

**SMALL FIRE SUNDAY.**

**House on Columbia Street Slightly Damaged.**

Sumpter had the unusual experience of a small fire at 8 o'clock on last Sunday morning.

A cottage on the east side of Columbia street, between North and High streets, was the scene of the trouble.

The premises were occupied by Dwight and T. M. Moore, two brothers who are employed by Bergman & Company.

Mrs. Dwight Moore had given birth to a child at 11 o'clock Saturday evening. The lady and child were carefully moved to R. L. Neill's residence, nearby, where they have been resting easy since.

Sumpter's fire department were, as usual, promptly on the scene and soon had the blaze, which started in the garret, and was caused by a defective flue, under control.

Mrs. Bert Ross, of Baker City, owned the building, and Mrs. Durkee, of the Red Boy, the furniture. There was no insurance, and a couple of hundred dollars will repair the damages.

Business men and citizens generally, praise the efficiency of the fire department, and claim that no city of its size has a better drilled body of men to guard its safety from this element.

**PRECIOUS METAL PRODUCTION.**

**Preliminary Estimate of the Director of the Mint For 1902.**

WASHINGTON Jan. 5.—George H. Roberts, director of the mint, today issued his preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1902.

The total production of gold was \$80,853,070, an increase for the year of \$2,186,370. The production of silver amounted to \$31,040,025, a net increase of \$3,352,084.

Following is the estimated production of states:

	Gold, value.	Silvers, Commercial value.
Alabama	2,837	5,000
Alaska	7,823,783	30,061
Arizona	4,155,099	1,000,100
California	17,124,941	480,793
Colorado	57,502,429	9,085,714
Georgia	102,388	445
Idaho	2,617,137	3,180,000
Maryland	5,956	2
Michigan	30,800	6,000,000
Montana	4,134,365	6,800,000
Nevada	3,514,212	2,120,000
New Mexico	688,400	288,602
North Carolina	90,713	11,418
Oregon	1,860,465	63,000
South Carolina	347,928	152
South Dakota	7,398,067	182,372
Tennessee	145	
Texas	600	250,372
Utah	3,720,930	6,300,000
Virginia	4,444	273
Washington	434,100	360,400
Wyoming	45,230	2,756
Totals	\$80,853,070	\$31,040,025
Klondike	14,562,101	91,768
None, including Alaska	5,502,256	9,540

**Quartzburg Mining Notes.**

The compressor plant at the Copperopolis mine, at Quartzburg, is now at work and is doing better work than expected.

Eckmann, a mining expert of Baker City, says that the mines in Dixie Meadows district will be equal to any other in

the state of Oregon.

W. W. Gibbs, manager of the Copperopolis mine, left for Portland on Tuesday. He will return to Quartzburg in about 30 days.

James R. Hodson, of Sumpter, an expert miner and machinist, who has completed a contract on the Bonanza mine, has taken the contract for 200 feet of work on the Copperopolis mine at Quartzburg. His son, Sid, is assisting him in the work.

Byron Sherbondy has sold his great mining property, at Quartzburg, to A. H. Willett, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for \$18,000. It has been held at \$300,000.—Prairie City Miner.

**NEW DYNAMO IN OPERATION.**

**Sumpter's Electric Plant Now in Excellent Working Order.**

The new dynamo for the Sumpter Light and Power company which has been in transit for a long time has arrived at last and was put in commission on last Friday night.

This addition to the company's plant has a capacity of 1000 lights.

Soon the entire line will be completely overhauled and new transformers put in.

Mr. J. E. Shinn, an electrician of wide experience, is now in the employ of the company.

**Two Items of Interest.**

Director of the the Mint Roberts estimates that the annual consumption of the precious metals reaches a total of \$137,000,000, of which \$80,000,000 is gold and \$57,000,000 is silver.

It is of interest to note that only 30 per cent of the silver produced in the United States is from silver ores, the remainder of the output being a by-product of lead and copper.

Miller cap protectors. T. G. Harrison agent for Baker, Grant and Union counties.

**TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 1, 1888.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, January 12, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 1, 1888, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892.

WILLIAM C. WILLEY, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 184, for the purchase of the 1/2 of Section No. 10 in Township No. 11 South, Range No. 18 E W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter Oregon, on Friday, the 13th day of April, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, James Collins and Ralph Mead, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 13th day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

**CONTEST NOTICE.**

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, January 10, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James D. Kennet, contestant, against homestead entry No. 8840, made December 27, 1890, for 1/2 of 1/4 Sec. 15, S. 14, W. 1/4 Sec. 14, and N. 1/4 Sec. 21, Township 10 S, Range 17 E W. M., by Charles Trimble, contestee, in which it is alleged that Charles Trimble has wholly abandoned said tract for more than six months last past, and abandoned said tract and left this section of the State more than two years last past. That he never at any time cultivated and improved said tract, as required by the homestead law. The only improvements that he ever made on said tract he built a small cabin, and that said cabin has been abandoned and gone to wreck, that said alleged a son of the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, as a private, officer, seaman, or marine, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 24, 1903, before C. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at Sumpter, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 28, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 24, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register

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- House and Lot in Sunnyside - - - 250
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- Fine Residence Lot on Bonanza - - - 250
- Lot on Lower Mill Street - - - 300
- 4-Room House on Parkinson Avenue - - - 650
- Two Houses and Lot on Parkinson Avenue - - - 800
- 5-Room House and Lot, good Stable, in Sumpter Heights - - - 700
- Corner Lot, good location - - - 350
- Desirable Residence Lot, Upper Mill Street - - - 500
- 6-Room House, good stable - - - 675
- Lot 30x150 - - - 100
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