

## The Sumpter Miner

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Now that a new year is just commencing, the mineral commissioners appointed by the federal government will be completing their compilation of figures giving the output of precious metals from the different states and territories. Where will Oregon be when the final count is made? Will it be as heretofore, other states securing the credit for the treasure which is wrested from Oregon hills? How long are Oregon's mining population going to stand this injustice? Are we going to be continually robbed of our birthright because a few pumpkin rollers, hay pushers, sheep herders and others, who do not understand the situation, object to any enactment which would secure the mining industries just recognition. Must we sit down and fold our hands and say we can't because some behind-the-age people may think so?

It is an old established custom at the end of the year for newspapers to give more or less statistical information concerning the progress that has been made in their locality during the year that has just closed. THE MINER has not been a journal which followed the effete and stereotyped methods of the past, preferring to do business on a more up-to-date plan. Yet the advancement of this district during the past twelve months has been so wonderful, it deserves more than a passing notice. It would require a thorough statistician, and it would keep him busy every day in the year, to give an accurate account of the many important events which are continually happening for the betterment of the section in which we live. In the past year new prospects have been found by the hundreds. Scores of mines and healthy prospective mines have been sold or bonded. The producing mines have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the world's wealth. Hundreds of people have been employed at the highest wages. Great improvement have been made in the way of transportation and in the manner of manipulating our ores. Sumpter, the gateway city to fabulous fields of gold, has not been a whit behind in the procession. Many new buildings have been erected, the most of which are brick. Every available store and dwelling house is occupied. A \$200,000 smelter is rapidly approaching completion almost if not quite in the city limits. In fact improvement and progress is in the air. And yet it is well known that this is but the beginning. Who is there that regrets that their lot is cast amidst the gold fields of eastern Oregon?

### RETURN OF AN OLD SUMPTERITE

Former City Engineer Has Been Boring for Oil in Colorado.

C. H. Fenner, formerly city engineer of the City of Sumpter, returned here yesterday after being absent one year and a half. He will go to Seattle in a day or two, then return to Sumpter, which will be his home in the future, it being understood that he and Arthur Philbrick will occupy the same offices.

While absent Mr. Fenner held the position as superintendent and state agent for the Archuleta Oil company of Portland, Oregon. This company

owns a large tract of oil lands in southern Colorado. Hon. J. H. Robbins, of Sumpter, is president; while Hugh McGuire and J. H. Hawley, of Portland, are manager and secretary, respectively.

They have a fine showing for a large natural reservoir of lubricating oil, as there is a flowing spring of that product a short distance from where they have a well down 1000 feet.

Work is now stopped on account of cold weather, but will be prosecuted with energy in the spring.

### Englands Financial Bulwark.

The Bank of England generally contains sufficient gold in 16-ponnd bars to make 20,000,000 sovereigns. The bank, which stands in three parishes, covers three acres of ground, and, as the current price of land in the vicinity works out at \$5,000,000 an acre, it is easy to form an idea of the money value of the home of England's wealth. The ratable tax is about \$5000 a week, the bank employs about 1000 people, pays \$1,250,000 a year in wages, and \$175,000 a year in pensions.

### Interested in the District.

I. H. Hatfield, a prominent attorney of Lincoln, Nebraska, also instructor in the law branch of the State University, is now sojourning in the Sumpter district. Mr. Hatfield visited Sumpter last September and was so favorably impressed with the possibilities of the mining industry that he has become identified with it to a considerable extent. He is one of the stockholders in the Black Jack Mining Company, mention of which is made elsewhere.

### At the Golden Wizzard Mine.

Manager J. M. McPhee, of the Golden Wizzard mine, was in the city yesterday. He reports that the machinery ordered for the mine is due to arrive from Denver, Colorado, any day. Included in this shipment is a station pump of 1000 gallons per minute capacity which it is anticipated will thoroughly handle the inflow of water. By the 10th instant this property will be working full blast with a full crew of men.

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