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KILLED IN A SNOW SLIDE.

Fred Rummel Perishes Near the Mammoth Mine.

Fred Rummel was killed Monday while shoveling snow from a pile of cordwood near the Mammoth mine. Secretary Reed, of the company for which the dead man was working, telephoned for the coroner, but that official did not respond, so Justice Felix held the inquest. No doctor was employed to make an examination, so the actual cause of death is not known. The verdict was the apparently evident fact that death was the result of an accident.

A snowslide did the business, but Mr. Reed thinks that the man was not suffocated. His theory is that he was hurled against the wood and perhaps had his neck broken. One side of the head is black, as if bruised.

Rummel had been working there only two or three days, though he had been in the district about six months, was well and favorably known. He is reported to have had an uncle in San Francisco and a sister somewhere else, but up to today noon Mr. Reed had failed to locate either, though he had used the wires freely.

The body is now at Case & Co's undertaking parlors, awaiting instructions from friends, should they be found.

Stinson Sinking for Gold Gravel.

A. J. Stinson has commenced sinking for gold gravel, under his bond from the Townsite company, a full account of which transaction was given in THE MINER last week. The shaft is about 100 yards in the rear of Ike Williamson's house, in Sunnyside addition. It is down fifteen feet. Some water is seeping in, but not enough to interfere with work. Since the story of a rich body of gold bearing gravel extending across the townsite was published last week, it would seem that everybody knew, all along, of its existence, but hadn't thought of working it. J. T. Parkinson, who took the land where the work is now being done as a homestead, says that the pay streak runs around the foot of the hill to the vicinity of A. W. Ellis' home, under the Opera house and off towards the electric power house.

Want to Know About Our Mines.

In a letter from Manager F. J. Hard, of the Oregon Stock Exchange, who has recently returned to Portland from a several weeks trip through the various eastern cities, he says that the people are extremely anxious to learn all they can of our mines and that he feels more encouraged than ever in trying to make the Exchange a success, especially since the quotations are published in New York, Chicago, St. Louis and the principal points in Colorado, where they are sought, and as he expresses it, "no one knows the good they are doing." He further says his trip, in general, did good for the state, the Exchange and himself. The same amount of energy shown by Mr. Hard and taken up by others, backed with their moral and financial support, would doubtless inspire more confidence in the mining field, both east and west.

Negotiating a Big Placer Deal.

A. M. Keltie came down today from the Pete Mann placer mines, near Bonanza, where he has been for several days past

getting the property in shape, in a business way as well as physically, to show a party of capitalists who will come here to inspect it in about three weeks, with a view of buying. Messrs. Sorenson and Keltie bonded 400 acres, with an almost exclusive water right, some months since. There are other diggings in the same vicinity dependent upon this water. An effort will be made to consolidate these, as the whole can be worked together to much more advantage than separately. But this is not a move to form a trust, it is matter of business expediency.

QUARTZBURG DISTRICT.

Zoeth Houser Completes Arrangements for a Smelter at the Copper King.

Zoeth Houser, of the Standard mine, returned from Quartzburg yesterday and went on west to Pendleton and Portland. He reports fine weather, with snow nearly all gone around the Dixie country and mining matters getting lively.

He has nearly completed arrangements to have the smelter plant installed at the Copper King, but as the roads will not permit of its being hauled over for two or three weeks yet, the plant has not been taken down.

Mr. Houser is very enthusiastic over the future of the camp where his property is located and thinks as depth is attained it will be demonstrated to be a real wonder, as they have nearly all the metals there to successfully treat by smelter process all of the ores mined.

Many mining men are being attracted to the Quartzburg district now by even the small amount of advertising it has received. When a few more, other than the average native of that section, get interested there, its merits will be brought to the notice of the world.

The special display of Copper King ore sent to Buffalo by Mr. Houser will do much to enlist capital and draw attention to a country that has long been overlooked.

Gipsy Queen Showing up Great.

Reports come from the Gipsy Queen of splendid progress being made on that property. The new tunnel started recently on the vein just above the creek is in about forty feet, and they have five feet of beautiful solid ore, which gains in value every day, with three to four feet of mixed ore besides. Their upper crosscut tunnel is being rapidly driven and it is expected they will cut the ledge in that working most any day. The Gipsy King men, on the other side of the creek, have been busy packing in supplies for several days from the California mine, to which point they are hauled by team from Sumpter. Work on the tunnel will be continued and the ledge may be cut any day now, as it is only a matter of a few feet until same is reached.

General Sewer System for Sumpter.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held yesterday afternoon. Engineer Fenner's report on the sewer system was read and discussed at length. The matter of notice and resolution was referred to the city attorney and engineer. A resolution for the grading of Auburn street was passed. The matter of the collection of poll tax was referred to the finance committee, with power to act and call on the recorder and superintendent of streets for assistance. Fire ordinances providing for constructing various side and cross walks were passed, which are officially published in THE MINER today.

The Oregonian is on sale at the Elite Cigar Store.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

M. B. Mercer returned yesterday from a business trip to Spokane and Colfax.

Letson Balliet, the livest mining man in seven states, has been calling on his friends in Sumpter today.

W. Weigand, of Bourne, was in town Monday. He says that every one out that way hopes that after incorporation is secured that camp will improve materially.

Charley Moore, who was formerly employed at Harley Wood's popular place of business, returned here yesterday from Oregon City and will greet his many friends at the old stand.

J. T. Parkinson was on the street yesterday for the first time in six weeks, having been taken seriously ill while serving on the jury in Baker City early in February.

The first train on the Sumpter Valley Railway to cross the summit towards Whitney, made the trip yesterday. The work of completing the road to that point is being pushed.

T. T. Danilson returned from his fruit ranch near Ontario several days since. He reports that the trees are budding and have not been injured by frost. There were 700 head of cattle at Ontario for shipment to Alaska.

L. Bush Livermore and Lyell B. Hertz, respectively editor and manager of the Baker City Herald, were here Sunday and Monday in the interest of that paper. The Herald is being extensively circulated in Sumpter and is gaining in popularity.

The Sumpter band and a beautiful sunshiny day brought out a large crowd of spring hats last Sunday. It has been suggested that a stand be erected for the band boys, who are entertaining the public each Sunday and several evenings through the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Tape returned several days since from Portland, where the Doctor had his hand operated on. When he returned it was apparently healing, but today he let out considerable puss. The fore finger of the right had will be stiff, if nothing more serious results.

Superintendent L. C. Beckwith left for Portland yesterday, to further confer with the directors of the Grizzly company concerning the letting of contracts for work on that property. It is understood the company has a good working treasury fund and expects to resume operations at once.

Manager Balmforth, of the Little Giant, was in town yesterday. He informed a MINER man that the report published in the Baker City papers some days since, to the effect that the long crosscut tunnel had cut the ledge, was a mistake. The tunnel is now in over 1300 feet and is thought to be near the ore body.

P. J. Beamer has opened a new billiard, pool and club room, with temperance drinks and cigars on sale, at the corner of Sumpter and Center streets. The walls of the new place are adorned with the movable decorations formerly in the Warshauer hotel bar room at Baker City, as likewise were the billiard and pool tables. The new enterprise will be a success if the crowd of under age boys can be kept from monopolizing the place.

E. H. Horner, jr., of La Croose, Wisconsin, arrived here Monday on a few weeks visit to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Herlocker, the latter being his sister-in-law. Mr. Horner is one of the representatives of a large syndicate of northern Minne-

sota and Wisconsin lumbermen and has been spending sometime in western Oregon and Washington, looking over the timber districts. If he does not get the mining fever before he leaves he will probably return directly from this point.

Twelve Pounds of Gold in a Pocket.

Twelve pounds of gold pounded out in two hours! Talk about "rich pockets," "narrow streaks," "big chimneys" and "phenominal strikes!" Pleasant valley, the bonanza field of Baker county, discounts anything heretofore heard of. From one pocket seam at the 100 foot level of the Keystone mine a trifle over \$2500 was pounded out by one man with a hand mortar in two hours. E. O. Miley, owner of the Keystone mine, in the Pleasant Valley district, 12 miles from Baker City, brought in about \$2500 worth of gold this morning and deposited it in the First National Bank for shipment to the mint. He claims the gold was taken from one pocket at the 100-foot level, where a narrow seam of white quartz, "lousy" with gold, came into the ledge. He broke down some, hoisted the golden quartz to the surface, pounded it up in a hand mortar, washed it out in a gold pan, and in two hours had cleaned up \$2,500. The bars of gold were exhibited this morning at Basche's hardware store. Miley is an old miner, having operated exclusively in the upper camp two years ago. He is regarded as a truthful man. —Baker City Herald.

Work at the Mac's Luck Mine.

Walter Allen, of the Mac's Luck Gold Mining company, returned from their properties on Deer creek Saturday. He reports fine progress being made on their tunnel, which has been driven 36 feet in eleven days, with three men. They are running on the ledge and have three feet of quartz, with a little talc. Assays made every few feet give satisfactory returns to the operators of the property. As soon as they can be practically used, a large force of men will be employed and the development pushed more rapidly.

Allen's Machine Shop and Foundry.

W. H. Allen will soon put in his machine shop, on Cracker street, a lathe and planer, to be operated by water power. Later he will add a foundry to the establishment, when he will be prepared to do all kinds of metal work that now goes out from and passes through this town to other points. Mr. Allen is a skilled machinist and thoroughly understands the business in all of its details.

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, 361 Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, established in Colorado in 1876, gold (crucible assay), 50c; gold and silver, 75c; gold, silver, copper, \$1.50; forty years practice.

Only the best brands of liquors and cigars at the Club saloon of Dunphy & Gertridge.

The best is always cheapest—buy Giant powder.

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Use Giant powder, fuse and caps.