

## WILL BORE FOR OIL AND GAS.

# Birch Creeks.

A little flutter of excitement in commerrial, financial, farming and several other circles has been caused by the appearance in Pendleton of N. Whealdon, of The Dalles, and his leasing of lands on Mc-Kay and Birch creeks. He announced that he wanted to lease a section of country six miles square. Nearly or quite enough leases have already been secured. The leases are taken in the name of Parr, supposed to be, and so rumored, a capitalist from New York city. This leased land will be prospected for coal, iron, petroleum and natural gas. Wells will be keep still." The object of the society is bored and shafts sunk. One of the stipulations of the lease is that the lessee shall the discouragement of unkind criticism, proceed within a reasonable time to sink shafts at least 500 feet deep. Another stipulation is that in case of coal being worthy. The first meeting was held at found and mined, the lessee shall pay to Mrs. J. J. Fisher's Wednesday afternoon, the lessor the sum of ten cents for each ton of coal mined, in addition to the sum paid for the original lease of the land.

coal, at least, and perhaps iron and oil, useful and ornamental, which will be are hidden beneath the lands of the Mc- placed on sale. Other sewing for any and Birch creek within ten miles to the south of Pendleton, then stretching next meeting will be held at Mrs. J. J. away to the mountains 40 and 50 miles. As long as 12 or 15 years ago a coal prospect was found about 15 miles southwest of Ukiah, across the line in Morrow county. That section has also been watched, to see what would develop. Being so far from the railroad, and consequently shut off from market of any kind, the work of development was not pushed. at San Francisco, levied its third assess-The dawn of the era of activity is in sight. In the fall of 1899 there was an oil excitement on McKay creek, within a few miles of Pendleton. A farmer dug a well the assessment amounts to \$2,767.50. a few feet deep close to the stream, struck That seem to be rubbing it in on the miwater, and was surprised to discover that nority boys rather roughly.

scum formed upon the top thereof, so that it could not be used for drinking or the Capitalists Leasing Land on McKay and bath. It was an oil of some kind, but the samples brought to Pendleton were so plainly rectified petroleum, mixed with pulverized country rock and aqua pura, that the find did not create a stampede, as it was thought to be a hoax. This legitmate development work, however, is another thing altogether, and great hopes are entertained that something valuable will be found .- East Oregonian.

## Sumpter Has a "Booster" Society.

The ladies of Sumpter have organized the "Booster" Aid society, similar to one formed in Chicago, the motto of which is: "If you cannot say any good of a man, to work for the free reading room, and for and the encouragement and boosting of everything that is public spirited or prais-January 9. The charter members number seventeen. The membership fee is ten cents, no further dues being expected. For years it has been suspected that Work will be commenced on aprons, both one will be undertaken.

#### Seventy-five Mile Horse Race.

It isn't often that people engage in 75mile horsè races, but Wallowa county furnished one last Sunday that was certainly quite interesting to the participants, at least. From the best information obtainable it is learned that Fred Makin and Len Emmons discovered almost simultaneously, a very desirable stock farm on Courtney creek, in the northern part of the county, that had not been taken. They came to Enterprise to file. Whereupon one of the parties, finding that his competitor had filed his application a few hours prior, secured a saddle horse and hit the grit for La Grande, in order to beat the application sent by mail. He had hardly started, however, until the party who had filed his application was minutes until he was in hot pursuit of the Famous his competitor. Both left in the evening and rode all night, in order to win out and be first to appear before the land office Tuesday morning. The last man to leave the pole won out, and rescued the prize by having a relay of fresh horses at his command.-Enterprise Bulletin.

# Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

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Scenic Line of the World

Favorite Transcontinental Route appraised as to what had happened. It between the Northwest and all Points goes without saying that it was not many East. Choice of two routes through

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCENERY

and four routes east of Pueblo and Denver.

All passengers granted a days stop over in the Mormon Capitol or any-

Fisher's, this afternoon. Every lady in Sumpter is invited to join in the movement and help along the good work.

Assessment Levied on Badger Stock. The Badger Gold Mining company, the property of which is located near Susanville, and the principal place of business ment November 14; this time five cents a share. In the Grant County News of last week is published the delinquent sale notice, including 55,350 shares, on which

not Austin, under the style of Austin ions to Meat company, was dissolved on October 29, 1900, and said Minot Austin has as- OMAHA, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS sumed sole control of said business. MINOT AUSTIN. Sumpter, December 15, 1900.

#### Private Table Board.

I will furnish private board to a few desiring such, at my residence on North street, near Center. Mrs. C. E. Duckworth.

The large and commodious club rooms of Dunphy & Gertridge are headquarters R. C. NICHOL, Gen'l Agt. for mining and commercial men.

Notice is hereby given that the partner- where between Ogden and Denver. ship existing between Ed Turk and Mi. Personally conducted tourist excurs-

CHICAGO AND THE EAST.

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S. K. HOOPER G. P. & T. A., Denver, Col. Portland, Oregon.