

**CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS.**

Matter of Sewerage Indefinitely Postponed.

At a meeting of the city council Saturday evening a resolution was introduced and adopted modifying the contract with THE MINER for doing the printing, changing the rate for publishing ordinances and notices from five to three cents and making one or two other minor changes.

Engineer Fenner's report on the sewerage system was read. It estimates that to cover the business portion of the city, it would require 1500 feet of ten inch pipe for the main sewer, and 2628 feet of eight and ten inch pipe for lateral lines; the whole system to cost \$3,600, or \$34.45 a lot, for the area covered. The whole matter was at first laid on the table and afterwards postponed indefinitely. It will doubtless be taken up again.

A protest was filed against grading Auburn street, until something can be done to prevent the water ditch from flooding that street. Messrs. Neill, Holly and Griffin were appointed a special committee to look into this matter and take some step to permanently abate that nuisance. During the session of the council the marshal was instructed to go out and cut the ditch above town and stop the overflow. He reported later on that the work had been done.

The fire and water committee was instructed to investigate the matter of the petition from the fire department, asking for a hose wagon, with power to act.

The matter of purchasing equipment for the police department, was referred to the committee on health and police, with power to act.

Another ordinance relating to the taxing and killing of dogs was passed.

The attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance providing for the payment to the city physician a salary of fifteen dollars a month.

Bills and monthly reports of officers were referred to the proper committees.

W. E. HURD HEARD FROM.

Tells Portland Papers of Great Activity in Eastern Oregon Mines.

W. E. Hurd, the well known mining man, has just returned from a trip to his mining property in the Granite and Greenhorn districts, in Grant county, where he made preparations for active development work during the coming season. Work upon his Chelan group, near the Red Boy mine, will be begun at once. There is still considerable snow in the Greenhorns, making snow-shoe travel the only means of locomotion.

Mr. Hurd predicts that the coming summer will be the banner year for eastern Oregon mining camps. "There is even now," said he, "more development work in progress than I have seen during all my experience in eastern Oregon. While there is no particular boom in the towns, the mountains are lively. Properties that have been idle for some time are again the scene of active operations. More money has gone into the country, and confidence in the mineral belts, with the output of such mines as the Red Boy, Bonanza, Columbia and North Pole as object lesson, is increasing.

Mining experts, in the interest of large capital, are investigating properties, and everything points to a season of unparalleled activity.

Business in the towns is brisk and the merchants report a big spring trade. Sumpter has settled down to a good substantial basis, having recovered from her boom, and will always be a good mining

town. Granite also is active, while the new town of Almo is coming rapidly to the front.

I was given every assurance, while in eastern Oregon, that the Hilgard Granite railroad would be built this summer. If this is done Portland is bound to have a smelter, as this road, operated in conjunction with the O. R. & N., will tap the best smelting ore district in eastern Oregon. There is already enough of an output of ore assured to make the road a paying proposition and keep a smelter in continuous operation in Portland. Every mining man of sense in eastern Oregon recognizes the fact that Portland is the only place for a smelter, as successful smelting depends upon proper fluxing and this means the use of different kinds of ores. A smelter in Portland would mean satisfactory rates on all roads centering here. It would mean the development of not only the base ore districts of eastern Oregon, but also of southern Oregon and the Washougal, St. Helens and Copper Creek districts, in Washington."—Portland Telegram.

Leigh Hunt's \$15,000,000 Mining Company

Leigh Hunt, the millionaire mineowner, formerly of Seattle, has formed a syndicate of American and European capitalists to operate the concessions vested in Hunt by the Korean government and commonly known as the American concessions. The Post says the company is organized with a capital of \$15,000,000 and that the syndicate, which was formed in New York, is composed of the Rothschilds, London; Wernher, Belt & Co., London; Sweet & Co., New York; D. O. Mills, J. B. Haggin, the Hearst estate, Smith and Perkins, New York, and a few other capitalists. The company has chosen H. C. Perkins president.

W. L. Vinson has a Bond on the Mammoth

Yesterday afternoon W. L. Vinson bonded the Mammoth group of mines located one mile east of the Virtue. It is Mr. Vinson's intention to sink a double compartment shaft 100 feet and then drift 100 feet on the ledge. The property is already developed by an 80 foot shaft and a 60 foot drift. The ledge is 6 feet wide and carries free gold. The owners are now running 100 tons of this ore through the Virtue mill. There are 100 tons of additional ore on the dump. J. H. Parker, L. Sommer, Isaac Beer, Miles Lee and John Wilson are the owners of the Mammoth. The bonded price is private.—Democrat.

Timbers for the Alamo Stamp Mill.

The Quebec sawmill, at Alamo, is busy getting out the frame work for the new mill now being built on that mine, preparatory to the erection of the building and mill immediately Mr. J. W. Carr returns from the east, which is expected daily. Millwright B. L. McLain will, as usual, have charge of the entire work of putting up the plant and building.

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