

BURNT RIVER VALLEY ROAD.

Petition Signed by all Residents of District.

TAPS RICH COUNTRY.

Highway Will Bring Trade to Sumpter Which Heretofore Has Gone to Baker City—Market Garden Stuff Can be Sold Directly to Consumer—Insures Fresh Vegetables and Cuts Out Middleman's Profit—Benefit to Both Sections.

At the instance of Mayor McCulloch a petition addressed to the County Court of Baker County, for a county road to be established from Sumpter to the Burnt River valley, a distance of some twelve miles, has been circulated among the citizens of the valley which it is designed to tap. It received the signatures of all the residents of this district, fifty-one in number. During this month the petition will be circulated here. Any one desiring to sign it may do so by calling at Mayor McCulloch's office. The proposed location of the road is described as follows:

Commencing at a point east of the City of Sumpter, distance about one mile more or less, and where what is known as the Joe Young road bears south from the road between the City of Sumpter, and McEween, the same being at or near the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 4 Tp. 10 S., R. 37 E. W. M., Baker county, Oregon, and running thence in a southerly direction through sections 4 and 9, thence southeasterly through Section 15 and 23, and to a point near the middle of the dividing line between Sections 26 and 25; thence bearing slightly southwest to a point near the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 2 in Tp. 11 S., R. 37 E. W. M.; thence running southwesterly through the southeast quarter of Section 3 and thence continuing said course through Sections 10 and 16 and crossing the dividing line between Sections 20 and 21 near the middle thereof; thence in the same course through Section 29 and to what is known as "Kings Ranch" in Section 31 or to some other convenient point in said section 31 which will connect with the road in that neighborhood.

The residents of the Burnt River Valley are extremely anxious to have the road located and express a willingness to contribute to this end in work or money. The business men of Sumpter will be asked to contribute their share. Some two years ago this matter was taken up and several hundred dollars were contributed here, but from some cause or other it failed to materialize. It is proposed now to push it through.

It is stated that the establishment of this road will prove of lasting benefit to the people of both Sumpter and the Burnt River Valley, inasmuch as it taps a rich section where all kinds of vegetables and market garden stuffs are grown which will be shipped directly to this city, thereby establishing a trade between the two points to the mutual benefit of each. Heretofore this trade has

gone to Baker City, the same products being shipped to Sumpter five days later with the commission man's profits added. The building of the road will put Sumpter in direct touch with this fertile district, and will not only insure a supply of fresh vegetables direct to the consumer, but will establish trade relations between the two points.

APPOINTED NOTARY.

Manning & Welsh Also Receive Agency for two Old Fire Insurance Companies.

L. M. Welsh, of the real estate firm of Manning & Welsh, has received a commission as notary public. Both members of the firm are now notaries. The firm has recently received the agency of the Aetna, of the United States, and the Scottish Union and National of Great Britain, two of the largest fire insurance companies in the world.

Property Changes Hands.

The Stratton property on Bonanza street was sold this week by Manning & Welsh to a party from Bourne, as an investment. The same firm also disposed of the Snyder property on Fairview avenue, to D. P. Healy a few days ago.

ASK ABOUT SUMPTER.

Inquiries Concerning Camp Pouring in From all Over.

Speaking of the interest manifested in Sumpter all over the country, and incidentally the value of liberal advertising, E. L. Manning, of the firm of Manning & Welsh, has this to say:

"A safe guide to the reputation which Sumpter is acquiring as an important mining center throughout the country from Maine to California, may be safely adduced from the letters of inquiry which we daily receive. I think I make no mistake when I say that our firm within the past few weeks has received letters of inquiry from every state in the Union. These letters in the main ask about investments, what property in Sumpter is worth, and what is the outlook of the district. To say the least, they show that people are interested in Sumpter and exhibit a willingness to invest their money here. All they have to do is to come here and they will soon be convinced that Sumpter is one of the best mining camps in the country, and that any sort of a reasonable investment here is bound to pay."

REDUCED RATES FROM THE EAST

Commencing February 15 and continuing until April 30, there will be low rates from the east via the Illinois Central railroad to all Washington, Oregon and Idaho points. If any of your friends or relatives in the east are coming west while these rates are in effect, give us their name and address, and we will make it our business to see that they are given the best possible service. We operate through personally conducted excursion cars, and in fact give you the benefit of the latest conveniences known to modern railroading. We have fifteen different routes between the east and the west, and are in position to give you the benefit of the best combinations. Write us and we will give you full particulars.

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