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## CONSTRUCT THE ROAD.

### TIMERIPE FOR ACTION ON BURNT RIVER OUTLET.

**Post Office Department Anxious to Establish Star Route from Sumpter.—Save Long Haul from Baker City and Much Cost.—What an Official says About the Matter—Chance for Business Men's League to Make a Hit.**

F. C. Whitney, chief clerk of the railway mail service at Portland, was in town yesterday. He went out to Whitney with Joseph Barton, of the Sumpter Valley railroad, who is endeavoring to secure a contract for the transportation of mail matter from Sumpter to Whitney. It is still a star route.

Mr. Whitney stated to a representative of THE MINER that the only reason of which he was aware, as to why the department hesitates to award the contract to the railroad is the doubt existing as to the ability of the railroad to run trains over the steep grades during the winter. It is not known whether or not Mr. Barton succeeded in the task assigned to him by the company, to remove that doubt from the minds of postal department officials.

In talking over mail matters with Postmaster Jewett, Mr. Whitney repeated the statement, which has been made through correspondence to the postmaster by Mr. Barclay, assistant superintendent of the transportation of mails, with headquarters at Portland, that the department is anxious to shorten the star route to the Burnt river district postoffices, which now originates at Baker City. He further declared that if the citizens of Sumpter will construct a good road into that region, a route will be established from this point, as it will save many miles and much cost. This would be done, he said, even should the railroad secure a contract to carry the mails to Whitney, from here.

These postoffice officials, unlike many in the department, show a disposition to do the right thing, to serve the public intelligently and administer their duties for the best interest of the department. And, what is quite a novelty, they seem to appreciate the fact that time is an important element in these affairs, judged from the standpoint of the people, and display a willingness to act promptly.

The citizens of Sumpter should cooperate with officials who are actuated by such a spirit. It seems that this matter is about ripe for action; that it is time for the business men of this camp to do a little expanding on their own account, to reach out for a profitable trade that is waiting to be gathered in. Can't the Business Men's league take this matter up without further delay and demonstrate that it is alive; that it is capable of doing something more for the town than managing successfully a Fourth of July celebration or entertaining an excursion party?

#### Red Men's Excursion Tomorrow.

Tomorrow morning there will arrive here the excursion of delegates to the Grand Council of the Improved Order of Red Men of Oregon, who will be the guests of the local tribe and the city of Sumpter for the day and night, until

Friday morning. The finance committee, appointed to raise funds for the entertainment, has been particularly successful, the business public responding with its usual alacrity and generosity on such occasions. The entertainment committee has left nothing undone to enhance the enjoyment of the visitors, whose wants will be fully cared for. The Sumpter band has been engaged to meet the excursion train, and in a procession formed at the depot, all will march to the circus tent across the river, under which the Red Men will hold what exercises are customary. Speaking will be indulged in and the hospitality of Sumpter extended to the visiting excursionists. In the evening a grand ball at the opera house, under the management of Egan Tribe No. 20, I. O. R. M., of Sumpter, will entertain them until the small hours of the morning. The Sumpter orchestra, with additional music from Baker City, will provide the music for the dance, which is sure to be largely attended and a good time had. The Red Men are noted for being good entertainers and in this instance will probably outdo anything of a similar kind ever held in Sumpter. This will close the annual Grand Council of the order in the state, which was held in Baker City this year.

### MINING CONGRESS.

#### Oregon Has a Big Delegation—Claude Basche Elected Secretary.

Most of the delegates appointed to represent Sumpter at the International mining congress, now in session at Boise, decided at the last moment that they could not attend. Monday Claude Basche and A. P. Goss left for the meeting.

Telegraphic press reports of this morning announce that Mr. Basche was elected secretary of the congress. F. W. Drake, of Portland, was chosen chairman, so Oregon makes quite a gratifying showing. It is stated that this state has more delegates present than any other, except Idaho. There are said to be 500 delegates in attendance.

President Bradford, of New Mexico, in his address, stated that the principal object of the congress is to secure from the general government the establishment of a department of mines. It is desired to have a cabinet office created, as agriculture now has.

Butte, Los Angeles and, of course, Portland are seeking to secure the next meeting of the congress. The two latter are working together against Butte.

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

H. O. Baker has received a fresh consignment of water melons, cantiloupes, fruits and vegetables at the Mill street market. Poultry delivered to order.

## OLD FOLKS EXCURSION

### Coming to Sumpter Again Wednesday, July 31.

It has been decided that the second annual old folks excursion, tendered by the Sumpter Valley road, shall again come to this city. It will be remembered that the first one, given last season, was a decided success, and it is thought that no better place than Sumpter could be selected for this second excursion. Of course the citizens of this camp will be more than pleased to have them again, having so much enjoyed their first visit, and the committeemen from Baker City, among whom were Joseph Barton, general manager of the road, and Mayor Grace, who is also grand master of Oregon Masons, were so informed, cordially. Preparations are being made to receive the excursionists and the following committees have been appointed:

Executive—E. L. Manning, F. G. Jewett, George Allen.

Music—M. E. Swan, Mrs. J. H. Robbins, Mrs. W. E. Kahler.

Decoration—Mrs. D. Griffith, Mrs. J. W. Heron, Mrs. Neil Sorenson, Mrs. J. Hurt, Mrs. O. Herlocker, E. K. Miller, Fred Lawson.

Refreshments—Mrs. Thos. McEwen, Mrs. C. P. Holley, Mrs. J. B. Stoddard, Mrs. Wm. Stinson, Mrs. J. F. Cupid, Mrs. T. R. Yerger, Mrs. T. E. Preston.

Waitresses—Misses Carmen Stoddard, Jessie Greenlee, Norma Richardson, Emma Worswick, Edna Van Duyn, Belle Cushman, Edna Hobson, Josie Jackson, Nora Gillespie, Clara Heffling, Mary Costello, Grace Gillespie, Ethel McCalley, Ruth Connell, Ada Austin, Belle Calder.

Reception—Mrs. G. H. Dedrick, Mrs. L. T. Brock, Mrs. O. M. Sanford, Mrs. E. McCammon, Mrs. John Austin, Mrs. L. Potter, Mrs. D. W. Cushman, Mrs. W. J. Mills, Mrs. J. R. Paradise, Mrs. E. C. Steffen, Mrs. S. H. Beil, Mrs. C. J. Johns. All other persons in Sumpter will be considered as ex-officio members of the reception committee to help entertain the guests.

The executive committee desires THE MINER to say that all members of the respective committees will consider the above notice as an official notification of their appointment to serve, and they will look to the chairman of their committee for further information as to their duties. A cordial invitation for the active co-operation of all is respectfully requested, as it is a day in which the young people should take unlimited pride in entertaining and giving pleasure to the old folks.

The following notice to the old folks has been handed in for publication, accompanied by the request that Grant county papers should copy:

"If you are past the age of sixty-three and would like to meet those who are coming to Sumpter July 31 for a picnic, via the S. V. Ry., send in your name to F. G. Jewett, postmaster, Sumpter, on or before July 30, 12 m. You will be most cordially welcomed. Between 300 and 400 of the aged people of Baker and Union counties will accept the courtesy of the S. V. R. R. and will enjoy a free ride to Sumpter, and it is desired that as many of those persons of the eligible

age of Grant county who can, should meet them at Sumpter, where the latch string will be out and the old people's money, by universal consent, will be considered counterfeit, and they will enjoy themselves accordingly."

#### Capitalist, Quick, Close Observer.

The past week has seen several new eastern men here, whose intentions are to acquire by bond or purchase some of the mining properties of this district. One of these gentlemen, Francis de Garis, of New York, was a brief visitor yesterday. He has just come up from Arizona and California, where he controls mining properties. He was met in Baker City by a MINER representative and was induced to come here for a short stay, during which time he visited only the Cracker creek mines. Mr. de Garis is a quick and close observer, an all round practical minded man, and controls sufficient capital to handle any investment that suits him. He will return before winter and remain long enough to see each district thoroughly.

#### Wants to Buy a Placer Mine.

Maurice S. Lindholm, of Chicago, arrived here last Saturday, for the purpose of investigating this section for placer properties, with a view of purchasing. Mr. Lindholm was here two years ago, when Sumpter was entering upon the much talked of boom. He was surprised at the growth of the camp since his former visit, but was free to say that with the surrounding rich district tributary to the town, there is no reason why Sumpter should not be a thriving point and the largest city in eastern Oregon. He is accompanied by an experienced placer mining man from Montana and will remain long enough to look at several properties.

#### Work Commenced at The Constellation.

It is understood on the best of authority that the Constellation Gold Mining company, of Sumpter, organized in March of this year to develop a group of ten claims adjoining the Gipsy King mine in Cable Cove, has just sold the first block of 100,000 treasury shares, which provides a substantial fund for immediate work on the property, which was commenced with a small force this week, and which will now be increased. The Evening Star claim of this group, has been extensively opened up and the crosscut tunnel has shown an 8-foot ledge of good ore, the character of which is identical with that in the Gipsy King.

#### Blood Poisoning from Dog Bites.

Rev. G. M. Kennedy, of Whitney, while at Susanville last week organizing a fraternal order, was bitten by a dog on the knee joint. Dr. Brock was telephoned for and he started out to attend the injury. He met the man near Austin, who was being brought in to save time, the symptoms having become alarming. Dr. Brock found that carbolic acid had been applied to the wound, causing blood poisoning. The injured member was dressed at once, and at last accounts Mr. Kennedy was out of danger.

#### Private Table Board.

I will furnish private board to a few desiring such, at my residence on North street, near Center. Mrs. C. E. Duckworth.

Hauser's Olympic saloon lunch bill consists of Blue Point oysters, "Fishing Club" brand of sardines, Van Camp's potted chicken and tongue, deviled ham, pickled pigs feet and lamb's tongues, herring, German style, and Swiss cheese.