

The Sumpter Miner

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY BY

JAMES LOGIE

T. G. GWYNNE, EDITOR

Entered at the postoffice in Sumpter, Oregon, for transmission through the mails as second class matter.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Year \$2.00
Six Months 1.25

ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

THE movement to organize a chamber of commerce should meet with the hearty commendation of the business and mining interests of the city. Such an institution is badly needed in Sumpter, and with proper management it would prove of lasting benefit. The time is ripe for its organization and the committee in charge should take steps at once to this end.

STATISTICS show that the profits obtained from the various branches of the mining industry are increasing every year. Capital is beginning to recognize the fact that as a safe and paying investment mining offers one of the most attractive fields. Unvexed with the problems of over production or panics and the mine owner with a producing property has a steady dividend payer regardless of commercial conditions.

MAYOR McCulloch is lending his aid to the very laudable scheme to build a county road from Sumpter to the Burnt River Valley. The Burnt River people have signed the petition and have signified their willingness to give money or work toward the building the road and the citizens of Sumpter will be asked to follow suit. This is a move in the right direction. Sumpter needs better facilities of communication with the outside world. There is no necessity of paying freight and middlemen's profits when by building good county roads leading into the city business relations may be established with the rich agricultural country which is adjacent to the city.

IT is growing extremely difficult to find an investment which offers any reasonable return with good security. Stock Exchange business is dull, which means that the crop of lambs this year seems small. Overcapitalization of industrials has staggered the classes who used to put their faith in this form of investment. They look upon many of the companies as top heavy and likely to tumble at the first financial blast. There never was a time when mining properly conducted could pay such dividends as at present. It has advanced as a business wonderfully within late years. It is the one investment which offers unbounded returns and good security.—North American Miner.

THE desire to increase the production of our precious metals is not a sordid or a narrow, local, selfish one. Its importance reaches beyond the interests of the miner who mines it, the railroad that transports it, the smelter that treats it, or the state or country in which it is found. It is an industry as wide as human commerce and civilization, and its product is inspired, not by selfishness, but by a patriotic and industrial sentiment and inspiration that should be fostered and protected in every way by the government and a loyal people, in the same patriotic spirit that we protect

and defend the flag of the nation, and to encourage and protect the productive industries of the people is the highest type of statesmanship under any form of government.—Western Mining World.

A HEALTHY sign is the numerous inquiries which are daily pouring in from easterners in regard to mining investments and all sorts of other business ventures. Mining stock is finding an easy sale in the east, and capitalists are becoming interested in Sumpter. It is safe to say that more business opportunities exist right here now than in any other mining camp in the world. While Sumpter has already a number of big producing mines, when the vastness of the district is taken into consideration, it is only just to say that the mineral wealth yet remains practically untouched. Even the larger mines which are now producing are scarcely touched. The deepest do not extend below 1,000 feet, and what does this amount to in this age of improved deep mining machinery? Sumpter has the brightest future of any mining camp in the world.

TO ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Feeling That Such a Body
Should Exist and Movement
to Perfect Organization.

There is a general feeling among the business and mining interests of Sumpter that some sort of a commercial organization of the nature of a chamber of commerce should exist in the city. At the business men's banquet held last December, a movement to this end was inaugurated by the appointment of a committee with full power to act. The committee was as follows: N. C. Richards, E. L. Manning, D. L. Killen, R. H. Miller and Frank Baillie.

This committee has never felt justified in taking steps toward the immediate execution of the plan, until now it is stated that it is thought the time is ripe for such a movement, and it is probable that something will be done in this direction before long. The idea is to organize a commercial and mining club, or in other words to launch an institution which will partake of the general nature of a chamber of commerce.

The consensus of opinion among the leading mining and business men of the city is that such an institution properly officered would prove of lasting benefit to the material development of the district. It is probable that steps will be taken at once toward the perfection of the organization.

Married at Baker City.

David A. Edlin, of the firm of Edlin & Starbuck, this city, and Miss Prens Medarrich, of Seattle, were married at Baker City yesterday, Rev. J. M. Wilder officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Edlin will arrive in a few days and make their residence in Sumpter.

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

WORK AT STORM KING

Force to be Increased to Get
Water Out of Way and
Development Continued.

T. J. Costello, president of the Forest Mining company, which is operating the Storm King group in the Cable Cove district, left today for the property to make arrangements for increasing his force of men to take care of the water in the shaft which is now giving some trouble. The company is now sinking on the Eureka claim. By increasing the force President Costello thinks the water can be kept out of the way until the shaft can be sunk deep enough to give assurance of a good ore body. When this is accomplished the company will start in 1,400 feet from the shaft on the southeast end of the property and drift on the ledge.

The Storm King group includes seven full claims in the Cable Cove district, which the present state of development indicates will prove a fine property. The shaft is being sunk on the saddle between Winchester and Sloan mountains. From this point the ledge pitches under Winchester mountain indicating that extensive ore bodies exist.

A large force will be put on this summer and several of the other claims will be opened up. Assays show good ore, some of them going as high as \$100 to the ton.

VETERAN MINER PASSES AWAY.

Aged Prospector Files on His Last Claim.

James Ross, a veteran prospector and mining man, died Sunday morning at the Capital hotel, of paralysis, aged 60. He was born at Sherbrooke, Canada, of Scotch ancestry, and early in life he came to the States, serving through the Civil war in the Confederate army. As a mining man, he prospected through Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia, coming to eastern Oregon about five years ago. In this district he located some well known properties. He was well connected in Canada, and a man of superior attainments.

The remains were buried Monday from Case and company's undertaking parlors, Rev. Wilder, of the Methodist church, officiating. A choir composed of Mesdames Landreth, Kahler, Miss Wilder, and Messrs. Allen,

Costello and Collins sang, "Nearer My God to Thee," while Alderman V. R. Mead, an ex-Union soldier, draped the body with the United States flag.

BOND TAKEN UP ON PORCUPINE

Seattle People to Start Development Work at Once.

The Seattle company which took a bond on the Porcupine group of claims in the Cracker Creek district last July for \$11,500 has made the last payment on the property. The company had six months more in which to make the final payment but owing to the fact that it is well pleased with the property it was concluded to take up the bond.

It is understood that extensive development work is to be started in a short time.

Hurt His Back.

Prof. W. S. Eberman, while in St. Paul, returning from his trip east, had the misfortune to fall on a stairway severely wrenching his back. He arrived here last week and left at once for Baker City to receive medical treatment.

EXTENSION OF SUMPTER VALLEY.

Rails Ordered for Construction
of Twelve Miles Beyond
Whitney Into Greenhorn.

The announcement published in the Herald yesterday that the Sumpter Valley Railroad company had ordered 700 tons of 40-pound steel rails for immediate delivery, created intense satisfaction in local business circles. The new rails are intended for an extension of the Sumpter Valley road from Whitney twelve miles further into the Greenhorn mountain country. This authoritative announcement was made to the Herald yesterday by General Passenger and Traffic Manager Joseph Barton, prior to his departure for Portland. Surveys by Joseph West have been completed, estimates made, and everything is in readiness for the actual commencement of construction. Mr. Barton's visit to Portland is to prepare for the employment of a small army of graders, who will be placed at work as soon as spring opens.—Baker City Herald.

TWO WAYS

To get best results from your engine—use "EUREKA" or some other PACKING.

ONE SAFE WAY—always use "EUREKA". YOUR ENGINE will work more economically with a ROBERTSON-THOMPSON INDICATOR to adjust the valves. A HINE ELIMINATOR keeps water out of the cylinder and oil out of boiler,

Jas. L. Robertson and Sons, Fulton Street, N. Y.

