

BACK AT OLD HOME

Sumpter Couple Now Visiting In the East.

The Worcester, Massachusetts, Telegram of December 24, has, among other things, the following to say of an old Sumpterite and his wife who are spending the holiday season in the old Bay State.

Peter D. Healey and wife, who left Worcester 17 years ago for a honeymoon which ended at the Pacific coast, are in Spencer at the home of Patrick Connors on Bell street. Mr. Healey and his Worcester bride were married in Boston, and after bidding their friends goodbye for a honeymoon, went to the far west and did not return.

They are here for a few weeks, when they will go back to their home in Sumpter, Oregon, which they would not forsake for ten cities like Worcester.

Mr. Healey was seen by a Telegram man today, and talked of the west. Mr. Healey is 42 years old, and was born in Ireland. He came to Worcester 22 years ago, and after learning the boot and shoe working trade, found work in J. H. Walker's large shop, which was then one of Worcester's great industries.

After five years' stay in the Heart of the Commonwealth, he took it upon himself to enter the matrimonial state, and so took a young Worcester girl for his bride. The day after the marriage the couple left with no intention of going very far. Mr. Healey had money, and while on the tour he concluded with his wife to go direct to Portland, Ore. From there they went to Newport, an excellent summer resort, as up to date, he says, as Newport, R. I.

Under the term of President Cleveland he was made postmaster of the place, which had a population of over 3000 people and kept the office until William McKinley was elected. He was obliged to quit after eight months' work, a republican taking his place. In connection with the post office he ran a shoe store. After losing the postmastership, he went to Sumpter, about 300 miles from Portland. The town was small then, but it has grown well, and has a population of nearly 4000. It is chiefly a mining town.

Mr. Healey is extensively interested in mining and is treasurer of the Lucky Boy Mining Co., and resident manager of the Grizzly Gold Mining Co. He has accumulated a large amount of money since he went west, 17 years ago, and says the chance is yet open, but is being eagerly grasped by men of the east who are going there in large numbers every year. He considers mining a work of common sense and good judgment. He has with him samples of ore from his claims. One piece is worth, he said, about \$60,000 to the ton. Aside from what shares he owns, he has with another about 320 acres of placer mine, another grade of gold which can be mined more easily than the ordinary ore.

He reached Spencer last night, but was in Worcester a few days. Mr. Healey will remain in Spencer a few days, and after a short stay in Worcester will go to New York, to see several mining magnates. Times have worked a great change with him in his 17 years absence from Worcester. Leaving, he was practically a poor man, and today has enormous wealth to his credit. He is modest in his accounts, and says it is no more than what the ordinary man could have done had he taken the chance.

After working a while in the west he lost about \$5000 on a railroad deal, and

started in at once to make it up on mining stock.

Mr. Healey says he has no use for the east, and is satisfied with only a few weeks' visit. He says there are no chances in the east such as are offered in the west. He tells of recent ventures made by people in which thousands were reaped. John P. Hayes of Philadelphia bought the Bonanza mine, half a mile from the Lucky Boy, two years ago, and after keeping it a year, sold out. He paid about \$500,000 for the mine and sold for \$2,000,000 to the Standard Oil Co.

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A DOZEN DIFFERENT WAYS.

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