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## FILE ON TIMBER LAND

**SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY NOW PRESENTS ITSELF.**

**Magnificent Body on Middle Fork of John Day—Stampede in That Direction—This Means That Transportation Facilities Will be Provided—Many Quarter Sections Near Sumpter.**

There is a great rush now on for timber lands in eastern Oregon. Papers published in nearly every town are filled with the notices of final proof. The greatest activity in this line is over in Crook county, where more than 20,000 acres have been filed on during the past ninety days.

During the past few days there has been considerable talk here in Sumpter of a stampede to take up the splendid body of timber on the Middle Fork of the John Day, beyond Clifford, in the vicinity of Austin. It is stated that the land has been cruised in the interest of men connected with the O. R. & N. and that officials and employes of that road are preparing to make filings at an early day.

Of course, this is a mere rumor, that can't be substantiated until the filings are made, but it is an undoubted fact that cruisers have been over the ground and already a movement is on foot to take up the land. People living here in Sumpter who make it a business to keep posted on such matters, knowing that something of the kind is on foot, have taken ten or a dozen claims in that vicinity.

These extensive filings on timber lands always precede the establishment of transportation facilities, for without transportation the timber is worth little or nothing. Generally men who have a means of knowing that some railroad is to be extended, organize for the purpose of acquiring large tracts. They can't keep their movements secret for long, but when it becomes known that such a scheme is on foot, the public steps in and takes a flyer, for luck.

There is scarcely a doubt but what this is the case at present, and those who have not used their timber land right will never find a better opportunity. They will have to act quickly, however, for if they don't, the choice quarters will be taken by the hirelings of some syndicate organized to gobble up everything in sight; and all will be filed on, too, within a few days after the movement is inaugurated.

THE MINER would like to see individuals reap the benefit from this particular body of excellent timber, in preference to any railroad or any lumber company, and for this reason sounds the warning note—gives the tip to play ball.

Contiguous to Sumpter there are many quarter sections still unclaimed, that are already valuable and will be-

come more so every year. People living here should avail themselves of this opportunity to pick up a few hundred or a few thousand dollars, as the case may be. Women, married and single, can take up these lands, and an easier way of making money couldn't be desired—it is like finding it, or "getting it from home."

## NEWS FROM THE FRIDAY.

**Water Down to 80 foot Level, Stock Up to Fifteen Cents.**

Neil J. Sorensen & Co. received a letter yesterday from Superintendent Griffith of the Friday, stating that the work of unwatering the mine was progressing satisfactorily; that every indication pointed to the fact that the 80-foot level was being approached, and that he hoped by Monday evening to have the water below that level, when the work would be fully half accomplished. The letter was written last Saturday. He stated further that the timbering was in unexpectedly good condition and that lumber was on the ground for the few repairs needed.

The firm has opened an office at No. 10 Broadway, Fargo, North Dakota, which is in charge of John Gregor Olson, who has been in its employ for several months past and has done some excellent work. The expected, the inevitable has occurred. Friday stock has been raised in price to fifteen cents a share, and it is worth that money and more. With \$50,000 worth of high grade ore blocked out, with 130 feet of depth and little stopping done, a mill to treat the ore on the property, it is not unreasonable to estimate that good interest ought to be paid on a half million dollars.

Sorensen & Co. have moved their office here from the First Bank of Sumpter building to the Hotel Sumpter block, where they have a suite of conveniently located, neatly furnished and admirably arranged apartments, in which Otto Herlocker and the clerks can work to advantage.

## Will Prospect New Territory.

C. W. Colby and A. D. Schach reached Sumpter last week from Spokane. They spent several days here securing information regarding the various districts in the eastern Oregon gold fields, and finally decided to spend the summer prospecting the practically virgin territory between Quartzburg and Susanville. After securing pack animals and a complete camping equipment, they left yesterday for Quartzburg and will work their way north from there. Mr. Colby spent several years in California and is an experienced placer miner. He has also prospected several seasons in Idaho, for quartz ledges. Mr. Schach is a new hand at the business, having come several months since from Kansas. He brings excellent letters of recommendation from prominent citizens of his old home town, Junction City.

Hazlewood ice cream will be served daily at "Sturgill's."

## CELEBRATION ADVERTISED

**Big Crowd Will be Here on the Fourth.**

Sumpter has never before advertised its fourth of July celebration as extensively as has been done this year. Posters and programs have been distributed in every camp in the gold fields.

The big prizes offered for the several rock drilling contests, extending through two days, is sure to attract miners here from every quarter. This is to be the leading feature of the celebration, but there will be numerous other interesting contests. The prizes offered for drilling are: Double-hand contest, first, citizens' prize, \$300; double-hand, Golconda prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; single-hand, first, citizens' prize, \$75; Robbins prize, \$50; second prize, \$50.

Other good purses offered are \$75 in the logging contest, \$50 in pulling with team, \$100 for winners of the baseball game.

There is as yet no life in the voting contest for the Goddess of Liberty.

## Captain J. R. Wood Again in Sumpter.

Captain J. R. Wood, a mining man of long and varied experience and a splendid gentleman, withal, is in Sumpter again, after an absence of a year and a half, during which time he has been operating in Idaho. Captain Wood is not spending a week or ten days here for his health, nor is he on a pleasure trip. Just what the object of his trip is, he is not discussing with the public at large. He is accredited with being the representative of J. W. Gates, the steel magnate, and is doubtless here looking for something about the size of the E. & E. THE MINER hopes that Captain Wood will become interested in an eastern Oregon mine. He is the kind of people needed here. He opened up the Quebec and showed that property to be the making of a mine, which has since been demonstrated more fully by J. W. Carr, but when the bond fell due, Magnate Gates was sparring for points with an adult strike and didn't have time to waste on a little million dollar gold mine, so the option was overlooked like a white chip. To the writer Captain Wood stated a day or two since that the greatest mistake of his entire mining experience was made when he declined to buy the North Pole mine, when it was offered to him at \$750,000.

## Two Propitious Weddings.

Two couples of Sumpter young people have been married recently, without either consulting or informing THE MINER. C. H. Chance and Miss Eugenia Keup were married here June 9, in the presence of the lady's family, but didn't make an open confession until last Thursday, the nineteenth. In trying to square himself with his friends,

Mr. Chance stated that the bride's mother had to return to California and naturally wished to witness the ceremony, so it was performed before either of the contracting parties were ready. Then it was thought best to keep the deal quiet until they started on a trip. Before leaving for Portland, Mr. Chance's old home, their friends presented them with a handsome silver service. Dr. Anderson and Miss Sue Meade were married at the home of the bride's sister at Spokane on the twelfth instant, and they have been spending a quiet honeymoon at the northern Idaho lakes, expecting to return to Sumpter the latter part of this week. Mrs. Anderson spent several months here with her sister, Mrs. E. P. Bergman, during which time she made many friends and enslaved the Doctor, and she will now domesticate him. Both of these gentlemen occupy high positions in the business and professional life of Sumpter, as they and their wives do in social circles.

## Back From the Fort Hall Rush.

Eugene Bartholf returned this forenoon from the Fort Hall reservation. He failed to secure the mineral claims he located there several years ago, when the soldiers drove him and others from the ground. Montana men were there who had heard of the locations and knew where they were situated; were there with a relay of race horses and a special train. The men who rode the Daly bred gallopers secured the coveted property. Mr. Bartholf also failed to connect with a desirable piece of farm land, but he made several mineral locations and his brother remained there to do the necessary work.

## Last Payment Made on California.

Dr. Moulton, treasurer of the Turnagain Arm company, several days since made the last payment on the California mine, reported to have been \$20,000. The payment was not due for a week or more. Under development the California is proving to be a wonderfully valuable property. Last week the cross-cut tunnel cut another ledge, strong, well defined and said to carry high values. The opinion has been expressed that this is the main vein, for which the tunnel is being driven, but it was not expected to be encountered so soon.

## Will Buy Cracker-Oregon Stock.

R. H. Wellington, of Chicago, left for home Monday, after having spent several days in and around Sumpter. He came here for the purpose of examining the Cracker-Oregon mine, with a view of purchasing stock in the company, if the proposition looked good to him. After inspecting the property, he informed Everett Brown, the local representative, that he was entirely satisfied and would buy a large block.

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