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## THAT BURNT RIVER ROAD.

### ANOTHER EFFORT NOW BEING MADE TO BUILD IT.

**Attorney McColloch Pushing the Good Thing Along—Only \$2000 Required—County Will Give Half of This Sum—Less Than Thirteen Miles to Be Constructed.**

Attorney C. H. McColloch has undertaken the important task of having constructed that much discussed wagon road from Sumpter to the rich agricultural section on Burnt river, and expresses the belief that he is going to succeed in the undertaking, without encountering any very serious obstacles, physically or otherwise. As a matter of fact, every individual and institution, except the Sumpter Valley road, at all interested in the enterprise have always been in favor thereof and the only thing that has ever been need to secure its consummation has been for some one to lead off and push the scheme. This Attorney McColloch has volunteered to do.

It will be remembered that a year ago Al Jones and J. N. Doane went over the ground, selected the best route, a preliminary survey of which was made, at the expense of R. E. Strahorn, who was very anxious to have the road built and offered to give more money for that purpose than any boy, barring none. Mr. McColloch, relying on their report and estimate, is preparing petitions to the board of county commissioners, to be signed by the residents of Sumpter and the Burnt river country, asking that this be made a county road, and for financial aid in constructing it. Commissioner Gleason has promised that the board will appropriate as much as the citizens will raise.

Subscription papers will be circulated in Sumpter and among the farmers, asking for both labor and money contributions, one being just as acceptable as the other.

The route from Sumpter will be almost due south, down past the cemetery, on to the Young ranch, over the summit on a grade not so steep as that which the railroad climbs, and then down to the King ranch, a total distance from Sumpter of only thirteen and one-half miles, the necessary construction work being several miles less. From that point to both Unity and Herford, the places desired to be reached, there are already good roads. It is estimated that \$2000 is all that will be required to do the work in a most excellent manner.

Attorney McColloch, accompanied by V. R. Meade and perhaps one or two others, will soon go down to the Burnt river section and start the good work

from that end of the line and then return to Sumpter to close and clinch the whole business.

The building of this road has been THE MINER's favorite hobby (if any one wishes to call it by that name) for two years past, and it has repeatedly pointed out the great benefits which Sumpter business men and the ranchers will derive therefrom. The farmers want a market for their produce, and Sumpter will afford an excellent one. Where they sell their hay and other products of the farm, they will buy their goods. It is a mutually advantageous arrangement and every one should assist.

And while we are reaching out for the agricultural trade, we shouldn't forget that there is a big miner trade right at our doors, just over the divide, on Rock creek, that now goes to Baker City, twice the distance, because there is no road to Sumpter.

### NEIL J. SORENSEN AT HOME.

**Tells of Encouraging Business Conditions in the East.**

Mr. and Mrs. Neil J. Sorensen returned Sunday from Portland, where the former went to attend the state convention of the Knights of Pythias, and the latter had been visiting friends for several weeks.

Mr. Sorensen had previously spent several weeks in the east, looking after the business in his several branch offices. He reports that financial conditions are good throughout the country, especially in the wheat growing sections of the Dakotas and Minnesota. So far as his individual interests are concerned, he met with the most encouraging state of affairs on this trip that he has encountered in his long mining experience. It is that stockholders in the Friday, who have sent representatives to the mine, which several syndicates that have purchased large blocks of stock have done, are all eager to increase their holdings.

This, of course, is the result of not only finding to be true the representations he has made that the Friday is a developed mine and not a prospect, but because they learned through personal investigation that the management of the company is even more anxious than they to hasten the day when dividends shall be declared. The fact that a stamp mill has been purchased and is being installed, gives confidence that that day is rapidly approaching and they all want to get in before the first distribution takes place, before the stock increases to three or four times its present price.

### Advance Mining Company.

T. J. Costello, J. R. Cunyugham and J. L. Cady are the incorporators of the Advance Gold Mining company, which owns a promising group of claims within the Cable Cove mineral belt. Supplies are now being packed in to the mine, that work may be continued all winter. Five men will be employed. The ore assays high near the surface and all indications are said to be favorable.

## RELATIVE TO REAL ESTATE

### Marked Activity Displayed in Last Ten Days.

During the past week or ten days there has been a decidedly active movement in Sumpter real estate. A number of small deals have been made, several of more importance and two or three involving the most valuable business property in town are now being negotiated.

Among these latter is that of the Ellis opera house, with the single exception of the Neill Mercantile company's, the best corner in Sumpter. The property is located at the intersection of the two main business streets, Granite and Mill, has a frontage of sixty-three feet and is owned by A. W. Ellis. Bela Kadish, owner of the Baker City sampling works, is reported to be the man who wants to buy. Seymour Bell worked up the deal. The purchase price is said to be \$10,000.

At least two interesting stories are current regarding this transaction. One is to the effect that in case the sale is made, Cato Johns will occupy the entire lower floor with a big department store; that his backers think he can do business in a favorable a location and will again pungle up the necessary capital. The other report is that Mr. Kadish is acting for the First National bank of Baker City; that if it succeeds in buying the property it will move the big frame building to some other location, and erect in its stead a fine stone and brick building, one room of which will be occupied by a national bank. In view of the fact that Levi Ankeny, president of the First National bank of Baker City, occupies the same position with eight or ten other financial institutions and is a pronounced bank expansionist, this story is not at all improbable, but THE MINER has been unable to confirm either.

Another real estate rumor is to the effect that the Case Furniture company made a cash offer of \$5500 for the fifty feet on Granite street where the Vienna restaurant and Campbell & Landreth's jewelry store stand. It is further reported that this offer was refused and that the price was fixed at \$6000.

J. Schwartz bought the lot and building in which his Hub clothing store is located, adjoining the above mentioned lots, from T. B. Lawrence last Monday for \$2000. Yesterday Mr. Lawrence offered to buy it back at an advance of \$420, but Mr. Schwartz preferred to keep the property. This is the best buy reported since Tom Dunphy bought several weeks since fifty feet in the same block for \$3500, which was bringing in a rental of \$1500 a year.

Judge Evans has sold two residences during the past week, the Johns home, on Auburn street, to T. W. Davidson; and F. O. Bucknum's, Sunnyside addi-

tion, to Jack Kissel. Mr. Bucknum will build an attractive residence on lots which he owns on the hillside, beyond the school house.

### Rich Ore From the Sunrise.

T. E. Davies and C. W. Krumpke returned yesterday from the Sunrise mine, Greenhorn district, where they have been for several weeks past, doing the assessment work for the company. They sunk shaft No. 1 fifteen feet deeper and crosscut to the walls in both directions. The bottom of the shaft is now all in ore, the ledge matter having been solid for the last ten feet. There is not a better prospect in eastern Oregon for the work done. As soon as the smelter starts here, ore from this shaft can be mined, shipped and treated at a profit. It is the intention of the company to resume operations actively at an early date. Messrs. Davies and Krumpke brought down with them a lot of the rock, which carries large quantities of gray copper, besides good values in gold.

### Milling Ross Gulch Ore.

Paul Poindexter, John Granstrom and Lee Pearl, of Baker City, went last night in Sumpter, on their way home from a trip through the Greenhorns. Mr. Poindexter was loaded to the guards with encouraging information regarding the great activity now prevailing in that district. He says Greenhorn City is the warmest mining camp in eastern Oregon, now or ever before. Yesterday at the Bonanza the work of cutting a station at the 800 foot level was commenced. P. Basche, of Baker City, and A. F. Garrison, of Geiser, who are opening up a most promising property in Ross gulch, began Monday hauling ore to the Richmond mill for treatment. The shaft is now down 100 feet and is in a large body of good ore.

### Invention for Separating Ores.

Ralph L. Graves, of this city, is said to have perfected an invention for use in separating ores and by which to effect the recovery of the precious metals from their ores, and more especially from slimy ores, and the invention provides means whereby to agitate the pulp in the tank by means of a suitable pump, the suction and discharge of which may both be within the same tank. In carrying out the invention the pulp is introduced in the tank and a solution of cyanide of potassium or other solvent is added, and then the pump is started and the agitation commences.

### It Is Now Colonel R. H. Miller.

Roy Miller returned from Portland last Thursday, where he went to attend a meeting of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias. He got what he went after, as he generally does, and Sumpter is now the division headquarters of the new regiment formed from the companies in eastern Oregon. Owing to Mr. Miller's hard work in the interest of the order, and also to the fact that Sumpter has the largest company in the new regiment, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel in command of the regiment.