

IMPROVEMENTS IN WATERWORKS

New Pipe to be Put in on Mill Street Below Granite.

R. E. Strahorn, who owns the water works, was in town a couple days last week. He had just returned from a visit east, having spent the winter in Chicago, Washington City, Philadelphia and Boston. He left Saturday for Chicago, but will return to Sumpter by June 10.

While here he announced that he would make extensive repairs in the water system during the coming summer. The first thing to be done will be to substitute a better quality of pipe in the Mill street main, south from Granite. There is a tremendous pressure on this main, averaging nearly 200 feet, and the pipe now in use is not strong enough to stand the strain, as frequent breaks have demonstrated.

Mr. Strahorn has bought the best water pipe made to replace the Mill street main, which is now en route to Sumpter. This quality of pipe will be used in all extensions and also wherever repairs are made, and will be gradually substituted throughout the entire system. Elsewhere in THE MINER today is an advertisement offering a large lot of pipe for sale. Some of this has been used, while a large proportion of it is perfectly new.

A fence will be built around the reservoir, work beginning at an early date.

Mr. Strahorn was accompanied west by a hydraulic engineer of forty years experience, who has made a specialty of works to supply cities with water. He came out to examine several systems owned by Mr. Strahorn. He says that a reservoir, such as the one here, requires from three to four years to settle, the water contained therein being an enormous weight on the structure. Until this settling process is finished there will necessarily be an occasional crack in the cement.

Friday evening the Sumpter brass band serenaded Mr. Strahorn, in recognition of his generous offer of some weeks since to furnish all the music the band needs, which he has done. He made a felicitous talk to the boys, complimenting them on the excellent progress made and stating that he had himself formerly been a member of a brass band and was intensely fond of band music. He also did the handsome thing in the way of supplying liquid refreshment and "won out" Sumpter's crack musical organization, to a man.

Arastra For the Skylight.

Messrs. Isaac Guker and R. B. Clayton, the owners of the Skylight group of mines at Quartzburg, composed of the Skylight, Fairview and Chipmunk, are arranging to soon put in operation an arastra of about two and one-half tons capacity, in which to reduce the ore from their property. While each ledge of their group is what is termed concentrating ore, the surface of each is free milling and carries sufficient value to pay to work by means of an arastra.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Enormous Ledge Found on North Powder.

One of the greatest mineral finds ever made in eastern Oregon has just been made in Union county, near the town of North Powder. The ledge is simply enormous, being over two hundred feet wide and can be traced for several miles. The discovery was made by Mr. Edward Evans, a farmer living west of North Powder, a few days ago, while prospecting. Mr. Evans was in the city this week and informed the Republican of his great discovery. He said he had made

no extensive development as yet on the ledge, but would do so soon. But the ores taken out indicate that it is rich in gold. The samples brought to Union by Mr. Evans were rich in sulphurets. A mining expert has just examined the property and gives it as his opinion that the indications at this time, are that it will develop into the greatest mine in Oregon. The location of the new ledge is about eight or ten miles in a westerly direction from the town of North Powder and is so located that it can be worked economically. It is a great discovery—one of the best made in Union county gold fields for some time.—Union Republican.

PRAISE FROM PLUMMER.

Pays a Handsome Tribute to Colonel Donan and his Work for Oregon.

Colonel W. C. Plummer, of Maine, was for thirty years one of James G. Blaine's closest associates and most trusted lieutenants. In the last personal canvass of the United States that Mr. Blaine ever made, Colonel Plummer was chosen to accompany him, and speak with him. In a letter to his old comrade, Major Edwards, of the Fargo (Dakota) Daily Forum, published in that paper recently, Colonel Plummer says:

The other day I received a finely printed and elaborately illustrated pamphlet from Colonel Donan. He sent it to me all the way from Portland, Oregon, and it's a stunner. It reads enchantingly. I gave it a careful reading. The Garden of Eden was a desert in comparison to the glorious Columbia river valley.

Donan is a wonderful drawer of words. If that pamphlet could be read at every fireside in New England, it would result in the migration of thousands from the hills and valleys of this northeastern section of the country to distant Oregon.

I can hardly forgive the gallant Colonel for the occasional sarcastic and scathing allusions which he makes to the climate and other conditions of North Dakota, and I wonder how he would like to have the deadly parallel drawn on himself by some one who would take the trouble to reproduce some of his old boom articles while he was in North Dakota. But the colonel resembles in one respect at least, Dugald Dalgetty, in that he serves faithfully through the whole term of his enlistment. He served North Dakota well and his ornate and florid descriptions of her prolific soil, wonderful climate and marvelous productions, brought in tens of thousands of settlers. In his new field he is working just as diligently and faithfully for the upbuilding of the Columbia river empire.

His rhetoric has all the fire and vim that characterized it twenty years ago, his command of strong English is most perfect and he is always in dead earnest. He is worth thousand of dollars to the state of his adoption. The people out there ought to be made appreciate him. I hope they do.


The Colonel is an accomplished gentleman, true in his friendships, and is deserving of the best there is going. You people in North Dakota missed it when you allowed him to get away from you. I shall always have a warm place in my heart for Donan. I have met him in the west and in the east, and have always found him cheerful, obliging, courteous, ready to go out of his way to do one a good turn, and too generous-hearted for his own good. He is equally at home in the highest social circles of the east or in the rough mining camps of the west.

Water Pipe for Sale.

About 2000 feet of new and second-hand eight-inch, steel-riveted pipe for sale at a bargain. Inquire at the office of the Sumpter Water company.

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