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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES.

WEEK OF SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL DIVERSIONS IN SUMPTER.

Christmas Trees and Balls—Dealers in Presents Report Big Trade—Red Men's Annual Hop Monday Night—Fancy Dress Ball Tuesday Night—Woodmen's Masquerade New Year's Eve.

This holiday season has been as happy a one in these parts as the cruel, inflexible conditions regulating humanity permits. There was much buying of presents, local dealers reporting an immense trade. Saturday and Monday the stores and streets were thronged with Christmas shoppers. Owing to the continued fine weather, the expected big crowd of money spending miners did not materialize, so the hotels and saloons did not reap their hoped for harvest. Miners are still delving into the golden depths of the surrounding mountains, and have evidently made up their minds to remain at work until heavy snows and severe cold weather drive them to the comforts of this camp.

In the way of holiday entertainments the people of Sumpter have been well supplied. Monday evening the Presbyterian Sunday school gave a Christmas tree for the little folks at the church. The Methodist Sunday school had its tree in Masonic hall, Ellis block.

The same evening, in Ellis opera house, the Red Men gave their annual ball, the members coming out in the regalia of the order. The dance was largely attended and was a decided popular success. The financial results were likewise gratifying. Many visitors from nearby camps were in attendance. This was the occasion for everybody to get in and have a good time socially, and all who were looking for such diversion availed themselves of the opportunity. The Red Men of Sumpter are prominent in the business life of the town and constitute the strong, healthy fibre of the social fabric.

The most pretentious event in Sumpter's social history was the fancy dress ball in the opera house last evening. To Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. McEwen is due the honor of originating the idea of giving this ball and carrying it through to the gorgeous success which it proved to be.

The hall had been handsomely decorated, under the artistic direction of Mrs. and Miss Wallace. There were many elegant gowns worn by the ladies, to whom was confined a monopoly of fancy costumes, the men wearing conventional dress suits, with the exception of two or three military uniforms. Many of the ladies also had evidently devoted all of their skill and energies to looking their best in evening dress, without wasting any of either on selecting a character to represent and devising a costume for the part.

The music was pronounced by some of the so called "giddy young things" present as "perfectly divine." It was furnished by Mrs. Morrell, piano; C. O. Morrell, violin; C. D. Davis, clarinet; Charles DeNeff, cornet. In this connection, it perhaps will not be out of place to call attention to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Morrell have afforded much pleasure to the music loving people of this town, and have done much to elevate the standard at public gatherings. They are ever

obliging and considerate, a characteristic shared in by but few of the profession.

The first fancy dress ball in this town was all that was hoped or predicted for it—and more.

New Year's eve the Woodmen of the World will give a masquerade, that is now exciting the interest of the community, and will doubtless be a fitting finale to the holiday festivities.

Grainger-LaGrave Nuptials.

James A. Grainger, nephew of William Stinson, and Miss Vera LaGrave, of Walla Walla, were married Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stinson. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. James Byers, the Presbyterian minister. The groom is associated in business here with A. J. Stinson.

THE GYPSEY QUEEN

Tunnel Now in 70 Feet—Will Cut the Ledge at 145 Feet.

W. M. Rumery arrived in town from Big Limber creek Saturday and will remain here during the holidays. Just before starting for Sumpter Mr. Rumery visited the Gypsy Queen. He reports the main working tunnel to be now in seventy feet and says he never saw a nicer piece of work. The tunnel will cut the vein in another seventy-five feet and will then follow the vein. At one place on the property there is seven feet of solid ore averaging \$16.50.

This is the property that W. H. W. Hamilton, the well known mining engineer, recently placed with Boston parties.

There are now quite a lot of substantial buildings on the property, all of which Manager Hamilton has had erected within the last two months. They consist of cook house, kitchen, woodshed, bunk house, powder house, cellar, blacksmith shop and timber shed. The two latter buildings are situated at the mouth of the tunnel, one on each side of the track and both under the same roof.

Mr. Rumery says if the Gypsy Queen does not make a great mine, there are lots of mining men that will be greatly surprised, for every one that has visited the property has prophesied a great future for it and all give Manager Hamilton credit for the miner-like way in which he is having the work done.

Little Giant Tunnel in 1000 Feet.

Work at the Little Giant was suspended Saturday night to give the men a holiday for a week. Eighteen of them came in to spend Christmas here. They report that the crosscut tunnel is now in 1000 feet and that the ledge will be cut within fifteen or twenty feet.

Attention W. O. W.

The W. O. W. will meet Friday, December 28. This is a special meeting and is called for the purpose of initiating twenty candidates. All members are expected to be present.

Acting C. C., J. B. STODDARD,
F. Tietjen, clerk.
Sumpter, Oregon, December 25, 1900.

The Capital hotel, under the management of Mrs. Tedrowe, serves special Sunday dinners. Families should take advantage of this. Best table board in town. Try it.

Strout, assayer, 1725 Arapahoe street, Denver, established in Colorado in 1876; gold (crucible assay), 50c; gold and silver, 75c; gold, silver, copper, \$1.50; forty years practice.

Never fails—Giant powder.

NEW OFFICERS S. T. CO.

Secretary Newlands Retired and Sues for Salary.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Sumpter Transportation company, held at its offices last week, a reorganization of the company was effected. James Newlands was removed from the office of secretary and Attorney N. C. Richards elected in his place.

Tom McEwen remains president and general manager, T. G. Harrison treasurer and W. H. Cade, vice president.

This change was considered a wise one, necessary for the good of the company, as no doubt it was.

The Sumpter Transportation company is doing the business of its history, both in passenger and freight traffic, and is splendidly equipped to handle the still heavier business in sight the remainder of this winter, when the handling of heavy machinery is made easier on the snow roads.

The retired secretary has entered suit against the Sumpter Transportation company for salary which he claims to be due him. The company will contest the claim. The suit is brought in Justice Felix's court.

Municipal Government Affairs.

S. S. Start, who was employed by the town council to expert the books of Treasurer Hawley and Recorder Manning, has finished the work and will make his report at the meeting Saturday evening. To a MINER representative he has stated that he found everything correct. That the two sets of books check off with absolute accuracy. At the meeting of the council last Saturday evening the time was occupied considering the new charter. Mayor Robbins and the recently elected councilmen were present on invitation of the present city government, and together with Attorneys Richards and Chance, who are drafting the document, it was gone over by sections. It will be submitted at the meeting Saturday evening practically completed.

John James Is Missing.

John James, a miner about fifty years of age, well known to all the older residents of this vicinity, has been employed all summer by the Red Boy company as a ditch tender, having his cabin at the head of the ditch about one mile this side of Lost creek. A few days since it was discovered he had not been in his lodgings for three or four days and a search was instituted for the man, whom it is supposed has become lost in a snow storm in the mountains and more than likely has perished from cold. It is understood he is a member in good standing of the local lodge of Red Men, which is giving the Red Boy assistance in trying to locate the missing man or his remains.

Story of a Miner's Christmas Dinner.

W. D. Dodson, the gentleman who has recently been sending in a whole lot of good stuff from this section to the Oregonian, went out to Bourne yesterday for the purpose of ringing in with the miners there on their Christmas dinner. It was not the dinner he was after, but the story he could make out of it. Any amount of good reading matter could be ground out on the subject of a miner's Christmas dinner, as any one can see, after the subject is suggested. But Mr. Dodson will do no realism business for his paper

on that topic this year. If he springs the story, it will have as baseless a foundation as Crane's Badge of Courage, a work purely of the imagination. He found Bourne, all right; but neither the dinners nor the miners. The latter were in Sumpter, dressed better than Portland dry goods clerks, eating turkey, dancing and insisting on the dealers raising the limit.

WORK AT THE CROWN POINT.

Tunnel Now in 200 Feet and 300 More to Be Driven.

R. H. S. Donaldson Selby came down Monday from the Crown Point mine, in Cable Cove, and reports an average of three feet of snow over the entire district. This is probably one-fourth of what will fall during the winter yet to come.

Mr. Selby reports that the steam drill which was put in by Superintendent Copsy recently, works splendidly and in every way meets the expectations of those interested.

Two shifts are being worked, one at drilling, the other at mucking and an average of three feet per day is being made in the tunnel, which is being driven in the hardest granite formation anywhere in eastern Oregon. The Crown Point people are running a tunnel to catch the mother lode of that district, which showed splendid surface indications in free gold. The present tunnel is about 200 feet in and it will require about 300 feet more work to reach the desired point.

The altitude at the Crown Point is 7970 feet.

Mr. Selby reports more activity in the Cable Cove district than in any other in eastern Oregon, notwithstanding the heavy snow and more or less stormy weather of a high altitude.

J. F. Leland in Nevada.

John F. Leland, the mine operator and promoter, of Sumpter, Oregon, who has been looking over the camps of Utah for several weeks, has left for a protracted trip in southern Nevada. Mr. Leland was for several years associated in mining interests with Senator Hearst, of California, and later has been connected with mining ventures throughout the west and in Mexico. He is now looking over properties for a syndicate headed by Michael Finnerly, of the Dillon Gold Mining company, of Denver, and will pass a good portion of the winter months in Nevada, extending his researches from the eastern to the western portion of the state.—San Francisco Mining Review.

J. P. Wallace, general manager of the Monmouth Development company, is especially commissioned to secure large producing gold and copper mines.

The Capital Hotel is again under the management of Mrs. George B. Tedrowe, which fact guarantees the best of service to all patrons.

All kinds of pies, cake, bread, etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite depot and in Neill building. Orders promptly filled.

Those who know the comforts of a good hotel, always patronize The Capital; Mrs. G. B. Tedrowe, proprietor.

Prompt attention to orders for cut flowers and floral pieces. City Green House Baker City, Oregon.

For rent—One four-room cottage. Neill Mercantile company.

The best is always cheapest—buy Giant powder.

Something to depend upon—Giant powder.