

## The Sumpter Miner

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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.



To the business man of Sumpter the outlook for the coming summer must appear encouraging. The mines are all active, a big lumber plant is to be started, the only smelter in the state is practically ready to blow in, which means more labor to be employed, more money to be spent for the necessities of life, and good times for everybody.

Now that a school election is approaching it is time for the citizens of Sumpter to begin to consider a good man to take the place of the outgoing member. One great trouble in Sumpter, as in most other communities, is that the voters evince little interest in school matters at election times, and then do a lot of kicking and knocking if things do not go to suit them afterwards. It is usually this class of persons who fail to turn out at the polls. The present board has conducted the schools with ability, and some good man should be elected to supply the vacancy who will harmonize all interests. It is a thankless place; nobody wants it, but inasmuch as some one has to be sacrificed, it is in order to get the proper material.

Sumpter needs more manufacturing enterprises. There is room here for many industries in this line with an abundance of raw material right at the door. For instance with the great wealth of timber here what is there to hinder the establishment of various wood working factories which in other localities less favored are carried on with profit? Again with the increasing demand for machinery of all kinds throughout the mining district of which Sumpter is the center and main point of supply, why would not an up-to-date foundry and machine shop prove a success? There are a thousand and one manufacturing lines that might be pursued with profit here. The business men of Sumpter are progressive and public spirited. Mention any project for the general good of the community and see how quickly they fall in line. If capital can be interested in this way there will be no lack of free sites to manufacturing concerns and other substantial inducements offered. With the development of the mines in the vicinity the demand for labor, the building of saw mills, the influx of population, and the general activity and prosperity of the district, factories should begin to spring up. It matters not what the main industry of a community may be, it is bound to stand in a correlative or reciprocal relation, either directly or indirectly, to all other industries. Here mining is the chief occupation. Lumbering perhaps comes next. These two alone should carry with them a score or more of correlative enterprises. Taking this fact and other natural advantages into consideration, there is no reason why

Sumpter should not become a manufacturing center.

## GARFIELD MINE IN WYOMING.

### C. C. Robbins Returns From Property With Favorable Reports.

C. C. Robbins, of Robbins & Robbins, leading stockholders of the Travellers' Gold Mining company, operating the Garfield mines in Atlantic district of Wyoming, returned from a visit to the property this week and brings back favorable reports.

The Garfield has been operated intermittently since 1867, yielding good returns for the primitive style in which the work was carried on by the different owners and lessees. The ore was taken from the croppings in early days and run through an arrastra, the owners securing enough thereby to purchase ranches and fix themselves for life. Later the property was acquired by Nebraska people who started operating on a large scale, sinking a shaft and installing machinery. Through misunderstandings, however, they finally abandoned it, and last January Robbins & Robbins, of this city, secured a controlling interest. The mine is now equipped with up-to-date machinery, and the shaft is down 170 feet. From the bottom of the shaft a crosscut is being driven both ways to intersect the two parallel veins. Mr. Robbins says everything looks encouraging. During the different periods of operation, 20,000 tons of ore worth \$400,000 was taken out.

### VISIT THE DISTRICT.

#### Prominent Nebraskans Here to Look Over the Field.

J. A. McLaughlin, of Lincoln, Nebraska secretary of the Killen Warner Stewart company accompanied by H. A. Reese of the same place who is interested in various properties in the district, arrived in the city this week. They returned yesterday from a visit to the Monarch and Black Jack, and are well pleased with both mines. The breast of the tunnel at the Monarch is now in quartz, with indications that the vein is being neared.

This is Mr. Reese's first visit to Sumpter, and he is well pleased with the prospects of the camp. He is familiar with the Cripple Creek district, but says that it in no way compares with the Sumpter district. Both gentlemen leave tomorrow for the Standard.

### CHARMING SOCIAL EVENT.

Mrs. C. C. Basche and Miss Belle Calder Entertain at K. of P. Hall.

Mrs. C. C. Basche and Miss Belle Calder entertained about sixty guests very charmingly at the K. of P. hall last Thursday evening. The main hall and the banquet room were both elaborately and artistically decorated, and the main features of the evening were dancing and cards.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and punch were served by Misses Mabel and Jennie Stinson, Hazel Stevenson and Grace Sommers. It was one of the most pleasant social events of the season.

The following guests were present: Messrs. and Mesdames Horner, Herlocker, Sorensen, Browne, Welsh, Killen, Chance, Greenlee, Davidson, Holland, Howard, Anderson, Swackhammer, Bergman, Scoutt, Richards, Goss, Keer; Mesdames McCammon, Robbins, Wright, Bell, Eberman, Newbury, Stevenson, Cheshire, of Eugene, Oregon, Messrs. Bellman, Marr, Bobbins, Roberts, Neel, DeNeffe, Jeffries, Wessburg, Clarke, Johnson, and Misses Hobson, Eckersly, Carlile, Greenlee, Spalding, and Barker.

### SCHOOL ELECTION.

#### Member of Board and Clerk to Be Chosen June 15.

A school election will be held in Sumpter on the third Monday in June, or on the 15th day, for the purpose of electing a member of the board of education to take the place of John Doan, whose term of office expires, and also to elect a clerk of the board in place of H. S. Durgan, the retiring clerk. It is understood that neither gentlemen will consent to take the office again. The two hold-over members are Cato Johns and V. R. Mead, Mr. Mead by right of his seniority as provided by law, will become chairman of the new board in place of the retiring chairman. Next year Mr. Johns will hold the chairmanship.

Several good men who have the interests of the community at heart have been mentioned and who doubtless would prove efficient officers. Among them for director are N. C. Richards, Hon. J. H. Robbins, D. L. Killen and F. E. O'Rourke. For clerk two well known citizens have been named—E. L. Manning, of Manning & Welsh, and C. K. DeNeffe, of DeNeffe & Muzzy.

### TO BUILD SAMPLER.

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wrong method has been adopted.

Work is to be started as soon as the matter of a site is settled. This will probably be within a week, it is stated, and it is hoped to have the plant in operation within two months. If the enterprise proves a success, and the business demands it, the proprietors, state that the plant will be enlarged to any required capacity.

Those connected with the new firm are experienced assayers and mining engineers, and well qualified to manage such an undertaking.

### TEACHERS ELECTED,

Board of Education Will Complete List in Few Days.

At a recent meeting of the board of education a part of the teaching force was elected for the ensuing year. The following were elected: Professor Yoder, principal; Miss Julia Taylor, of Ashland; Miss Grace Gillespie, of Sumpter, and Miss Clark, of La Grande, assistants. It is probable the board will elect three more. The list was not completed last meeting on account of a full membership not being present. The list will be completed in a few days.

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