

ON TO HARNEY VALLEY

Chief Engineer Says That Is Intention of S. V. R'y

Joseph A. West, chief engineer and superintendent of construction of the Sumpter Valley railway, and formerly of the Utah & Pacific, was in the city yesterday from Baker City, Oregon. In conversation yesterday Mr. West gave some very interesting facts about the extension of the Sumpter Valley road, and his explanation shows that the small road is going to gradually develop into an important and paying link.

Already the road has been extended to make a total length of about fifty miles, and the work will not be stopped until 100 miles are completed. The road will be pushed southwest into the rich Harney valley and lake region of Oregon, a section without railroad facilities. In the Tribune recently, this section was fully described in connection with the extension of the Nevada, California and Oregon. The Sumpter Valley road will be extended southwest to meet the N., C. & O., which is building northwest, and the two will form a very short route from Idaho and Oregon to San Francisco via Reno.

They are both narrow gauge lines and are being built economically. The Sumpter line is owned by David Eccles, C. W. Nibley and others of Utah, and they have had the foresight to greatly add to their equipment by purchasing at a reasonable figure all the rolling stock of the Sanpete Valley and Utan Central roads as soon as they were broad gauged. This has given the road a large amount of rolling stock, and it now has several hundred cars with which to meet traffic emergencies.

Taking Harney valley as a center, the nearest railroad points are as follows: North, Sumpter Valley terminus; south, O., C. O., terminus; west, Roseburg, Oregon, on the Shasta route; east, Parma or Nampa, on the Oregon Short Line. The new line, therefore, would enter an open field, with no fear of any competition, and traffic results would amply pay the promoters. The country will quickly fill up with settlers, for it is now sparsely settled, owing to its remote location. The two roads are extending quietly in the direction of Harney valley, and when they meet a new and interesting railroad situation will be opened.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Barrett Has Only Two Pet Bills.

Representative Barrett, of Grant county, was interviewed while in Portland, on his way to the state capital. He stated that he has only two bills to introduce. One of these relates to assessment and taxation, the other to mining. He has been a miner for 16 years, six of which have been passed among the quartz ledges of eastern Oregon. He therefore considers himself well qualified to judge what legislation the miners of this section require. "At present," he said last evening, "a man has under this state's mining laws only three days in which to stake his claim and find his lead. I desire to give the prospector 30 days in which to protect his rights after discovery. In the meantime, representation work may be done, after which the claim may be recorded on sworn statement. At present, crowds can come in and record claims by paying \$1 each, and thus tie up the whole side of a country for a year. I desire to protect the honest prospector, and thus foster the development of ledges that would otherwise be held on speculation for a long period." Mr. Barrett favors precinct assessors and abolition of the office of county assessor. "We in Granite are 60 miles from Canyon City, our county seat," he continued, "and the assessor comes over about once a year and

enquires around for a few days, assessing some and missing many. He can have no adequate idea of property values in our section, and much dissatisfaction results. Precinct assessors can take care of each precinct and meet at the county seat as a board of equalization, and thus assessment, collection and listing of delinquent property can be accomplished within the year. I favor a good, heavy penalty for non-payment of taxes."

Never fails—Giant powder.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 28, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ORLANDO C. KOONTZ of Hereford, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 731, for the purchase of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 35, range No. 27, in township No. 12 south, range No. 18 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1901.

He names as witnesses: Thomas Arvidson, E. H. Ware, James Fleetwood, Jr., Fred Perry, all of Hereford, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of March, 1901.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, December 17, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

LINDEN D. STETLER, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 730, for the purchase of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 35, and $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 36, of section No. 14, in township No. 10 S., range No. 17 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1901.

He names as witnesses: D. S. McCoy, V. R. Mead, Clarke Snyder, and Irwin Gatewood, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of March, 1901.

PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

To the honorable Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Oregon. We, the undersigned citizens of Bourne Precinct, Baker County, Oregon, humbly petition your honorable body to grant a license to Anderson & Marsh to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in the town of Bourne, for the period of three (3) months from February 1, 1901, and for such your petitioners will ever pray:

Thos. McGuire, Frank McCann, John Connell, Thomas Ward, Frank Weir, E. G. White, Ph. Holz, F. F. Johnson, H. R. Caddis, C. H. Cook, Tim Shea, Wm. Flint, John T. Rusk, S. A. Bowers, W. M. Francis, A. H. Steele, G. N. Taylor, Allen McPhee, I. Anstead, Chas. Engle, David Eveland, R. D. Warnock, T. P. Oakes, D. G. Branner, Pat Murry, Chas. G. North, John Reagan, Barney McKenna, A. J. Goldthorp, E. C. Brayford, W. T. Campbell, Henry Engle, Chas. M. Bostum, Wm. Blair, W. J. Evans, Alfred Casanbon, John Snor, Pat Verunda, C. F. Kear, A. J. R. Dress, A. J. Tadlock, Ward O. Groat, J. C. Post, I. R. McNamara, M. W. Beckwith, G. W. Rankin, John McGill, Geo. G. Hale, L. L. Day, L. H. Akins, I. C. White, J. Neiderkorn, P. Harkins, H. H. Wilson, Ed. Rawson, W. H. Spencer, Chas. C. Hall, W. S. Bonner, R. N. Wall, W. H. Balesry, Ben G. Ross.

ANDERSON & MARSH.

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.

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.

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6 a m Ex. Sunday	WILAMETTE RIVER Oregon City, Newberg, Salem, Independence and Way-Landings.	4:30 p m Ex. Sunday
7 a m Tues. Thur. and Sat.	WILLAMETTE & YAM-HILL RIVERS Oregon City, Dayton, and Way-Landings.	5:30 p m Mon. Wed. and Fri.
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