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TAXATION VALUES.

Assessor Gett Readjusting Those in Sumpter.

County Assessor G. W. Gett, has been in Sumpter for several days past on official business; readjusting the assessed valuation of realty in this camp.

He says that in the large majority of cases the valuation is being lowered; not because it is worth less than it was a year ago in the open market, but because at that time it was assessed higher proportionally than property elsewhere in this county.

He illustrates the point in this way. The schedule on which assessments are levied in Baker county is on the basis of one-third of supposed actual value; in the case of a house, for instance, one-third of its original cost. Here in Sumpter, one and two years ago, when the town was full of men from the outside, falling over each other in their efforts to buy Sumpter property, the owners became a trifle excited, almost gay, and listed their holdings much higher proportionally than property of the same intrinsic value was assessed anywhere else in the county. He is now straightening out that little discrepancy.

The work has not progressed far enough to make any accurate estimate of the total assessed valuation of the town.

Fight Over the George Weigand Estate.

A legal fight has been started over the estate of the late George Weigand. M. A. Butler, administrator, has instituted a suit against William Weigand, brother of deceased, to force him to turn over property and money to the value of \$5500, which it is claimed belongs to the estate, and which, it is alleged, the defendant has appropriated. The complaint makes sensational, criminal charges, accusing William Weigand of forging bills of sale, deeds and a will. It is presumed that the widow seeks to get possession of the property.

Quaker Doctors in Town This Week.

The Quaker doctors are entertaining the populace here this week. They have with them some excellent specialty people and give a good show. But the artist of the aggregation is the gentleman who makes the talk to sell the medicine. Just listen to him eulogize his remedies, and if you are not convinced that both he and they are all right, then you are a natural born skeptic. For a while, the good old doctor pulls teeth without pain, and then this accomplished hypnotist does a turn at pulling legs—regions of proofs on the crowd that his medicines accomplish all and more than he claims for them. A handsome woman, or the funny coon will follow with a spiel that pleases all present, and so the performance continues until the actors are tired and leave the audience crying for more.

Street Carnival at Baker City.

Baker City is making extensive preparations for its street carnival, to be held September 3 to 7, inclusive. Jabour's "Midway shows" will be the leading attraction and, it is hoped, a strong drawing card. The Democrat of yesterday morning stated that Mayor Robbins, F. S. Baillie, Claude Basche and Charles Leibenstein had been appointed by the management a committee to arrange for Sumpter's representation at the carnival.

Messrs. Robbins and Basche say they have received no notification of their appointment and have no idea what they are expected to do. Mr. Leibenstein says he was spoken to on the subject while in Baker City a day or two since and consented to serve; that he is sure the other committeemen will be communicated with at an early day. Here is a chance for Baker City to catch a crowd and make a killing, if it can secure reasonable transportation rates and will do some advertising on other than a kindergarten scale.

O. BRECHTEL INJURED.

Run Down by a Buggy at Walla Walla and May Die.

The friends of O. Brechtel in Sumpter will regret to learn that he met with a serious accident a day or two since. The Walla Walla Union of yesterday says:

O. Brechtel, for many years a resident of this city, was run down and seriously injured by a buggy while crossing Main street at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. Owing to his age and ill health previous to the accident, his recovery is thought to be doubtful.

Mr. Hartley was driving down the street at a fast pace and says he saw Mr. Brechtel start across the street and cried out to him to get out of the way as the horse he was driving was hard to control. The old man did not seem to heed the call and kept on his way. The driver tried to avoid a collision, but before he could turn out, the front axle of the vehicle struck the pedestrian and he was thrown to the ground. The injured man was picked up, placed in a cab, and hurried to St. Mary's hospital, where he was found to be suffering with a cut on the head and several bruises about the body. As soon as Mr. Hartley could stop his horse he hurried back to the scene of the accident.

Mr. Hartley said that he and Eugene Tausick had been racing in Boyer avenue but slowed down when they entered East Main street. Mr. Hartley's stable is almost opposite the place where the accident took place. He stated, his horse, when he approached the barn wanted to enter but he would not allow the animal to do so and it again started up at a fast pace. Before it was again under control the man had been run down.

In the police court yesterday afternoon Mr. Tausick and Mr. Hartley were fined in the sum of \$5 each for fast driving. Justice Glasford stated as this had been the first case of the kind tried before him he was disposed to be lenient, but if any ever again appeared before him on a similar charge the escape would not be so easy.

Sumpter Company Uniform Rank, K. of P.

Colonel J. H. Pease, of La Grande, organized here Saturday night Sumpter Company No. 14 Uniform Rank K. of P., assisted by several Knights from Baker City. There were thirty-one charter members. The following officers were installed: Roy H. Miller, captain; Otto Herlocker, first lieutenant; W. C. Calder, second lieutenant; H. K. Erown, recorder; C. S. Warren, Jr., treasurer; J. F. Shelton, guard; N. J. Sorenson, sentinel. The business session was followed by a dance.

The Miner has arranged with the Press Publishing association, for some special inducements for subscribers to this paper. Read page 10; put on your thinking cap and take the benefit.

SALE OF THE MARY B.

Maryland Syndicate Secures This Good Group.

Eugene Barthoff and associates have sold to a syndicate of Cambridge, Maryland capitalists, represented here by James Higgins, the Mary B group of three and a half claims, on the Lake creek side of the divide, Cable Cove district.

These are the same people who bought the Owl and Elephant claims, an account of which was published in THE MINER last week. The two properties adjoin each other at the summit, the last named being situated in the Big Lumber gulch.

The price agreed to be paid for the Mary B has not been made public as yet, the deed not having been filed as late as yesterday. It is known, however, that a considerable cash payment was made and that the purchasers agree to do considerable development work within a given time, as other payments become due. Already work has been commenced on this consolidated group and will be prosecuted uninterruptedly. Mr. Higgins left for the east to day. On his arrival at home the company will be organized.

In this immediate vicinity there are three other promising properties now being rapidly developed; the Gipsy King, the Gipsy Queen and the Constellation; all having strong veins of unusually rich ore.

Ore Reduction by a New Process.

As will be seen from the county records, published elsewhere in THE MINER to-day, articles of incorporation of the Oregon Ore Reduction company have been filed, C. F. Soderling, B. E. Smith and Emmett Callahan incorporators; capital stock, \$1,000,000. It is stated that the object of this company is to build and operate a custom plant at Baker City, and also to sell plants to the various mines producing refractory ores throughout surrounding mining districts. The company claims to own a new and superior process for extracting values, roasting being an essential part of the process. The incorporators say that no stock will be offered for sale; that all they wish to dispose of has been placed in the east. A plant to "show you" will soon be in operation in Baker City. If it is a success, it will prove a great benefit to this mining region, especially to the Cable Cove district.

Sells Machinery From California to Alaska.

J. K. Firth, representing Joshua Hendy Machine works, of San Francisco, arrived in Sumpter Monday, and will spend some days in this district, looking after the ever growing business of his house. Since his last visit here, two or three months since, he has been to Dawson, N. W. T., where he sells considerable pumping machinery. He says that camp is a little quiet at present, comparatively speaking. Large quantities of gold continue to be taken out there, however, and the town will always be a good business point. He says several rich districts are being worked on American soil this year.

Annual Meeting of the Ohio.

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ohio Mining company, owning the famous Ohio mine, in the Crack-Creek district, was held last evening

at the offices of the company in this city. Five-sixths of the total stock issue was represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy. President John Thomsen was elected to succeed himself as the head of the directory, and P. Basche, of the Basche Hardware company, was chosen vice-president. Ray Nye is the treasurer and George T. Simmers was re-elected secretary. President Thomsen submitted his annual report, and all the stockholders expressed themselves as well pleased with the work done the last year under his able management. The shaft, for the sinking of which heavy machinery was recently installed, is now down 35 feet, and everything is working smoothly. At the 100-foot level a crosscut will be run to tap the ledge.—Herald.

Great Possibilities of the Gladys.

Among the properties that is rapidly coming to the front is the Gladys mine. This group is owned by the Dixie Meadows Mining company. They have run a tunnel about 300 feet, and have drifted on the ledge about 50 feet in one direction and about twenty feet in the opposite direction. There is some ore on exhibition at Belknap drug store, from the twenty-foot drift, that shows wonderfully well. The ledge is about ten feet in width, and the ore will cheer the heart of any miner. By running a tunnel on the ledge from the opposite side of the mountain, they can obtain a depth of about 1500 feet; the tunnel would be some 6000 feet long, and in ore all the time. This property is situated about three miles north of the Present Need mine, at Quartzburg, and is on the proposed road to Susanville.—Prairie City Miner.

Bonded for Forty Thousand.

W. J. Patterson, of Baker City, and Hon. George J. Barrett, owners of a group of claims near Granite, Oregon, yesterday bonded the same to a syndicate of Illinois capitalists, and a large force of men will be put to work on the property as soon as suitable buildings can be erected for boarding-house, blacksmith shops, etc. The price is understood to be \$40,000, and a large block of stock of the company is reserved by the owners. This is only a starter in this vicinity, as a number of other sales are pending in the same locality. When Mr. Patterson was east he "got busy," and this sale was the result of his efforts in this direction and the end is not yet in sight.—Democrat.

Grande Ronde Not in Need of Charity.

When anyone talks to you about a complete failure of crops in the Grande Ronde, you may put it down that he is a stranger or a pessimist, otherwise known as a "knocker." When the June frosts struck us a lot of people said that we were ruined and began to talk of selling fifty-dollar lands at half price, and here we have had a good crop of berries, an enormous crop of cherries, a fair crop of hay and are now harvesting a medium crop of wheat, with prospects of a large yield of beets and heavy shipments of prunes and apples. There are places where calamity strikes harder than in the Grande Ronde.—La Grande Chronicle.

Removes Sidewalk Obstructions.

City Recorder Manning is going around town to-day inspecting signs, awnings, gates, etc., to see who is violating the sidewalk obstruction ordinance. Notices will be sent to those who are, and if they do not comply with its provisions—well, City Marshal Rand will take a hand.