

**CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS.**

**Provisions of S. & B. Ry.
Franchise Formally Ac-
cepted.**

At the council meeting Saturday evening there was read a formal acceptance of the franchise granted to the Sumpter and Bourne Railroad company to construct its lines through certain streets of Sumpter, signed by Thomas McEwen, as president, and John Clark as secretary. The document was ordered filed.

A remonstrance was received against the improvement of Sumpter street, signed by these property owners: Frank Amell, A. E. Dagany, J. W. Duckworth, Frank Eichenbach by G. M. Wiegel, and P. J. Jackson.

Monthly reports of officers were received and accepted. A number of bills were paid and others referred to the finance committee.

An ordinance was passed providing that contractors doing city work shall be required to give bonds.

The long delayed sidewalk ordinance was enrolled and referred to the finance committee.

R. E. Strahorn, owner of the water works, appeared before the council and stated that the new pipe for the mains had been shipped from Pittsburg; that it would be laid as soon as it arrives, but that it was not his desire to have any street improvements delayed on this account; that he was perfectly willing to stand any extra cost which might be necessary in this event.

DREDGER FOR THE JOHN DAY.

**T. H. Pomeroy, of Portland, Looking up
a Gigantic Proposition.**

On or before January 1, 1902, one of the biggest mining enterprises ever undertaken in Grant county will be in active operation, and before a wheel is turned, over \$75,000 will be spent in equipping this gigantic enterprise.

This enormous sum is to be furnished by the Pomeroy Dredging company, of which T. H. Pomeroy, of Portland, is the head. The company is already operating a dredge at Weatherby, on Burnt river, and about three years ago had a dredger constructed for the river below John Day. This machine was built and operated for a period of thirty days by a dredger manufacturing company in the east, and proved to be a complete failure, not being able to handle the heavy material found in the river bed. It was not accepted by the Dredger company and still floats in the river about two miles below John Day.

Since that time Mr. Pomeroy and his company have had several parties in the field for the purpose of looking over the ground with a view to building a larger and more complete plant.

In October, 1899, a deal was consummated with John Silvers, by which the company secured thirty acres of rich river bed land, for which they agreed to pay Mr. Silvers \$500 down, \$2000 per year as long as the dredger was in operation, and a royalty of \$10 per day for every day's work done by the dredging company.

An immense amount of territory was also bonded, including a considerable portion of the river bed from John Day to Cole's bridge. Among those who bonded a part of their property along the river are Messrs. Wolfinger and Workins, Mrs. Bunn, G. W. Porter, Alma Luce, Mrs. Rapaly, John Luce, Mrs. R. L. Luce, J. A. Laycock, J. A. Taylor, and D. W. Jenkins. Most of Canyon

creek, from John Day to Canyon City, was also secured by the company, several shafts being sunk on the creek bed from time to time.

Last week Mr. Pomeroy arrived in John Day, and since his arrival has been busy making final arrangements for the construction of a dredger several times larger than the old one and very similar to the one in operation on Burnt river.

The new boat will be about forty feet wide by 110 feet long. An order has already been placed with a local lumber dealer for 200,000 feet of lumber. In a short time contracts will be let for 1000 cords of wood and the hauling of 500,000 pounds of freight from the railroad.

It is not the intention of the company to stop at one dredger, however, but if the ground proves to be as rich as they have estimated, a second and third machine will be built, which means much to this section of the county, one dredger alone creating a pay roll of \$2000 per month.—Grant County News.

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ORDINANCE NO. 134.

An ordinance to provide for the giving of bonds for the performance of contracts made by contractors of the City of Sumpter, and for the protection of laborers doing work and material men furnishing material on said contracts.

THE CITY OF SUMPTER DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Upon the awarding of a contract or contracts by the Council of the City of Sumpter or by any of the committees of said Council for the doing of any work for the City of Sumpter, the contractor or contractors with whom a contract is entered into by the City of Sumpter, shall execute a bond in favor of the City of Sumpter, with two sureties who shall justify in not less than double the amount of the contract price for the entire work to be performed under such contract or contracts, which bond shall be approved by the mayor of said city.

Section 2. Such bond shall provide for the faithful performance by such contractor or contractors of his or their contract or contracts with said city, and shall further provide for the payment by said contractor or contractors of all indebtedness which he or they may incur in favor of any person or persons for labor performed or material furnished in connection with the doing of the work provided for in said contract or contracts.

Section 3. No warrant shall be issued by the City of Sumpter to any contractor or in payment of any work done by him under any contract entered into by him with the City of Sumpter, except upon the recommendation of the committee or city official under whose supervision such work was performed, and no such committee or city official shall recommend the issuing of any warrant for any work under any contract until such committee or city official is satisfied that all indebtedness incurred by the contractor or contractors to whom such work has been let has been paid by such contractor or contractors, but this section shall not be construed so as to prevent the issuing of a warrant to a contractor or contractors, should all the persons to whom said contractor or contractors is or are indebted for work done or material furnished in the connection with said contract, consent in writing to the issuing of said warrant.

Section 4. In case payment is to be made for work done under a contract out of the special fund, such bond shall further provide that the contractor or contractors entering into the same shall look only to such special fund for payment.

Passed the council this 3d day of August, 1901.

E. L. MANNING,
Recorder of the City of Sumpter.
Approved this 5th day of August, 1901.
J. H. ROBBINS,
Mayor of the City of Sumpter.



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