

SUMPTER LUMBER CO.

**J. B. Stoddard, J. H. Robbins,
S. H. Bell, Incorporators.**

At the office of Attorney N. C. Richards the past week, articles were drawn for the incorporation of the Sumpter Lumber company, the incorporators being J. B. Stoddard, J. H. Robbins and Seymour H. Bell. The capital stock of the company is fixed at \$50,000.

The Sumpter Lumber company, as known in the past, has been a private enterprise, conducted by J. B. Stoddard, one of the present incorporators, and has been one of the most successful mills in eastern Oregon.

It is supposed the intention of the new company in putting in more money is to enlarge and otherwise advance the interests of the business, preparatory to a heavy run during the coming year.

It has been known for months past that Seymour H. Bell has been buying timber lands in this vicinity, and the presumption is that they were bought for the lumber and not for speculation.

MAMMOTH'S FIRST GOLD BRICK

Manager McCallum Exhibited It Here Last Friday.

Manager H. S. McCallum very proudly exhibited the first gold brick turned out from the Mammoth mine last week. The production was not one of the usual size generally carried to market, but a miniature one, weighing \$200 in value, that can be carried as a pocket piece. This little fellow, however, will soon be melted up again and run into large moulds with more bullion, which will represent thousands instead of hundreds.

Mr. McCallum reports the Mammoth mill as working like a watch movement, which fact is not only gratifying to the company, but a credit and source of satisfaction to both its manufacturers, the Joshua Hendy Machine works, of San Francisco, and to Millwright McLain, who drafted the plans and put the machinery in place in the buildings, which he also erected.

The Mammoth company is certainly a fortunate one, from the fact that it can start its mill running on a million dollar body of ore; with everything paid for and money in the bank besides.

The Bald Mountain mill will start up about February 1, under the same conditions, so far as having everything paid for, as Manager McCallum has recently returned from Denver, where final payments were made on the property.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Dr. Pearce spent Monday in Sumpter. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith left this forenoon for Portland and San Francisco.

Dr. G. W. Cole, of Pendleton, came in today to assist Dr. Brock in a surgical operation.

Max Schulpius, recent candidate for city marshal, is engaged at the Bonanza mine as day engineer.

Clark Snyder has gone to California to buy a few acres of oil wells. Joe Mikel went down a few weeks since and is taking a flyer in oil.

Joseph Barton, general passenger agent of the Sumpter Valley railroad, came up Friday; also James H. Graham of the Whitney Townsite company.

The ladies having in charge the Sumpter free reading room, will give a grand Valentine ball February 14. A supper will be served consisting of fresh eastern oysters.

The cable of the new tramway between the the North Pole mine and the mill has

been strung and as soon as made taut and the ore buckets hung, will be ready to operate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Neill returned Saturday from Prairie City, where they spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Lang. The former is manager of the branch store there and Mrs. Lang is their daughter.

Peter Joyce, foreman at the Bald Mountain mine, fell sixteen feet yesterday, striking his face on an ore car. It was badly lacerated and bruised, but no bones were broken. He is receiving treatment at Dr. Tape's hospital.

A. G. Hawley, representing Clinton E. Worden & Co., manufacturing pharmacists, of San Francisco, spent Sunday in Sumpter for the first time. He left pleased with the town and says he will be back in the spring to stay a while.

Their many friends regret to learn of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurt's infant daughter, which occurred Wednesday, January 2. The little one was born to them only two nights before, on New Years eve, and was buried on Thursday, in the cemetery here.

The Sumpter Social society will give a night cap social Friday evening. Each lady is expected to prepare a lunch for two and put a cap in a basket to match one she keeps, and the gentleman who buys the basket will eat supper with the one who has the cap to match. All members are expected to be present.

George W. Hayes, register of the United States land office at Burns, Oregon, came in last Friday on his way to Portland and San Francisco, on a business trip. Some way or other the United States land offices of eastern Oregon have a remarkably fine set of men in charge of them and Mr. Hayes is certainly not an exception to this rule.

Frank S. Baillie, of the Columbia mine, returned Friday from a hurried trip east, having been gone but a week or ten days. He was surprised to see the deep snow here, which he says was no where else in evidence along the road until he reached Sumpter. There was decided cold weather, however, which this section has not been troubled with much.

Fred Chapman, formerly at the IbeX mine, where his father, Simcoe Chapman, was manager, has been here for the past week looking after work on the Huronian group of claims, near the IbeX. A contract is being carried out by Tom Bressler, for 200 feet of tunnel. This property is incorporated under the name of the Huronian Gold Mining company and officered by Portland men. It is said to be a good one and will make a big showing when the winter work is completed.

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