

GROWTH OF SUMPTER

Facts Demonstrating the Great Progress Made.

In the Sumpter Townsite company's advertisement, which appears on page ten of THE MINER today, are some carefully prepared statistics regarding the growth of this town and the business done here, which tell a gratifying story of progress and improvement. These facts were collected by Secretary Calder at the expense of much labor and time and they can be relied upon as being practically correct.

The figures given regarding transportation, both passenger and freight, are perhaps of greatest interest. They were furnished by officials of the Sumpter Valley railroad and the Sumpter Transportation company, taken from the books of the respective companies, and are therefore strictly accurate.

In 1899 the road sold about 27,000 tickets from Baker City to Sumpter. This, remember, was during the height of the late lamented, so called boom. Thus far during the present year, that is up to December 15, 33,934 tickets were sold between the same stations, going in the same direction.

During the present year the company has hauled into Sumpter 30,000,000 pounds of freight. Of this amount 8613 tons, or 17,226,000 pounds were general merchandise and the remaining twenty odd millions of pounds were mining machinery. To transport this machinery to the mines from Sumpter 7,500 four-horse teams were required; or 20 four-horse teams each day, or one such team leaving every 30 minutes during the ten working hours of each day during the entire year. And still there were sixteen days of the year remaining.

The railroad has hauled away from Sumpter manufactured lumber and logs amounting to 10,000,000 feet, 2349 cords of wood, besides the ore and concentrate shipments, exact figures on which could not be procured at this time.

The Sumpter Transportation company owns an outfit valued at \$60,000, which includes, among other equipment, 200 horses. Daily stages are run from Sumpter to Bourne, Granite, Red Boy, Lawton, Bonanza, Clifford, Austin, Susanville, Prairie City, John Day and Canyon City.

The amount of merchandise carried in Sumpter by all the merchants December, 1898, was only \$20,000; one year later it amounted to \$100,000, and at the present time it is not a white chip less than \$250,000.

The value of improvements, in the way of buildings completed has increased from \$25,000 two years ago to \$250,000, an even ten fold. And there are now buildings in progress of erection that would run this sum up to \$300,000. Two years ago there was not a brick building in the camp; now there is a frontage of 351 feet.

During the same time 1854 feet of the town's streets have been graded and paved and miles of sidewalks constructed. Prior to eighteen months ago, there was little or nothing done in the way of street improvements.

In fact, the Townsite company's ad. is full of meat. To read it will interest any one who is interested in this camp.

Oregon "Truck" Awarded Prizes in Georgia

It is just as easy for Eagle and Pine valleys to carry away prizes on the products of their soil as falling off a log. At the Chicago world's fair Eagle valley captured a number of prizes, and in the world's competition for prizes offered by Maule, the great New York seedman, Eagle valley captured the big cash prizes on potatoes, onions and cabbage. And now comes a most favorable report of

Pine and Eagle valleys in competition with the world at the Georgia Interstate fair, held from October 10 to 20 last, inclusive. Mr. S. J. Saunders, a farmer of Eagle valley, returned to Baker City on Sunday morning from a visit since last fall to his boyhood home in Kentucky, accompanied by Mrs. Sam Gover and family, who have also been on a long visit to the Blue Grass state. Mr. Saunders took with him from Oregon samples of wheat, oats and potatoes. The oats were grown in Pine and Eagle valleys. At the interstate fair held in Georgia, Mr. Saunders placed his samples in competition with those from nearly every state in the Union. He won the two big cash prizes of \$150 each, one for the best oats, and \$150 on potatoes, awards given for general excellence. Mr. Saunders says his samples of potatoes were far ahead of all others in competition, 39 of them weighing 82½ pounds. Thousands of people admired them and could not believe it possible that such potatoes could be grown in Oregon.—Democrat.

Man Who Located the Colorado.

One of the men who has won for himself a handsome competency by prospecting in the Northwest is James Bumgardner, who is spending the winter in Seattle with his family. Mr. Bumgardner was among the pioneers at Cripple Creek, Colorado, a few years ago, but he had his ups and downs, and two years ago reached eastern Oregon without a dollar. He went to prospecting and soon located the "Colorado" claim, near Sumpter, and began his development work. Last fall he sold out for \$10,000 and his purchasers organized the Tammany Gold Mining company.—Seattle Times.

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Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court of Baker County, Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Annie Clemens, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, L. T. Brock, administrator of the estate of Annie Clemens, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said estate, to exhibit them together with the necessary vouchers, within the next six months after the first publication of this notice, to wit: The twelfth day of December, 1900, to the administrator at his office, at the corner of Granite and Mill streets, in the town of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, the same being a place for the transaction of business of the said estate in said county. L. T. BROCK, Administrator. Dated, Sumpter, Ore., December 12, 1900.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To Steve Leyden and W. W. Thurmen. You are hereby notified that A. J. Tadlock, your co-owner in that certain mineral claim known as the Peacock, being situated on the McCully fork about four and a half miles northwest of Sumpter and near the Granite road in Baker county, has performed assessment work as required by law and you are required within 90 days from date hereof to pay your proportion of the expenditure upon said claim. A. J. TADLOCK. Sumpter, Oregon, December 19, 1900. First publication Dec 19, 1900, last March 20, 1901.

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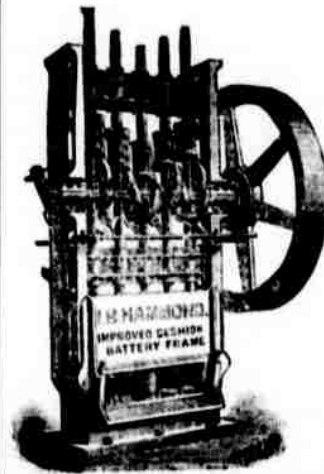
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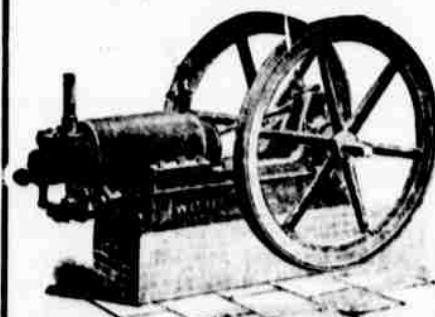
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