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NEW CHARTER NOW IN FORCE

EMERGENCY CLAUSE MAKES IT EFFECTIVE WHEN APPROVED.

Mayor Appoints Both Recorder and Marshal—Can Suspend Them at Will—Bonded Indebtedness Provided For—To be Voted on by Taxpayers, Including Women—Can't Exceed Ten Per Cent of City's Assessed Valuation—Abutting Property Must pay For Street Improvements.

Sumpter's municipal government is now regulated by the new city charter—this is no longer a town, but a city; though it continues to be a "camp." The governor has signed the act granting the new charter. It contained an emergency clause, providing that it should become a law as soon as it should receive executive approval.

The principal change from the old, general charter, under which the town has been run, is that only the mayor, council men and treasurer are elected by popular vote; the recorder and marshal being appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. The city attorney gets his job through the same process.

The instrument provides that the mayor can suspend his appointees at will. City Attorney Chance says that this provision applies to the present recorder and marshal, who were elected, as well as himself. He states the law to be that the legislature has absolute control over municipal charters; that the principal of the law that no act shall be retroactive, applies only in the case of vested rights, that the tenure of office is neither a contract nor a franchise and therefore not a vested right.

The city is permitted to bond itself for specific purposes, on a majority vote of taxpayers, including women. This bonded indebtedness shall never exceed ten per cent of the assessed valuation of city property, and no city indebtedness shall draw more than eight per cent interest. Special tax levied to pay interest on bonds shall not for any one purpose be more than one mill on the dollar, nor aggregate more than two mills.

A provision is made for street improvements, by which a special tax is levied on abutting property to pay for the same. This is not included in the indebtedness of the city, on which a maximum limit is fixed.

Seymour Bell is Optimistic.

Seymour Bell returned Monday from a hurry trip to Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. He met some Butte men at Spokane and transacted some business pertaining to Sumpter district property, the details of which he is not prepared to divulge at this time. Mr. Bell says: "There are a great many people, mining men principally, coming to Sumpter in the next few months, looking for investments. This is no hot air blast I'm giving you, but an unadorned fact. Everywhere I go, I am besieged by substantial men who are anxious to learn more about this country. Everybody knows something about the Sumpter district, and that information is generally favorable. There is but one thing that can prevent this country from experiencing a season of great industrial

activity, which is the uneasy financial condition in eastern money centers. Morgan and others who control the money market of the United States are engineering some such gigantic deals that they may need all the money themselves, and if they need it, it is a safe proposition to wager they will have it. In that case, there will of course be not much left for mining investment in the West.

MANN PLACER MINES BONDED.

A. M. Keltie Ties Them up for the O. P. and P. Company.

A. M. Keltie returned yesterday from Pendleton, where he has been for a month past transacting business pertaining to the mines of this district. The purpose of his trip home at this time is to close a deal for a bond on the Mann placer mines and water rights, acting for the Oregon Placer and Power company, with which company he has been connected, in the capacity of secretary since its organization about a year ago, and of which N. J. Sorensen is president.

The bond is for ninety days and the purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, though, of course, this detail is not made public.

The Mann placers consist of 400 acres, 80 of which are patented. They are situated thirteen miles from Sumpter and two miles below the Bonanza mine. All of the ground is considered good and only a small portion of it has ever been washed. The owners of the property have received large returns from the sluices in the past, and placer experts who have examined the property, say there is no richer ground in the state. Two quartz claims, the East and West Hope, partially developed, are also included in the deal.

The water rights and ditches are the most valuable in the camp. They consist of the Quart Gulch, Little Salmon, Bennett creek, Virginia and Steve Winter's ditches, and give an immense quantity of water for the successful operations of the property. Part of the water is now sold to the Winterville Placer company, and these privileges in themselves produce a handsome revenue.

Considerable of the stock has already been subscribed for by citizens of Pendleton.

Farewell Reception to Miss Myers.

At the suggestion of Dr. and Mrs. Tape a farewell reception and party was tendered Miss Anna Myers last Saturday evening, Ellis Opera house being engaged for that purpose, together with the Morrell orchestra, which furnished the music. Word was passed around in the afternoon by the Doctor, Mr. and Mrs. Steffen, which brought out sixty or seventy of the intimate friends of the young lady, who enjoyed the pleasantest evening of dancing ever had in Ellis' hall. No more fitting compliment could have been offered Miss Myers, who has faithfully served the Sumpter public as a teacher in the schools for the past two seasons, the first of which was as principal. She departed for her home at Forest Grove, Oregon, where she will remain until March 6, when her marriage to Mr. Neill J. Sorensen will be performed at the home of her parents. Later, it is stated, the couple will return to Sumpter to reside, as Mr. Sorensen has mining interests here which will occupy his time this summer.

Every housekeeper in Sumpter can have the advantages of green vegetables, fruits, butter, eggs and fresh fish the same as in Portland, at H. O. Baker & Co.'s, 149 Mill street, next to the bank.

Always reliable—Giant powder.

STRIKE AT GOLCONDA.

Men Walk Out On the New Superintendent, Rowe.

The new management at the Golconda, has appointed F. J. M. Rowe mine superintendent, and Mr. Rowe assumed the duties of the position last Sunday morning.

For some reason, best known to those concerned, the force of miners employed previous to his coming all walked out Monday and many of their places were filled the same day and yesterday from Sumpter and Baker City. It is stated that more will be engaged from other points, until a sufficient force shall be employed to operate the mine on a larger scale than ever, as the new manager intends doing some extensive development work at once.

There are various reports as to the actual reason for the differences between the new men in charge and the old miners.

Mr. Rowe was for a year, until recently, employed in the same capacity at the Bonanza mine, and previously at other mines in Montana and Utah, and is reputed to be an efficient man at his business.

Harney County Copper Deposits.

Mr. Fitzgerald who, with Thornton Williams and Henry Welcome, returned last week from the Pueblo camp, gives a happy report of the prospects for that embryonic Eldorado. Numbers of prospectors are in the region from Sumpter and other camps, and all seem enthusiastic concerning the future of the camp, whenever the necessary development can be done. So far the work is confined to prospecting, but the ore shows good values in copper, gold and silver, and more recent discoveries show nickel bearing properties. It is hoped that the expectations of those who are striving for the opening of the camp may be realized, and the Pueblo mountains may in the near future become a mining center of first importance.—Harney County News.

Dance Thursday Evening.

Among the social events of the past week, the delightful entertainment provided by Messrs. Tom C. Gray, A. P. Goss and Frank Hobson, last Thursday, will not soon be forgotten by those in attendance. Dancing was the order of the evening, in the hall opposite Townsite company's offices. The music was furnished by the Morrell orchestra, which needs no further favorable mention. An agreeable feature of the occasion was the really elaborate supper served at midnight in the elegant quarters of the Townsite company, which were beautifully decorated by Mr. Gray. Mrs. Frank Hobson charmingly did the honors as hostess during the evening. Following the supper dancing was continued an hour, when the well entertained guests departed for their various homes.

Sullivan Brothers' Restaurant.

The Sullivan brothers have fitted up the rooms adjoining their main place of business, corner Granite and Cracker streets, and made thereof a first-class restaurant. In appointment they have arranged for each class of trade, from a light lunch to the course dinner. The various rooms, of which there is a front dining room, adjoining lunch counter and private boxes in the rear, have been handsomely

fitted, the decorations and graining work being done in a modern and tasteful style by McEvoy & Shaver. A large ten foot range will be presided over by a first class cook, who will make life agreeable for his patrons. Its a good place to eat.

Rich Ore Shoot in the Imperial.

Last week THE MINER mentioned the fact of a rumored rich strike in the Imperial. The Baker City Democrat of today contains this confirmation: The well authenticated report comes from Cable Cove that in the Imperial mine, one of the Grey Eagle group, owned by Crismon & Young, a rich pay shoot has been found in the old vein in the 1000 foot tunnel. The ore is said to be of very high grade character and will give good shipping returns.

San Francisco Visitors.

Charles L. Asher, a capitalist from San Francisco, and Herbert Choyinski, an attorney and promoter of the same city, came up Monday and were guests of Paul E. Poindexter. They were driven by the latter to the Red Boy and Alamo districts, to investigate a mining property thereabouts, with the probability that another San Francisco company will be organized to operate here at an early day. Both the visitors say the Californians are becoming familiar with the mining affairs of the eastern Oregon district and considerable money may be invested here from that source.

Benefit for Public School Library.

A literary and musical entertainment will be given at Ellis Opera house on the evening of Thursday, February 21, by the pupils of the public school, assisted by outside local talent, for the benefit of the school library. A number of books and some equipment are much needed and it is hoped that the citizens of Sumpter will extend a liberal patronage to this effort to raise the funds necessary for this worthy object. A program of the entertainment will be published next week.

Copy of a Paper Dated August 20, 1773.

W. H. Gleason has in his possession a copy of the "Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser" dated Friday, August 20, 1773, which is No. 1 of that publication, now the Baltimore American. In it is published a patent notice signed George Washington, but with no official title given. One of Mrs. Gleason's relatives gave him the paper while he was east last winter.

Run of Entertainments at Ellis Opera House

Ellis Opera house will be "dark" but few evenings during the coming two weeks. First comes the Valentine ball; then Professor Nelson, the hypnotist, has engaged the house for the 18th, 19th and 20th; the public schools will give an entertainment for the benefit of the library on the 21st and three dances are booked between that date and the 28th.

Death of Alderman Stinson's Father.

Alderman William Stinson received the news within the past few days of the death of his father, at Clinton, Ontario, Canada, at the advanced age of 97 years. The home papers from there give an extended review of his long and interesting life. He was the father of fourteen children, ten of whom are yet living.

Removed.

F. C. Brodie, watchmaker and jeweler, has moved to the store formerly occupied by Beardsley and Cushman, the barbers, opposite the Columbia market.