

FLOURISHING SUMPTER

CENTER of marvelously rich gold mining district. Permanent veins, ledges of immense width and uniform values. Plenty of timber, fine water power. Endorsed by leading Geologists and Mineralogists. Richest producing mines in the country. Steady progress of the camp. Development and advancement all along the line. A brisk, lively, orderly, mining town of 3500 inhabitants.

Many inquiries reaching us regarding our thriving community and the rapid advancement of this district, we will note in this issue the leading features of this wonderful gold region which conservative and experienced mining men predict is but yet in its infancy. We will reiterate however merely well attested facts, in simplest language feeling confident however that no other mineral region in the world offers more glowing opportunities for the investors of modest or large means. Sumpter's records as a producing camp is marvellous indeed yet we believe its vast wealth has been hardly scratched. The strictest investigation is courted and the great amount of capital now pouring into the region amply demonstrate the esteem in which it is held as a gold producing center.

Gold was first found in '62 near Auburn and soon after a booming camp of several thousands sprung up at that point. Later in the year some Southerners journeying to California discovered the precious metal on the present site of Sumpter, the town being named Fort Sumpter. Placer mining followed and millions and millions rewarded the throng of eager argonauts that delved for the golden ore.

'66 saw the first quartz location by Andy Smith and Jack Sanderson, stout hearted prospectors and from that first strike has developed one of the richest mining camps in the world. In '73, the Eureka and Excelsior veins were brought to light and their wonderful riches became the talk of every camp in the country. Find after find followed and wealth was quickly garnered from many mines. But with the screech of the engine whistle in '96, the permanency and prosperity of the camp was established and every year since then has seen the output increase dazzlingly. Prospect after prospect became producing mines and Sumpter blossomed into an up-to-date, hustling town of three thousand souls. Modern mining and milling methods and expert mining men have wrought a marvellous change and science has replaced the haphazard work of the old days.

The most striking and telling of all facts regarding the untold wealth of this district is the official statistics showing that we are producing \$500,000 a month of the precious metal and the enormous sum is being rapidly increased. We

have a dozen or more mines turning out upwards of \$25 to \$50,000 a month. Yet mining here is but begun and the record in the region is one of steady success. As has been said, "that in no instance where a true ledge has been developed in a systematic, intelligent, manner, has a failure been recorded."

But we will quote from the greatest geologists and mineralogists living: Dr. Alfred R. C. Selwyn, M. C. G., F. R. S., the eminent English authority, and Professor Waldemar Lindgren, of the United States Geological Survey. Their opinions cannot be questioned. Dr. Selwyn states:

"I find in eastern Oregon one of the most interesting and hopeful mineral zones of the globe. The formation, contour, climate, accessibility, timber and water form a combination which tends to reduce the cost of extracting gold to the minimum. And, in addition, I find the ores are less refractory and contain a larger amount of free gold, generally speaking; besides they are softer and less expensive to treat.

"Referring to the quartz ledges adjacent to Sumpter, I say unreservedly that I have never been in any mining country which I consider more promising, or as having a brighter future than that of eastern Oregon. The ledges here have immense breadths, and there is not a shadow of doubt in my mind but that values will continue with depth here, just as they have in Australia and in California, in what geologists know to be identically the same formation."

Professor Lindgren: "As to this district, I have not the slightest doubt but that values will continue with depth to a point beyond which no modern mechanical appliances can operate mines at a profit. In other words, there is practically no limit to the depth of values here. I believe the district has a fortune second to no mining camp in America. It has a splendid climate and wood and water are here in inexhaustible quantities. It is reached by the railroad, and there are no hardships here compared to those in other camps.

The mineral region surrounding Sumpter consists of 500 square miles, cut by a network of quartz veins carrying gold in native and concentrating form, the native gold constituting sixty per cent of the value and saved by amalgamation; the remaining values are concentrated and recovered by smelting or the cyanide process of reduction. It covers more than twenty times the area of Cripple Creek, the world famous Colorado gold camp. Besides Sumpter, there are thriving mining camps at Granite, Whitney, Geiser, Alamo, Bourne, Prairie City, Susanville, all tributary to our city.

The stories of our great mines are interesting and picturesque and would take pages in the telling. We will mention merely their names, however, but they are all worth millions today and their fame has extended to every mining camp in the world. The North Pole, Bonanza, Red Boy, Great Northern, Golconda, Columbia, Ibex, Eureka & Excelsior, Badger, Yankee Boy—and all of these fabulously rich properties carry ore which at times assays as high as \$50,000 a ton. There are many other producing mines and excellent prospects which need but the magic touch of capital to place them in the list of dividend payers.

Placing is also a road to wealth and

many of the placers of former days which were insufficiently worked are now yielding rich returns, the average value of the placer mines being fifty cents to \$4.50 per cubic yard.

Sumpter is without the shadow of a doubt destined to be one of the greatest gold camps on earth—and the time is close at hand. With splendid transportation facilities, permanent veins, increasing in riches with depth, fine timber and excellent water power, abounding natural advantages and quartz and placer mines of demonstrated richness, our mineral fields invite the capitalist and investor to come among us and share our feast of gold, with sublime confidence that none will be disappointed. Now is the time and now is the hour, for fortune knocks but once at every man's door. The new smelter in course of erection will be of vast benefit to the district.

The city of Sumpter is an up to date, progressive camp of three thousand inhabitants, with every requisite of a flourishing city of that size. We have all modern conveniences, electric lights, telephones and telegraph connections, two solid banks, fine climate, pure water, good schools, churches, and we wish to emphasize the fact that statistics show our section to be the most law abiding mining community in the world. The right hand of friendly greeting and fellowship awaits the honest, industrious newcomer.

THE BANK OF SUMPTER,

A. P. GOSS, PRESIDENT; G. H. TRACY JR., CASHIER.

This institution is so thoroughly identified with Sumpter that we award it a leading place in these columns. It is a strong, progressive, concern, reflecting great credit on the city and it satisfactorily and amply meets the needs of our community for a high class, solid, bank. As a rule, the important part played by banks is not realized by the public. Most persons look on them merely as a place of safekeeping for money and they have no adequate conception of the fact that they play a leading part in the success of many enterprises. The management of this bank could hardly be improved on while looking after its own interests as is its bounden duty it is always ready to do what it properly can to advance the interests of this section. It is conservative as it must be but all approved ventures that safe banking can foster may be sure of support from this bank. It is increasing its business rapidly and it has a right to take pride in the high standard it maintains. Its vaults are strong and up to date, drafts are drawn on all parts of the world, interest allowed on time deposits and safety deposit boxes are rented. In short, no requisite of a first class, successful, bank is lacking. Mr. Goss, the president and owner of the institution is a well known financier and is a gentleman of high honor, proven capacity, and unremitting energy. He understands banking in all its phases and he is a factor of great importance in our town. Personally, he is a brisk, cordial, individual, of courteous address and all depositors whether large or small receive from the officials of the bank polite and prompt attention, with every accommodation that safe, conservative banking will permit. We gladly bear testimony to the strength and high standing of this institution. Mr. G. H. Tracy jr., the cashier is eminently well fitted for his important

post and ably seconds Mr. Goss's efforts in making the bank a highly successful and popular institution.

J. P. HOLLAND,

SUCCESSOR TO CONNELL COMMISSION CO., HAY, GRAIN, FEED, POULTRY SUPPLIES.

Mr. Holland is a recent addition to our mercantile life, and we bid him welcome, as there is plenty of room for him. He bought out Mr. Connell's business and we assure this gentleman that he has acquired a lively, up to date establishment which has always done well here. It has a large trade and its reputation has always been maintained at the very highest standards. Hay, grain and feed are dealt in; also poultry supplies, and the aim of the house has always been to supply only the best and at fair, honest prices. Mr. Holland was formerly located in Eugene and was for a time engaged in educational work. He is therefore a gentleman of broad general culture and there is no doubt that he will prove an important factor in the community. Mr. Holland comes here at a very opportune time, as the city is growing every day. We extend best wishes to Mr. Holland and endorse him as a gentleman of sterling integrity, business capacity and enterprise.

BASCHE HARDWARE CO.

C. C. BASCHE, MANAGER.

This is a hardware establishment which we do not think can be equalled in all these United States for a town of this size, as it is up to date in every respect, well fitted up and large and commodious. A stock is carried which suits our people exactly. No unreliable article was ever sold by him and his name is a synonym for commercial honor and enterprise. All kinds of shelf and heavy hardware are kept, a specialty being made of mining supplies, and no customer was ever overcharged by him, the best value possible being given for the money. A high class hardware store, managed on broad lines, is a great advantage to any town and we are well served indeed by Mr. Basche. This is a branch of the Baker City house, though the manager here, Mr. C. C. Basche, is Mr. Basche's son. These gentlemen are known practically to every man, woman and child in the county, as they are pioneers and have always held prominent and honorable positions in this part of the state. Mr. Basche belongs to the Elks and is a keen, progressive individual, offhand and generous in his dealings.

DRS. OGLE & SCHULTZ,

DENTISTS

Drs. Ogle & Schultz are numbered among the most successful dentists in the State of Oregon and their patients increase from month to month. The most nervous person can resign himself (or herself) to his care as they are considerate and of special ability. Dentistry as practiced by them is a fine art indeed and they seldom or never lose a patron, they being both conscientious, highminded and skillful and their instruments of the very best. The writer has inspected their parlors and marvelled indeed to find in a town of this size such a complete, well equipped, dental establishment. There are four rooms, two for operating, a handsome, tasty parlor and a laboratory and nothing is lacking that the up to date, progressive dentist should have. They have had a great deal of experience in their calling