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The date of the meeting to organize the chamber of commerce has been changed to Wednesday, May 20. The list of members continues to increase, and there remains little doubt but that the body will be organized under most favorable conditions.

We are just emerging from the dull season "between hay and grass," and with the starting up of so many properties, the employment of so much more labor at the mines, business in the city is beginning to pick up. It is just taking the initial move toward the rush that is coming. Business is never dull in Sumpter, but there is usually a slack time in the early spring before summer activity begins.

The evidence continues to accumulate that Sumpter is going to enjoy the most prosperous season in the history of the camp. Now that the snow is going off and the roads are getting in good condition work is being started on numerous properties, machinery is being installed, and there is a general air of activity throughout the camp. A glance at the news columns of The Miner shows what is being done. Capital is steadily flowing in for investment in mining interests, and the outside world is beginning to realize that Sumpter is one of the important gold camps of the country.

In the amicable settlement of the labor troubles existing between the Sumpter Lumber company and the unions of the city, both parties are to be commended. The lumber company showed its disposition to treat fairly by offering to submit the difficulty to the arbitration of a committee of representative citizens, and the unionists on their part exhibited a similar feeling by accepting the proposition. Both have accepted the terms offered by the committee. The committee itself is to be commended for a wise decision in the matter. And, moreover, the city is to be congratulated upon the resumption of work on the big mill which the lumber company is going to put in this summer. This means an increased payroll, and more business generally.

MR. HEWITT LOOKING UP TIMBER

Another Mill May Be Built In Baker County.

J. J. Hewitt, of Tacoma, who has been looking after his father's timber interests through Baker County, returned to the city this morning and this afternoon in company with Seymour H. Bell left for Baker City.

It is understood that the company is figuring on another mill in the county if an adequate amount of timber can be secured. No definite statements, however, have been made.

HOIST FOR THE ORLEANS.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MACHINERY.

Character of Quartz Indicates That a Second Pay Shoot is Being Approached—Rich Ore in First Shoot—Good Showing—Usual Cracker Creek Values—Mine to Be Ventilated.

L. V. Swiggett, manager of the Golconda Extension Gold Mining company, operating the Orleans property in the Cracker Creek district, is making arrangements to put in a hoist good for 500 feet, a forty-horse power boiler and other necessary machinery. Mr. Swiggett came up from Portland this week and visited the mine, which he says, is making a most satisfactory showing.

The group butts into the Golconda on the southwest, and the present indications are that the Orleans will soon be among the big producers of Cracker Creek. Manager Swiggett brought with him from the mine some samples of rich sulphide ore carrying high values in gold. The ore shoot recently encountered is 140 feet long and three feet wide in the widest place. It contains rich ore. The tunnel has now reached a point fifty feet beyond, and from the green arsenical stains in the quartz it is judged that another shoot is being approached. It is expected to tap this shoot now any day.

For the past few days Manager Swiggett states that the air in the workings has been bad, and he is preparing to put in air pipes at once. At a distance of 260 feet from the mouth of the tunnel the lead is to be crosscut and an upraise carried to the surface. The vein runs from sixty to 100 feet, and carries the characteristic Cracker Creek ore.

CLAY NOT THE ONLY PEBBLE.

Judge Evans Likely to Cut Into the Great Pacificalor's Rep.

It seems somewhat probable at this writing that Judge Evans, Sumpter's versatile justice of the peace, is liable to cut into Henry Clay's reputation as the "great pacificalor" of American history. A few days ago he settled a neighborhood dispute in a manner that showed an ease and adaptability in such matters' par excellence. A woman appeared at his office and applied for a writ of replevin to recover a pot of flowers which she stated had been loaned to a neighbor. The neighbor, she asserted, refused to return said flowers on the grounds that the would-be plaintiff in the case, had borrowed a jack plane which she also had failed to bring back. The neighbor demanded the jack plane or \$2 in coin of the realm before she would allow the flowers to leave her possession.

Striking his most fetching judicial pose, his honor thus addressed the aggrieved person:

"My dear madam, is it possible that you would seek redress in a court of justice for such a trivial offence? Do you know that a writ of replevin will cost you some \$10 or \$15, while for a paltry pair of plunks you can obtain possession of your lost posies? The wisest course for you to pursue in the matter is to

compromise in this way."

The suave and gracious tones of the judge assuaged the belligerent spirit of the woman. She revolved the matter a second, and then said: "I believe you are right, judge, but I don't happen to have the louis d'or about my person at the present time. Will you kindly lend me the amount?"

His honor, with the flush of victory on his face for the compromise he had achieved, and the law suit he had averted, went into his jeans and handed forth the desired kopecks. P. S.—Just on going to press it was learned that the dough in full had been returned to Judge Evans, and the flowers are now in possession of their original owner.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HERCULES.

Great Show to Be Pulled Off Friday Night By K. of P.'s at Opera House.

The warmest aggregation of local talent that ever occurred in any community, composed of the leading K. of P. members, is now in training for the world-famous and justly celebrated comedy, "The Ancient Order of Hercules," to be presented at the Ellis Opera house Friday evening. Following is the cast:

H. I. G. H.—Highly Illustrious Grand Hiinkadink.
L. O. W.—Laid of Walolla.
J. A. C. K.—Just and Conscientious Knight.
G. A. M. E.—Grand And Mighty Executioner.
C. O. D.—Custodian Of Dispatches.
P. P. C.—Pre-Eminent Prime Counselor.
P. D. Q.—Particularly Distinguished Quartermaster.
P. M.—Principal Musician.
A. M.—Asiduous Marshall.
R. A. T. S.—Reliable And Trustworthy Sentinals.

It was previously announced that the great show would be pulled off Saturday, but on account of the stores keeping open late on this evening, it was concluded to change the date. The event promises an evening's entertainment that will live in history, and be repeated as the shadows lengthen along the pathway of those who witnessed it, to grand-children and great grand-children yet unborn. In slangy parlance, it's said to be a corker.

It's an all star meet, but the cast has not yet been made public. Those who are next, however, state very positively, that the performers would make Nat Goodwin and Dick Mansfield look like dirty deuces in new decks, as Billy Baxter would remark. It will be a triumph of histrionic art, and no mistake.

Everybody is invited to attend at 50 and 25 cents per—the latter amount is for kids. Proceeds go toward buying paraphernalia for the lodge.

Marr & Davidson Move.

Marr & Davidson, prominent mining brokers, have moved their office from the second story of Hotel Sumpter to the office formerly occupied by the real estate firm of Manning & Welsh on the first floor of the building.

No headaches from Giant powder.

WILL OPEN UP THE GOLDBUG-GRIZZLY.

J. J. Hennessy Takes Contract For 700 Feet of Work.

J. J. Hennessy has taken the contract to do 700 feet of work on the Goldbug-Grizzly. There is now a shaft on the property 100 feet in depth. It is midway between two parallel veins. It will be sunk 200 feet deeper. At that point it is estimated that one of the ledges will be cut. A crosscut will be driven to the other, and then both ledges will be drifted on 100 feet in each direction.

This work will tell the story. Six or seven months will be required to finish the contract.

The Goldbug-Grizzly consists of ten claims, situated beyond the Ibox, on the same system of ledges. It is controlled by a syndicate of Minneapolis people, who, through their representative, Judge Leybourn, of that city, while in Sumpter last spring bought the interests of Dan Griffith and some smaller stockholders who live in Spokane. Mr. Hennessy refused to dispose of his stock, having great faith in the property, and is now the largest minority owner. He was retained as superintendent of the mine, but this work will be done under contract.

The mine is equipped with a steam power sinking plant, capable of going down 1000 feet. It will cost \$15,000 to do the work now contracted for.

A contract has also been let to have all of the ten claims surveyed for patent, which will be applied for at once. The surveyors will begin work in a week or ten days. Sinking will be commenced about the same time.

NEW POWER HOUSE.

President Strahorn Will Be Here May 20 and Start Work.

President Strahorn, of the Sumpter water and light companies, who was expected to arrive here about the 15th has been detained in the east and will not get to Sumpter until the 20th.

The preliminary survey has been completed for the new power house, and work will be started soon after President Strahorn's arrival.

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