgan.

Recorder—E. L. Manning, A. J. Larm and E. C. Roblin.

Marshal—Ed Rand, John Austin, George Baker, J. W. Feagle and Max Schulpus.

It is a remarkable fact that all of these men are said to be favorable to the candidacy of J. H. Robbins for mayor. Today closes the time limit for filing petitions. Some who are watching the progress of events are of the opinion that at the last moment the McEwen people will put in petitions for a bunch of candidates to complete their ticket. What can be gained by this movement is difficult to comprehend. There is certainly nothing shrewd in such tactics. Several gentlemen who have been considering the question of running for one or the other of these offices, may possibly enter the race this afternoon.

The element of humor in the campaign is that of the above mentioned candidates, several have been voluntarily offered the support of the Boxer organ, and they have protested against such assistance; so if that paper should say a kindly word for any of these gentlemen, the reader should not jump at the conclusion that he is standing in with that push.

## BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE.

Has Secured Quarters and Is Now Ready for Business.

The Business Men's League held an interesting meeting last night, it being the second one since organization. Secretary Calder, of the Townsite company, had just finished moving into the new and elegant offices on Mill street, and took advantage of the occasion to allow the use of these comfortable quarters for the League to meet in until it secures a permanent home of its own.

Steps were taken last evening to this end and a resolution passed to rent the premises at the corner of Center and North streets, owned and formerly occupied by Captain C. H. Thompson. The necessary renovation of the house will be made at once and the League will be in possession at an early day.

The first problem tackled by the League was the insurance rate, which is ridiculously exorbitant in this town. W. C. Calder, who has played on the inside of this surething game, made a few remarks that didn't inspire those present with much hope of success in this undertaking. This will be a good proposition for the members to practice on, if they will promise not to become discouraged in case of failure and jump the job entirely.

The object of this organization is what its name implies, a union of business men for the purpose of advancing the material interests of this camp and district. The need of such an organization here has long been felt and much good can and doubtless will be accomplished through its efforts. The committee on constitution and by laws was not ready to report, so officers were not elected. Another meeting will be held Saturday evening at the same place.

## Sunday School Social.

The officers of the Presbyterian Sunday school will give a social Monday evening, December 3, in the club rooms on Mill street. The object of the social will be to secure funds, which will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the children. A short program will be rendered, which, with the social features, will make the social a pleasureable occasion. Come, and help us in our endeavor to appropriately provide for the little people's Christmas. A. H. Weaver, Superintendent.

Wanted—A position as cook or waitress at boarding house, in town or mining camp. Enquire at MINER office.

## GEN. WARREN HOME.

Work on the Diadem Will Be Resumed at Once.

General Charles S. Warren reached Sumpter this forenoon, after an absence of several months, accompanied by J. T. Pardee, of Phillipsburg, Montana.

The General says that the opposition to Clark in Montana didn't have a fighting show. Clark required his men to work only eight hours, which caught the labor vote. The opposition conducted a department store, which kept open late at night, which drove the business men and clerks to Clark—and there you have a combination that can't be beat.

"I have been looking after my private business matters during the past few months," he said, "and have gotten them into pretty good shape, so I'm feeling all right. During the past fifteen months I have succeeded in paying off more than \$100,000 in old debts."

"If certain deals now pending are consummated, Sumpter will take another sky-rocket flight, but it will not come down like a stick; it will keep on growing and going. When? Oh, about February or March.

"Mr. Pardee and myself are here to let contracts and start work on the Diadem on a large scale. We think we have a mine out there and are going to find out whether or no that hope is well founded on a big body of rich rock. We have plenty of money to prosecute the work."

J. T. Pardee confirms General Warren's statement about the mine; says that work will be started in a few days and continued all winter.

## Second Payment Made on the Concord.

J. H. Robbins went to Baker City last week and made the second payment of \$15,000 on the Concord, to the agents of the estate of the late Gus Bachman, from whom it was purchased. The price of the property was \$35,000. The bond on the Concord was secured last January by J. H. Robbins and James A. Howard, since which time 1000 feet of tunnel work has been done on the Concord claim and 600 feet on adjoining claims, necessitating an expenditure in all of about \$20,000. Ample provision has been made for development work to continue all winter and by spring the property will undoubtedly make such a showing as will justify the building of a suitable reduction plant.

## McManus' Handsome Publication.

The Northwest Live-Stock and Wool-Growers' Journal is the handsomest publication in the state, with the exception of THE MINER of course. It is published by a stock company, J. P. McManus, editor and manager, dated at Pendleton and printed in Portland. It is what its name implies, and therefore has an extensive, rich field in which to labor. Editor McManus' ability is recognized and acknowledged and he is sure to make this new venture go, as he has others with which he has been connected.

## Killed Himself in His Tunnel.

Yesterday Coroner T. N. Snow returned from Weatherby, where he held an inquest on the remains of George Ellis, the insane man, whose dead body was found in one of his own mining tunnels last Saturday. After examination into the facts, the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide. The story is a tragic

one. Last summer Ellis was adjudged insane by the county court and committed to the asylum. Before he could be transported he escaped and never could be found. The other day his body was discovered partially sticking out of a loophole in a tunnel on his own mining property, with a Winchester beside him and his head blown off. The man strongly objected to going to Salem and it is thought he buried himself in the tunnel, closing the mouth of it by an explosion of dynamite, leaving a loophole for defense, and that later, finding that he was starving and not daring to go out and take chances of arrest, he used another stick of dynamite to take his own life. The body showed death took place more than a month ago. There is a faint suspicion that some of Ellis' enemies killed and placed him in the tunnel to avoid detection. He was a crank and much disliked. There is no proof of this theory.—Republican.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Attorneys Employed to Draft New Charter for Sumpter.

At the council meeting Saturday evening the judiciary committee was instructed to employ Attorneys Richards and Chance to draft a new charter for Sumpter. This document will be presented to the council for approval, to the citizens generally for consideration and will have to be acted on by the state legislature.

It is understood that the Albany charter will be used as a model, for the reason that that instrument has been before the legislature a half dozen or more times, for amendment, and is considered about right from a technical legal standpoint.

The fire and water committee was instructed to have signs printed and posted in the hose houses, warning boys or other trespassers against entering and tampering with apparatus.

An ordinance designating funds for handling which the treasurer is entitled to a commission, was passed.

## Governor Mackintosh En Route Home.

It was reported on the streets yesterday that Governor Mackintosh had sailed from Liverpool last Wednesday and was expected to arrive in New York today or tomorrow. The rumor states further that he remained in London only ten days, but succeeded in organizing a company with a paid up capital of \$20,000,000, which will be invested in mines in the Northwest. It is hoped that this money is for the Sumpter district. He will be in Spokane December 5.

## Progress at the Gipsy Queen.

W. H. W. Hamilton has been out to the Gipsy Queen property in Cable Cove all week, within which time he has let a contract for the building of a blacksmith shop and timber shed for the mine. He also brought in samples of ore from the property, which have a fine appearance though it is not known today what values they carry.

A fine selection of goods suitable for Christmas presents will be here in a few days, including the following: Fine French china ornaments and useful articles, solid sterling silver table ware, novelties, Rogers Brothers knife, forks, spoons, etc; also a full line of watches and jewelry. F. C. Brodie, Opera House building.

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

Beware of, but ask for it—Giant Powde