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## ELECTRIC LINE TO CRACKER CREEK

### COUNCIL GRANTS FRANCHISE FOR ROAD THROUGH STREETS.

**Anthony Mohr Secures the Right and Says  
He Has Milwaukee Money Promised  
With Which to Build the Road—Interests  
of the Public Fully Protected—  
Owns Right of way to Bourne,**

At an adjourned meeting of the city council Monday, a franchise was granted Anthony Mohr to construct an electric line over certain streets of the City of Sumpter. The franchise, as amended and finally passed, fully protects the public interests. It provides that work on the road shall be commenced by November 1 of the present year and completed in twelve months. The road enters the city from the north, proceeds down Bourne avenue to Granite street, on the west side of the river, to Cracker, to the railroad right-of-way, to Auburn, to Mill, to Austin, to Bonanza and down that street to the city limits on the south; also down Mill street to the southern railroad crossing. Mr. Mohr already controls the right-of-way to Bourne, granted some years ago.

The road is to be known as the Sumpter and Bourne Electric line, and as the name implies, is to be built from here to Bourne, a much needed enterprise which the people of this city and that district have long hoped would be consummated, the great benefit of which all recognize. It will surely be a profitable enterprise for those who invest their money in it, for the traffic between the two points is already large and will rapidly increase with improved transportation facilities.

Mr. Mohr has gone about this business in a quiet, unostentatious manner that has convinced the mayor and city council that he means business and can fulfill his part of the contract. He left for Milwaukee Tuesday afternoon, informing a MINER man just prior to his departure that the object of the trip was to accompany to this city his principals, the Milwaukee capitalists who are going to put up the money for the enterprise. He stated that he would not return without them, but could not say just when they would arrive, as he would have to wait on their convenience. He is undoubtedly acting in good faith and believes that he can land the deal. THE MINER makes this positive assertion because it knows that he declined financial assistance from another source, stating that it was not needed.

Mr. Mohr has a good proposition to submit to his people, and if they are looking for investment, they can't find a better one. Sumpter should give him a banquet when the work of construction is commenced and make him a colonel when it is finished.

#### Meetings of the City Council.

The city council held a meeting last Wednesday evening, two members being absent. An effort was made to push through an ordinance granting a franchise to the Sumpter and Bourne electric road through the streets of this city, which did not properly guard the interest of the municipality, but Alderman Stinson stopped the deal. It was announced that the sewer was completed and a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Contractor Sullivan, in payment of same. Five ordinances were read and enrolled. The

question of what constitutes a sidewalk was referred to the committee on streets and public property. Adjourned until Monday night. At that time all members were present. The electric line franchise was passed, after being materially amended.

#### John W. James' Body Found.

A. J. Tadlock raised \$38 Monday by popular subscription to defray the expenses of a party to go out and look for the body of John W. James, who was lost last winter. It will be remembered that he left the Red Boy, where he was at work, and nothing more was seen or heard of him. Messrs. Tadlock, McCauley and George Baker, left Monday afternoon to prosecute the search. Myron Turner will leave today with several companions, joining the other party on Rabbit creek. They will separate there, going in every direction and make a thorough hunt for the remains.

Later—Since the above was written word was received here that the remains had been found on Coyote creek, five miles from the Red Boy. This afternoon the party which left here Monday returned with all that was left of the body, which is the skeleton. It was found Monday by a man named Daugherty. Messrs. Baker, McCauley and Tadlock say that a fresh, brutal justice of the peace at Granite, named W. L. Brown, heard of the discovery, went out and held an inquest, threw the bones together, covered them up with brush and charged the searchers \$2.50 to go out and show them where the body was. The funeral will be held here tomorrow under the auspices of the Red Men.

#### Sad Sudden Death of Robert Kahler.

The death of Robert Kahler while alone in his cabin on Deer creek was peculiarly sad. His brother, W. E. Kahler, and M. W. Wheeler went out to the claim Sunday to visit him and found him dead in bed. On the table was a note which he had written Wednesday evening, stating that he could not live until morning, and giving some directions about his business affairs. Deceased was in town early in the week and stated that he had been feeling better of late than for months past. He came to this country for his health, which had been apparently improved. He suffered with some chronic kidney trouble. The body was brought to town Sunday evening, and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the cemetery here, which was one of the requests made in the note. Funeral services were conducted at the home of W. E. Kahler by Rev. M. E. Shannon. His wife and son arrived Tuesday forenoon from their home in Tacoma. Robert Kahler was a man who commanded the respect of all who knew him and the admiration of the few who were fortunate enough to be his intimates.

#### Heavy Passenger and Freight Business.

Every morning train arriving in Sumpter for the past ten days has been crowded with passengers, many of whom are residents of Sumpter, but the majority are strangers. Freight traffic is also known to be unusually heavy; so much so as to make the passenger trains more or less late nearly each day. In fact, from the railroad point of view, this section is getting its full share of the immigration that the western Oregon and Washington papers are talking so much about. The weather has probably had something to do with this, as the first installment of summer is now just on, and will possibly (?) continue for several months.

Always reliable—Giant powder.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

W. C. Calder made a trip to Auburn several days since.

C. K. DeNeff returned yesterday from a trip to Spokane.

Secretary Flood, of the Golconda, was a Baker City visitor Monday.

Mrs. D. L. Killen and the new baby arrived here last week from Colorado.

Manager Emil Melzner, of the North Pole mine, went to Baker City this morning.

Mrs. Josie Smith returned from Baker City this week, accompanied by her little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobson and several of the Rough Riders attended the military ball at Baker City Monday evening.

G. M. Duncan, of Boston, has accompanied A. M. Kelle on a trip to Susanville and other points southwest of Sumpter.

Mr. Miller, brother of Roy H., arrived in Sumpter several days since from his home in Salem, and has taken a position in the First Bank of Sumpter.

C. C. Thomas, of Prairie City, was in town yesterday, returning home today, and carrying with him a wagon load of beer from the Columbia brewery.

Howard Joslyn, representing John Martin & Co., electrical contractors, of Seattle, was up last Friday and Saturday on his first business trip to this district.

Mrs. Stenkamp, of Granite, and Miss Clark, of La Grande, arrived in Sumpter yesterday afternoon, en route to the home of the former. They were guests of Mrs. J. H. Robbins while here.

It is reported that Paul Carn and A. P. Goss have sold their Poverty Hill placers, on Deer creek, to a relative of the former in Salt Lake. Mr. Goss is out of town and the report could not be confirmed.

Mrs. Eugene Sperry, of Baker City, and her sister, Miss Roberts, of Boise, Idaho, passed through town yesterday on their way home from Long Creek, where they have been visiting their mother for a couple of weeks.

E. H. Horner, who came here from Wisconsin a few weeks ago, has returned from a trip home, accompanied by his family, to remain permanently and engage in business. Mrs. Horner is a sister of Mrs. Otto Herlocker.

Ben Campbell, of Portland, traffic manager of the O. R. & N., came up last Saturday and went out to the Granite and Alamo vicinity on business. Mrs. Campbell accompanied her husband, both returning home Monday.

F. A. Wing, in charge of the government assay office at Seattle, has again been in eastern Oregon, securing statistics on the gold production of this section. He put in considerable time in the Cracker creek district and the impression is that he was there for other purposes than to secure information.

George Riley, the able representative of the Engineering and Mining Journal, of New York, has been in this district, with Sumpter as his headquarters, for the past two weeks. This is his first trip to the eastern Oregon gold fields. He left yesterday with a good opinion of what he had seen, expecting to return in August.

J. W. Larkins, managing owner of the Cougar, passed through Sumpter yesterday on his way to Spokane. When asked about the persistent rumor that his mine has been sold for a couple of million, he said that he hadn't seen the color of the other fellow's money yet, and that is what makes a mine sale, as well as the mare go.

The case against Cato Johns, for not reporting a contagious disease in his residence, was dismissed "for lack of evidence." The way the city attorney permitted the evidence to go before the jury was that a doctor was summoned to attend the sick child, had prescribed for it, but hadn't informed the parents of the nature of the disease and couldn't enlighten the jury. And so the fixed farce closed.

#### Sale of and Mill for Maiden's Dream.

A. J. Stinson and J. A. Grainger have sold their Maiden's Dream mining property, consisting of two quartz and a placer claim, situated on Gray's peak, between the Granite road and the Ibex mine, to a Portland syndicate made up of wholesale men. The sale was consummated through Capt. T. C. Muir, well known here. The property was located in January, 1898, by J. A. Grainger, who wears a gold ring made from the first gold taken out and worked through a hand mortar. About \$5000 worth of work has been done on the property. It is understood a mill will be put up at once by the new owners, the conditions warranting same from the start. The known values are from \$16 to \$18 in a two to four foot pay chute. A large cash payment guaranteed the sale to be bona fide.

#### Spokane Man Looking for a Property.

Lester Clough, of Spokane, secretary of C. F. Clough & Co., brokerage and mining promoting concern, came up yesterday to remain for several weeks, during which time he will make himself familiar with the various districts around Sumpter. More Spokane capital and men are coming here, as the merits of the country are brought to light. The Alamo section thus far has caught the most of them, though other points equally as good have not been overlooked by others.

#### Oil Indications Near Prairie City.

E. E. Cleaver passed through Sumpter several days since from a prolonged trip to Prairie City and the John Day country. He brought in with him several hundred pounds of very rich copper-gold rock from the Cleaver group of mines in the Strawberry range, which property he says is sure to make a great mine. He reports that oil indications are numerous all around Prairie City and that an effort is being made to organize a local company for boring a well.

#### Gold Bug-Grizzly Hoist in Operation.

Manager Jack Hennessy, of the Gold Bug-Grizzly mine, was in town Friday to meet J. Helberg, of Spokane, associated with him in the above property. Mr. Helberg will remain at the mine for three or four weeks. The boiler recently put in was steamed up Friday and they are now using the hoist, with everything working smoothly.

#### Money Lost.

Fred Walker, manager of the Mercer drug store here, lost a pocket book last Sunday between Sumpter and Cable Cove, containing seventeen dollars in money and various receipts and papers. Finder can keep the money if the other contents are returned to the owner at Sumpter.

The Capital Hotel is again under the management of Mrs. George B. Tedrowe, which fact guarantees the best of service to all patrons.

Straight porter or half and half on draught at Hauser's Olympia saloon, opposite the postoffice.

The Oregonian is on sale at the Elite Cigar Store.