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On Monday next the First Bank of Sumpter, in a measure, will be a thing of the past, as the First National Bank of Sumpter will succeed the old institution. The same officers handle the affairs of the National bank as looked after the business of the private concern. This bank is one of the financial bulwarks of eastern Oregon, having the confidence of all who have need for that useful commodity called money, as it will be managed in the future, as its predecessor was in the past, it will grow with this growing country, so that its future is beyond the possibilities of conjecture.

It is with the greatest of care that THE MINER has gone over all the bills introduced up to this time in the state legislature. On another page all the space that could be given to the subject in one issue has been used so as to permit those interested in mining an opportunity to see what the gist of these bills are. That of Representative Robbins, of Baker county, covers everything with more detail than any of the others. The Robbins measure should receive close study from mining men. Especially those who are looking to distant points for the means with which to develop their properties. It is the opinion of THE MINER that the requirements in this bill are too drastic. People who engage in the occupation of lode mining realize that working underground is a hazardous employment, and naturally take precautions. But will they not object to being guided by statute as to how much powder they shall keep on a level, or whether they shall tamp a loaded hole with a steel or iron bar or a stick of wood? These are only two samples of the minuteness with which the Robbins bill describes how mining shall be carried on. Will such a measure tend toward keeping money from being invested in Oregon mines, is a question to be considered? Capital is shy, if too much hampered in one place it will seek other fields. It must be borne in mind that unfavorable legislation toward mining paralyzed that industry in two provinces in Canada, and has injured the industry to more or less extent in different states of the Union. The Robbins bill should be carefully studied before it becomes a law.

Card of Appreciation.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Oregon Monarch Gold Mining Company, the authorities of the Methodist Church, and the many friends, who so kindly assisted us in our sad affliction, when an inexplicable, but wise Providence, suddenly took from our circle two of our comrades.

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Sumpter Valley Postal Car.

On or about the first of February, the postal service will be inaugurated on the Sumpter Valley railway. A combination postal and baggage car will be used. The reason for not having this feature in readiness before was the fact that a postal clerk could not be secured sooner.

T. G. Harrison, agent for Giant powder company.

N. J. SORENSEN & CO. BUYS BANNOCK BURN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

65 feet and should be close to the vein. Thence to the west 125 feet is another tunnel or drift in on the vein a distance of 55 feet. This is known as the Bannock Burn tunnel and has exposed a fine showing of No. 1 ore, having a width of from 4 to 10 feet, but has not yet shown up either wall. At its face a crosscut has been driven to the north showing the vein to be 18 feet in width and no definite wall as yet. The higher grade ore lays on the south wall. Further up the mountain some 200 feet there is an open cut 5 feet deep and 15 feet long, exposing the vein of ore 12 feet in width, 8 feet of which carries good commercial values. From thence up the mountain to the west at a distance of 250 to 350 feet apart there are open cuts made on the apex of the vein showing good values, as well as the same strong vein as all the other openings have done to the east. At the west end line near the summit of the mountain there are two open cuts exposing the vein from 35 to 40 feet in width and carrying good values.

"On the Highland claim there has been a crosscut tunnel started for the purpose of opening up and developing the Highland vein as well as the Eldorado vein, and at the present time it has the appearance at its face as though it was entering into the Highland vein, which is a large, strong lode. The tunnel is in 80 feet, and will cut the Eldorado vein at a depth of 200 feet."

Neil J. Sorensen & Co., will proceed at once to extensively develop this great, valuable property. Messrs. Otto Herlocker and Frank Shelton, of the firm, Chief Clerk Donahue and the entire office force, after a resting spell of a month, are in training to tackle the big, alluring job. For a while, knowing that this firm never allows its name to be connected with anything but the best and that such properties are becoming scarcer and more difficult to get hold of every day, it was thought that these rustlers would have to remain inactive for a season, but with Mr. Sorensen's proverbial energy and shrewdness, which some call luck, he has secured control of a mine that even he becomes enthusiastic over.

As one operator remarks in discussing the deal: "I would rather have his luck than a license to steal. I have been trying to buy that property for a year and couldn't make a move."

FROM FRIDAY MINE IN IDAHO.

Unusually Rich Find of Gold Ore on 130-Foot Level.

Neil J. Sorensen & Co. received a letter this morning from D. M. Griffith, superintendent of the Friday mine, at Pearl, Idaho, stating that a fine body of gold ore had been encountered in the east drift on the 130 foot level.

One foot of this ore is exceedingly rich in gold; in fact as high or higher than any heretofore uncovered in that section of the country. The body carries every evidence of being permanent. Mr. Griffith also writes that the mine is looking fine in every way, and further, that the striking of this ore body in that particular place, adds wonderfully to its value.

Look Out For the Ground Hog.

Next Monday will be ground hog day. Weather prophets and others should bear this fact in mind, as the actions of this animal is said to denote the length of time that winter is to remain with us. According to the old belief should the ground hog see his shadow he returns to his burrow and remains six

weeks, and for that length of time winter will last. Should he not see his reflection on the snow, or ground as the case may be, he does not return, and winter was half over at Christmas. Parties interested must note if February 2d is clear or cloudy.

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