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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.



Sumpter must have a Fourth of July celebration and a good one. It is time now to get in and drill for it. Let everybody get attend the citizens' meeting Friday night and start the ball rolling. It is understood that Baker City is not going to celebrate, which will make it all the better for Sumpter. There is no time to lose and the preliminary work of perfecting an organization should be started at once.

It is perhaps a little premature to launch a boom for Colonel Grayson as a candidate for secretary of the prospective national department of mining, but in the words of Amy, The Miner believes there is nothing like taking "time by the fetlock." From his long experience in mining, his intimate acquaintance with all phases of the industry, his general adaptability for such a position, and as the representative to one of the great mining commonwealths of the Union, The Miner is convinced that in the event this department should be created by the national government, no better or more suitable man can be named than Colonel Grayson. His work as a member of the American Mining Congress has called national attention to him, and it seems likely through the efforts of this body such a department may be established. It should be. Conditions demand it, and Colonel Grayson is a good man for the place.

While the mining situation has been gradually improving here since early spring, a marked change was noticed this week. Within the past few days there have been more prospective investors in the camp, and greater activity shown than at any time since the season opened. Mining men and capitalists are coming in from all parts of the country. One has only to notice the trains and hotels to be convinced of this fact. Men with money are coming to invest in Sumpter properties. And they are investing. Some who are disposed to invest and cannot come themselves are sending experienced mining men to look up the properties and report. These reports without a single exception as far as has been learned have been extremely favorable. Any man at all conversant with mining has only to come here and investigate for himself to be convinced that Sumpter is indeed a great camp with every indication of becoming greater.

Typographical Error.

A typographical error occurs in Neil J. Sorensen & Co's advertisement this week. In one place the stock is quoted at six cents followed by the figure eight (8) in parenthesis. The market price of the stock is eight cents.

SHAFT STARTED.

Site For Sinking Plant And Sawmill At Midway Cleared —Machinery Enroute.

The shaft on the Midway, managed by Geiser & Hendryx, and under the superintendence of Lou Walker, was started this morning. The sinking plant and saw mill to be installed on the property have been purchased and are now enroute. In an interview with Albert Geiser, of the firm, reproduced elsewhere from the Milwaukee Sentinel, it was stated that Mr. Geiser had just purchased \$20,000 worth of machinery for the Gold Pan. The Milwaukee newspaper man got the matter a little mixed. This machinery consists of a sinking plant with a capacity of 1,200 feet depth, and a 10,000 feet a day saw mill, and was bought for the Midway. Mr. Geiser, who has been east for some time in the interest of his properties, is expected to return in a few days.

The site for the buildings to receive the new machinery has been cleared and the company is in readiness to place the consignment immediately upon its arrival.

AVERAGES \$100.

Rich Shoot Encountered At May Queen.

The ore shoot encountered at the May Queen recently is showing some phenomenally high values. The body has been drifted on, say reports from the mine, a distance of about sixty feet which for a width of four feet shows an average of \$100 to the ton. Some assays have gone as high as \$800.

It is stated that beyond any doubt the May Queen has the Red Boy lead, which places this property among the big propositions of the district. While work is being prosecuted on other levels, the company will continue to drift on the rich shoot recently crosscut.

EXPERT' OPINION.

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present work will greatly increase the stoping ground. I regard the Standard as an exceptionally good property."

Speaking of the district in general Mr. Reese says:

"I have been over the district pretty extensively since I arrived in Sumpter, and have been very courteously offered the opportunity of inspecting other properties. There is beyond doubt a great mineral zone here, but it has been practically untouched. Compare your deepest workings here with those in other districts, and it must be concluded that your richest ore has not been reached. You have the mineral and it is only a question of development when this district will become one of the biggest producers in the country."

Mr. Reese, D. L. Killen, Mr. McLaughlin, in company with a party of Iowa investors, returned to the property today. Mr. Reese went back to verify some samples which he took

from the Cleveland-Willie Boy vein, which showed exceptionally high values.

General Manager Mueller sent out today a lot of picks, shovels, rails, powder and other mining supplies. A contract has just been let for a drift on the Cleveland-Willie Boy ledge in order to open the vein up to a point of intersection with the Willie Boy crosscut which is being rapidly driven. The distance will be about 480 feet. All ore taken out at present is being cribbed. Plans are being laid for a large amount of development work, opening up the ore bodies preparatory to the mill which is to be installed at no distant day.

FOURTH OF JULY.

Citizens' Meeting Called For Friday Night at Opera House.

At the instance of the business men of Sumpter, a citizens' meeting is called for Friday evening at the Ellis Opera house to take steps toward a Fourth of July celebration.

It is especially desired that the citizens generally attend this meeting and take action in the matter at once. It is argued that it is time an organization was effected, committees appointed, funds raised in order to insure a big day the Fourth. The time is now short. There is a lot of work to do. The average Sumpterite will not be satisfied with any half hearted sort of celebration. He wants the biggest ever, and would never recover from the shock if it wasn't.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Organization Effected and Officers Elected.

The subscribers to the agreement for the organization of a commercial club met at the Ellis Opera house last Wednesday night and effected a permanent organization by the election of the following officers and board of governors:

President, N. C. Richards; vice president, D. L. Killen; treasurer, Hon. J. H. Robbins. The board of governors is composed of the above officers and Neil J. Sorensen, Cato Johns, Thomas McEwen and Claud Basche.

D. L. Killen as made temporary chairman of the meeting and Charles H. Chance temporary secretary. By-laws and articles of incorporation were passed on and other routine business transacted. It was decided to hold meetings twice a month on Tuesday evenings.

RECTORY AND READING ROOMS.

Rev. Goodheart Has Started Construction of These Buildings.

Rev. J. M. Goodheart, rector of the Episcopal church, who recently returned from an extended visit east, has just started building a rectory and reading room on Auburn and Bonanza streets. The reading room is to be 18x35 feet, and will be free to the general public. Besides current periodicals, and other literature, the institution will be furnished with baths and innocent games will be provided.

The rectory will be built alongside and it is the intention of Rev.

Goodheart to erect a church later on the corner of Bonanza and Auburn streets connecting with the rectory.

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