



## TOWN OF WHITNEY



A limited number of lots will be sold to bona fide building purchasers. No boom. Let your eyes and foresight be your judge. The cars will be running into Whitney by December 10.

Don't overlook a good thing. The coming town at the western terminus of the Sumpter Valley Railroad.



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**IDAHO MINING DECISION.**

**Supreme Court Says Patented Property is Subject to Taxation.**

A press dispatch from Boise, Idaho, dated the tenth instant, says: Mining property, title to which has passed from the government to private parties, is subject to taxation in this state exactly like any other form of property. This point has just been decided by the supreme court in the case of O. J. Salisbury, respondent, vs. Carl Laue, assessor, appellant.

Under this decision a mining claim is no longer a mining claim within the meaning of the statute of exemptions after it has passed to patent, but becomes property. The decision is of far reaching importance, affecting most if not all valuable mining properties of this state. The aggregate value of these properties is very large and if it is added to the assessment roll of the state it will make a material increase in the taxable property.

The case in which this decision has been rendered grew out of the assessment by the assessor of Custer county of certain patented mining property belonging to Salisbury. The assessor was proceeding to sell the property for taxes when Salisbury paid them under protest and then brought suit for recovery. The case was submitted to Judge Suockslager at Hailey, and was decided against the assessor. An appeal was taken to the supreme court, where the decision is now reversed.

**Case of Gentry vs. Baker County.**

After being out all Saturday night and all day Sunday until 5 o'clock in the evening, the jury in the case of J. E. Gentry vs. Baker County brought in a verdict in favor of the county. This was the case wherein Mr. Gentry sued the county for damages in the amount of \$10,000, on account of injuries received by the

overturning of his wagon on a county road. The attorneys in the case contested every inch of the ground. Messrs. Courtney & Knight made a strong fight for their client, while Hon. Sam White, who was ably assisted by F. M. Saxton and A. B. Winfree, was highly complimented for the able manner in which he conducted the case in the interest of the county. The attorneys for plaintiff gave notice of a motion for new trial argument, which motion will likely be heard today. The grounds claimed for a new trial have not been made known.—Democrat.

**Will Explore John Day Coal Fields.**

It is reported on good authority that the coal fields of John Day valley, an extended notice of which appeared in these columns some weeks since, are attracting the attention of capitalists, who will make a thorough investigation of the deposits at an early day. When this matter was first mentioned in THE MINER, it was stated that the wagon load of coal brought here from there and shipped to Portland, was consigned to railroad people who are especially interested in the fuel question, and who are also connected with companies building lines in that direction. It is presumed, therefore, that these railroad builders are the gentlemen whom it is now reported will explore the heretofore undisturbed John Day coal fields.

**Town Council Proceedings.**

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening the finance committee was instructed to examine the books of the officials, preparatory to the reception of annual reports. The monthly reports of the marshal and recorder were filed. The marshal was instructed to collect the dray licenses. A petition was received asking for an arc light at the corner of Center and North streets.

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

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O	Slab Wood Cord Wood Short Stove Wood		
O	DELIVERY TO ANY PART OF THE CITY		
D	Lumber For Sale Mining Timbers to Order		
D	CLOSING OUT STOCK OF SHOES AT COST		
D	Sumpter Lumber Company		
D	J. B. STODDARD, Mgr.		

**Are You Seeking Substantial Investment?**

If you prefer legitimate investment to speculation and gambling, I can offer you a few first class mining propositions, from a prospect to a well developed paying mine. I can advise the purchase of a first class mining stock that you can buy without risk and with a certainty of early and substantial returns. The Sumpter Mining District is rapidly opening the eyes of the mining world. A long identification with the district enables me to give reliable information and advice as to investments. Expert examinations of and advisory reports on any mining proposition. Correspondence solicited.

W. H. W. HAMILTON, Mining Engineer, Sumpter, Oregon.