



THE SUMPTER MINER

MET TO ORGANIZE.

LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING AT THE HOTEL SUMPTER.

While Being Royally Entertained, a Portion of the Representative People Decide to Organize so as to Benefit the District.

On Saturday evening last, there was inaugurated in this city a movement which will in time be of incalculable benefit to the city, the district, each individual mine owner, all prospectors and in fact every one who is directly or indirectly interested in the resources of eastern Oregon.

For sometime past Mr. E. L. Manning and others have had in view the idea of perfecting some scheme of organizing and bringing together the mining and business men of this section so that they could discuss the question and decide upon a method of procedure.

Realizing that the best method of reaching a man's heart, was to first fill his stomach with choice viands and a few light wines, if the latter refreshments should be desired, a fine supper was arranged for at the Hotel Sumpter and invitations were sent to prominent people of Baker City, Sumpter and the surrounding country.

This was the cause which filled the lobby of the hotel with an animated throng on the evening mentioned. A special train over the Sumpter Valley railway had brought quite a delegation from Baker City.

The committee having the matter in hand were fortunate in obtaining the consent of Judge Jacob Fawcett, of the Psyche mine, to act as toast master.

It was 10:20 p. m. when the Judge announced that in the absence of a minister to say grace, all could take seats. Immediately fifty-four persons, as representative a crowd of men as any one would desire to see, took the chairs allotted to them around the well laden tables in the handsomely arranged dining room.

At 11:25, cigars were lighted and the business—except eating and drinking—of the evening commenced.

The chairman introduced Mayor elect McCulloch, of Sumpter, who being in splendid voice, delivered the address of welcome.

Mayor R. B. Carter of Baker City, responded in a few well chosen words.

Judge Fawcett then made quite a speech, his theme being: Organization a central thought. This really brought the meeting down to a business basis, and attorney N. C. Richards followed with a few convincing arguments on the necessity of organization.

C. A. Johns of Baker City when called upon, confined most of his remarks to

the forest reserve question. He stated that he had been a resident of Baker county for fourteen years. Had a forest reserve been placed on the Blue mountains at the time he first came here, there would not now be any great mines, there would be no Sumpter nor a Sumpter Valley railway, and should this Chinese wall be now built around this country we would have but little hope for the future.

Hon., J. L. Rand not being present, Hon., J. H. Robbins responded, by request to the toast, "How organization may aid Legislation." Mr. Robbins used some convincing arguments, and cited how the present roads through the mountains of eastern Oregon, were constructed by the organized efforts of the early day settlers.

The toast "Oregon" was proposed by Anthony Mohr as follows:

"Here's to our great State of Oregon,
The pride of the golden West.
Its mountains and streams are a paragon
Compared with all the rest.

Here's to its citizens, strong and brave,
Of whom we have both young and old,
In whose midst we have neither fool or knave,
But all are honestly digging for gold.

Here's to the Blue Mountains, timber laden,
The mecca for all, oft written and told,
For fabulous riches, they are the haven,
Supplying the world with beautiful gold."

Bela Kadish, of Baker city, illustrated how organization assists enterprise.

F. G. Jewett proposed the toast "To Sour Dough Willy, the old prospector."

David L. Killen followed with a few remarks on advertising.

H. S. McCallum, of Baker city, responded to the toast, "The Ladies," and proposed that all drink to the health of "our wives, mothers and sweethearts."

Mr. Higgins, of Maryland, gave an interesting sketch of the difference of the people of the far east and those of the west, and told an amusing story of how an old timer in Oregon, had stated to him that a person might starve in the east, but out west he could go busted and come up again.

This brought the program down to "The Press." Responses were made by G. B. Small of the Baker City Democrat, James Logie of THE SUMPTER MINER and W. D. B. Dodson of the American.

The following named gentlemen responded to the request of the chairman and each in turn handled their subjects in a scholarly manner, but lack of space forbids giving even a synopsis of their remarks.

C. H. Breck, of Baker City, Joseph Barton, of the S. V. Ry., J. W. Connella, of Sumpter. E. E. McCammon, E. J. Godfrey, F. S. Baillie, C. B. Neel, Prof. W. S. Eberman, J. T. Donnelly, Fred Lack, C. H. Chance, F. A. E. Starr, A. P. Goss, W. C. Calder, T. H. Van Vleet, N. C. Haskell, Wm. Stinson, T. W. Davidson, Dr. Moulton.

E. L. Manning moved that the meet-

ing go into permanent organization. After some discussion it was decided that the chairman appoint a committee of five on ways and means. Subsequently Judge Fawcett selected the following gentlemen as such committee.

C. N. Richards, Roy H. Miller, D. L. Killen, Frank S. Baillie and E. L. Manning.

C. A. Johns proposed a vote of thanks to the proprietors and all attendees of the Hotel Sumpter which was carried unanimously.

At 1:50 a. m. the meeting was at an end. As the guests filed out of the room L. C. Jaquish announced in ringing tones: "let the battle cry of this organization be 'don't knock but boost.'"

OUR MAYOR-ELECT.

C. H. McCulloch Outlines a Portion of the Policy to be Pursued.

Mayor-elect C. H. McCulloch, amidst his many other duties, is taking time to formulate the policy which he will pursue when inducted into office the first Monday in January.

Up until this morning he had not perfected all his plans, but had no hesitation in stating that the present City Marshal would be kept in his responsible position, as the incoming mayor considers him an efficient and capable man.

Speaking of the tough element which appears to be heading towards the lively towns of eastern Oregon, our next mayor is of the opinion that they can be handled properly, and if necessary thoroughly subdued should they commit any wrong acts.

Mr. McCulloch takes a very broad view and has quite liberal ideas on the gambling question. He thinks if sure thing games are suppressed, and such games that give a man a reasonable show for his money, are allowed to run, that the sporting fraternity will be of the better class in their line and will lend their aid in upholding law and order.

Farther than this the new chief executive of municipal affairs has not as yet determined upon, but no doubt his policy in all matters will be made public when he assumes the purple robe of authority.

Have Paid For the Group.

W. H. Mead, of Spokane, who has been in the Sumpter district for several months, was in the city on Monday and Tuesday. For sometime he has been prosecuting development work on the Gladstone group, consisting of 5 claims, located ten miles northwest of Sumpter. This group was bonded from I. E. Rose by Mr. Mead and associates who have organized under the name of the Interstate mining company. Since taking charge of the property they have been running a tunnel which will cut one of the ledges when in about 300 feet. As this tunnel has not yet intersected the vein, Mr. Mead is reticent about giving out any data. However, a few days since the purchase price of the group, \$6,000 was paid over.

THEY WERE SALTED.

Neglect in Applying Business Principles Leads to Unpleasant Results.

There are some people of the finest business attainments, and men who have made their fortunes by adhering to strict business principles, that cast all their experience aside when it comes to a mining deal.

Were these same persons intending to establish a pea-nut stand on the corner, they would use unusual diligence in procuring a thoroughly posted pea-nut man to handle the business.

But when it comes to the expenditure of a large sum of money in mining deal, they are liable to look upon the employment of a thoroughly posted and reliable mining engineer, who would fully inform them on the merits or demerits of the property for a reasonable compensation, as an entirely useless outlay. Therefore they often make their own examinations and in a majority of cases pay handsomely for their neglect to apply the same business methods to mining that they would to any thing else.

Some time since a party of eastern gentlemen came to the Sumpter gold fields with the object of acquiring a gold mine provided they could find something which suited them. They all had plenty of money but they objected to employing a qualified person to sample and test the ores of one particular property they had in view. They visited the claim, took their samples and in due course had assays which yielded on an average \$400, per ton.

A friend of the party, who was a well posted man on such matters, "smelled a rat" and, with out consulting the highly elated would-be purchasers, made a trip alone to the claim, sampled it thoroughly and had assays made which gave returns of "nit."

Evidently there had been some manipulation of the first samples which flavored strongly of "salt." The friend explained to the easterns and all negotiations were off.

There is a moral in the above, and if it has an effect, the publishing of this story will be of benefit to many of those who desire to acquire mining property, and also others.

Still at the Old Stand.

The Killen, Warner & Stewart company have decided not to move from their present quarters in the Townsite company's brick block below the railway track, for the reason that they could not secure the space required for their business farther up town. Recently they acquired the south half of the building, formerly occupied by Grey and Warren. In these additional rooms the library part of their business is conducted by Mr. Heppe.