

LOST PLACERS.

Interesting Story Told by Judge Evans.

Judge Evans, of this city, learned through a tramp telegraph operator in Colorado in 1898 the details of a tragic search after the yellow metal in Lower California by some deserters from the United States army at National City, California, during the Ensenada excitement in 1886, or about that time. He tells the story as follows:

"The story was told me by one of those versatile hoboes, known as a tramp telegraph operator, and afterwards verified by a visit to Mexico. During the Ensenada excitement four troupers deserted the army at National City, and started south in quest of gold. What they suffered from thirst and from the burning sands of the Lower California deserts, no one will ever know. They wandered about for weeks and months perhaps, finally crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains, and the desert stretch of ninety miles to the shores of the gulf. There three men were discovered aimlessly pacing back and forth on the beach by a passing boat and taken to Angel Island. They were raving maniacs, famished and frenzied for the want of drink and food. From Angel Island in the gulf they were transferred to a mission at Guaymas, in the state of Sonora. On the men was found \$14,000 in gold nuggets. They were nursed and cared for at the mission, but two of them died without ever regaining their senses. The third became lucid just before death and gave the story of their suffering and of the marvelous wealth they had discovered in the mountains.

"He said that after leaving National City they journeyed southward many days. Their supply of water gave out and the burning heat of the desert became almost unendurable. Their horses were the first to succumb, then one of his companions died. Famished for want of food and parched by thirst, the remaining three finally succeeded in making their way to the mountains. There they encountered a box canyon or coulee as we would call it in this country, where they found water and some game for food. After regaining their strength they decided to explore the canyon, and it was here they found the wonderful deposit of gold. They secured \$14,000 in nuggets which they picked out of the canyon, and started for the gulf coast, a distance of ninety miles across the tropic desert.

"The last survivor was from Buffalo, New York, and his portion of the wealth was sent to his mother. The rest was expended in a monument which marks the final resting place of the three.

"I visited the mission myself and the priest in charge confirmed every detail of the story as told by the tramp operator. I was looking after that rich placer ground, but the priest informed me that numerous parties had gone in search of it, following the directions given by the dying troupier, but none had succeeded in locating it."

Ties for Extension Beyond Whitney.

Persons coming from Clifford say that the Sumpter Valley Railroad company is getting out a lot of cross

ties in this vicinity. The presumption is that the ties are being gotten out for the extension beyond Whitney.

EAGLES' MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Rev. Bell, of Baker City, Will Deliver Address.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Baker City, will officiate at the annual memorial services of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to be held in the Opera Ellis house, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the morning and evening he will occupy the pulpit of Rev. Byers in the First Presbyterian church here.

Log Dam Broke.

The new log dam of the Sumpter Lumber company broke today entailing a damage of some \$2,000. It is understood the company will repair the break at once.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Manager James Howard, of the Golconda, is out at the mine today.

H. W. Donahue has taken offices in the Neill block and will engage in the mining brokerage business.

Harley Wood and John Riggs leave today for a campaign against trout, and say they will not return home until 500 of them have surrendered.

A. H. Sprague, of Baker City, who is heavily interested in the Alpine group, Cable Cove, was a business visitor in Sumpter today.

J. R. Neill, of the Neill Mercantile company, left his afternoon for a ten days' visit to Walla Walla. On his return he will stop several days at Hot Lake.

Mrs. James Logie received a telegram yesterday morning announcing the serious illness of her mother at Everett, Washington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Logie left on the afternoon train for Everett.

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the Baker county court house during the week ending May 12, 1903.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS.

April 29—Wm. Strucktrup and wife to F. B. Morgan, lots 1 and 2 Sec. 4 T. p. 13 S. R. 45 E; \$500.

April 30—F. S. Lack et al to Frank Bowman, lots 1 and 2 block 1 Lack adn to Baker City; \$225.

Aug. 12, '0—U. S. A. to John H. Dorsey, patent to N. E. 1/4 Sec. 12 Tp. 10 R. 36 E.

May 5—Mary E. Jones and husband to Anna Gyllenberg, lots 6 and 7 block 20 in McCrary's adn to Baker City; \$600.

Sep 18—Zera Snow and wife to Nancy J. Nelson, 38 acres in Sec. 4 Tp. 9 R. 39 E; \$1.

May 7—W. J. Patterson and wife to J. M. Patterson, W. 1/2 lot 33 in Patterson's homestead tract in S. W. Sec. 3 Tp. R. 40 E; \$350.

May 7—Chas Schaffner and wife to L. J. Lewis, 50x125 feet south of Schaffner residence on 8th street Baker City; \$30.

May 7—J. T. Donnelly et al to Benj. Wood and Wm. Wandensie, lot 1 block 1 Fisher's adn to Baker

City; \$3,600.

May 9—L. Margaret Healy to Geo. C. Hyde and F B Healy, west 50 rods S E 1/4 S E 1/4 Sec 10 Tp 9 R 40 E; \$1

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS.

July 199, '02—Chas. Hayne to Philip Heil, 1/2 interest in Last Chance and Oregon quartz claims; \$1.

April 12, '02—Herman Fuchs to W L Vinson, Monte Con (5) quartz claims; \$75.00

Nov 20, '02—W L Vinson and wife to Monte Con. G M Co, same as last; \$1.

May 4—Fred G. Lawson to R. Lawson, one-third interest in Maud S, Mountain Trail, Golden Rule and Mt. Lillie quartz claims; \$250

May 4—R. Lawson to C. Randall, one-sixth interest in Maud S. and Mt. Trail quartz claims; \$50.

April 11—Louis Campean to La Blanche G. M. Co., Little Gem quartz claim; \$1.

April 15, '01—S. M. Miskey to James Bumgarner et al, Victor, Sylvia and Victor Fr. quartz claims; \$1.

March 29, '02—Chas. E. Duger to Thos. McEwen, 1/2 interest in Yellow Boy, Iowa and two quartz claims; \$100.

May 4—J. W. Miller et al to Duguesne G. M. Co., Sunshine quartz claim near Virtue; \$11,000.

April 30—Geo. Hulse et al to Fred D. Smith, 5 deeds to Magpie and four placer claims; \$1.

May 2—Mary A. Grant and husband to L. Hoff, east half of lots 6 and 7 block 9, Palce's adn to Baker City; \$1.

April 2—J. R. Dean and wife to H. Evaland, 16 acres in Sec. 33 Tp. 9 R. 42 E; \$25.

April 29—H. C. Elms to Thomas White, 50 head of cattle; \$175.

May 1—Ed W. Blank to D. O. Bound, 11 head of sheep; \$3,458.

MORTGAGES.

April 27—H. P. Randall to Bank of Sumpter, 4 horses, harness and wagon; \$70.

April 125—Alice A. Waggy, and husband D. L. Wyatt, lots 3 and 4 block 27, McCrary's adn to Baker City; \$100.

May 5—W. W. Gosney to Geddes & Pollman, 7 horses, harness etc.; \$220.

May 4—T. B. Morgan and wife to Wm. Strucktrup, lots 1 and 2 Sec. 4 Tp. 13 R. 45 E; \$250

April 29—Roy H. Miller and wife to Nettie Myers, lot 9 in block 32, Vinson's adn to Sumpter; \$150.

May 4—Bill of Sale—S. M. Miller to Duquesne G. M. Co., three horses, stamp mill, etc.; \$7,500.

April 20—Bill of Sale—G. W. Roe to E. A. Bond, personal property in the St. Lawrence restaurant, Baker City; \$500.

April 17—Bill of Sale—J. B. Stoddard to Sumpter Lumber Co., saw and planing mill and other chat els near and in Sump.er; \$24,405.

April 30—Bill of Sale—Chas. Morse to Geo. H. Frana, 1/2 interest in Log Cabin saloon, leasehold of same, stock, etc., Greenhorn; \$100.

May 5—Anna Gyllenberg and husband to Wm Robinson, lots 6 and 7 block 20 in McCrary's adn to Baker City; \$600

April 16—Geo T. Ingalls and wife to Wm. Robinson, lot 6 block 20 in McCrary's adn to Baker City; \$500

May 4—Josephine Toney to Lizzie Hoff, 95x100 feet in S. cor. block 21 in Atwood's 2nd adn to Baker City; \$700.

Dec. 30—m. Chamberlin to James

Fleetwood, 16 cattle; \$350.

May 7—A. E. Tunnelippe and wife to Walter Fernald, 45x131 feet in block 3, Atwood's 22n adn to Baker City; \$400.

May 7—Louis J. Lewis and wife to Chas. Schaffner, 50x125 feet south of Schaffner home on 8th street; \$250.

May 7—John Utterback to T. H. Boynton, 6 horse, harness and wagon; \$500.

April 130—H. K. Brown and wife to First National Bank, lots 4 and 5 block 2, McCrary's adn to Baker City; and 1/4 interest in 240 acres in Secs. 32 and 33 Tp. 8 and Sec 4 Tp 9 R 39 E; \$2.

May 8—E. Ellaertsen to Frank Vanderwall, lots 11 and 12 block F, Haines \$35

May. 9—T T. Mayfield and wife to L. M. Whittaker, 16 acres in Sec. 35 pT. 10 and Sec. 2 Tp. 11 R 41 E \$400.

May 8—W. H. Mayes to Davis Wilcox, 35 head of swine. \$10.

MISCELLANEOUS

Action—M. Weil & Co., vs. Henry Widman and wife, amount of goods; \$80.

Action—Thomas Kemper Co., vs. J. B. Griswold, amount of goods furnished; \$67.

Attachment—Oliver Lofton vs. F. M. Phelps and H. L. McLane, amount labor due; \$298.

Suit—The First Bank of Sumpter vs. Sumpter Transportation Co., foreclosing mortgage on lot 7 block 6 and lots 8, 9 and 10 block 4, Sumpter; \$6000.

Divorce Suit—Belva Haskin vs. Chas. Haskin.

Judgment—J. M. Boyd in favor E. E. Angell; \$51.

Lien—Ed. Weisner vs. Geo. Chase, on 110,000 feet of logs for labor; \$956.

Lien—Bennett & Son vs. Hollie King, on lot 1 block L, DeRoos adn to Bakr City and matrial; \$143.

Lien—Shocley & McMurrin Lumber Co., vs. Frank and Eva McCord, on lot 18 block 2 in Place's adn to Baker City for material; \$125.

Lien—Al Sherill vs. N. H. Thibault, on Don Juan group, for labor; \$28

Attachment—P. Basche vs. E. L. Daily, for amount of goods; \$170.

Action—J. W. Wisdom vs. Wm. Riley, attachment or purchase price and feed of gelding; \$366.

Action—C. P. Good vs. Jackson Bros., amount of 9 notes; \$260.

Action—Mrs. Sarah Boskowitz vs. M. and L. Werner amount of noc; t\$76.

Suit—Joseph Schell vs. H. H. Hallock damages for retaining grip; \$50.

Judgment—Geo. C. Lang favor Ella Lang; \$17.

Judgment—L. and A. Schaeffer, favor L. Lew; \$363.

Judgment—J. W. and Rose Call, favor M. Weil and Co.; \$57.

Incorporation —May 5—Griffin Gulch Placer G. M. Co., by James Wood, A. F. Meyer, L. Kreen and Addie D. Bush, Baker City; \$1,000,000.

Action—J. W. Hamilton vs. Tom Whipple, attachment for amount of labor; \$111.

Action—M. E. Lake vs. Jas. Milne, for possession of box house (or value) and damages; \$25.

Action—Millard & Murphy vs. N. H. Thibault, attachment for amount checks \$195.

Action—Sarah J. Wolfe vs. J. W. G. E. and S. E. Sage, amount of note \$35.

Lien—C. H. Fisher vs. Chas. M Chapin, on Phoenix group of four quartz claims for material \$151