

SUMPTER GIVES \$647.

To Relieve Suffering at Heppner, and Sends 25 Men.

Sumpter responded very generously yesterday to the call for assistance from the sufferers from the cloud burst at Heppner Sunday, in the way of money for the survivors and men to help bury the dead. At a citizens' meeting held at the opera house in the afternoon a purse of \$647 was raised in less than half an hour, and twenty-five men volunteered to proceed to the scene of the disaster at once and render service toward burying the dead. The city council took the initiative in the forenoon at a special meeting, by subscribing \$100, and calling a mass meeting at the opera house.

Mayor McColloch was made chairman of the meeting and W. D. B. Dodson secretary. No sooner was it stated that men and money were needed in the distressed district than purses were opened and contributions came in from all sides. Men from all parts of the room volunteered to go. A hundred or more could have been sent if necessary, but it was thought best to limit the number to twenty-five, and these were mostly carpenters and others selected with a view to rendering the best service. J. W. Cowden was made captain of the band, and entrusted with the funds for the relief of the survivors. The party left on the afternoon train, the Sumpter Valley road furnishing free transportation to Baker City.

Several of those who went had friends and relatives among the dead or suffering in the holo-causted valley where the cloud-burst occurred. As far as can be learned those here or known here who lost relatives are as follows: Jerry Cohn, brother and wife; Mrs. C. S. Van Duyn, sister, Mrs. George Thornton, who was lost with her husband and little girl; J. T. Klein, father and mother; Mrs. F. O. Bucknum, mother, Mrs. Elder.

CASE TAKEN AWAY FROM JURY.

Judge Bellinger Renders Verdict in Favor of the Bonanza Mine.

The case of Ira Lemon and others vs. the Bonanza mine, was tried the latter part of last week and Monday of this week in the United States Circuit court at Portland, before Judge Bellinger and a jury.

This is the case originally started in the Circuit court at Baker City, and which was removed to the Federal court, in which the plaintiffs sued the Bonanza mine for damages amounting to \$9,000 sustained by the owners of the Hardly Able placer claim, Ira Lemon and other plaintiffs, by reason of the Bonanza cutting down about one million feet of timber.

After the testimony of both sides was in, the court held that the plaintiffs had no interest whatever in the timber, on which they could base a case for damages, and directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant, which was accordingly done.

'The position taken by Judge Bellinger in this case seems to be in conflict with all the adjudicated cases on the subject and particularly with the cases of Mr. Fetters vs. Pierson et al. 24 Pacific Reporter, page 1076 and Heany vs. Butte and

Montana Co., 27 Pac. 379 and also in the Lewis Smith case, 1 Land Decisions 615," says attorney C. H. Chance, who appeared for plaintiffs in the case. "The case will be taken up immediately to the Circuit court of Appeals at San Francisco. Under the rule as laid down by Judge Bellinger, it seems that the only way in which the owner of a mining claim can protect himself against trespassers cutting down timber is by the shot-gun method."

OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The following instruments were filed at the Baker county court house during the week ending June 16, 1903.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

DEEDS.

May 16—D. Cochran to Alice Hannan, lots 4 and 5 block 46 Huntington; \$90.

April 21—Thos. H. Hudspeth and wife to Nat G. Wattles, lot 3 block 2, Parkers add to Baker City; \$300.

June 1—John Rouse et al to Amanda Peterson, lot 6 block 7, Pacific and to Baker City; \$65.

June 3—M. A. Hudson and husband to J. A. Johnson, east half of lot 4 block 5, South Sumpter; \$700.

Sept. 27, '97—Geo. Janney to A. L. Laviers, 25x100 feet near old pumping station, Baker City; \$30.

June 6—A. L. Laviers to Fred Yeager, same as last; \$40.

June 5—J. F. Boyer and wife to Jos. M. Cole, E. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 Sec. 33 Tp. 7 R. 46 E; \$2,000.

June 5—Joel R. Ritter and wife to L. Gray, 80 acres in Sec. 29 Tp. 7 R. 46 E; \$728.

June —5S. F. Ferguson to Go. W. Moody, S. E. 1/4 S. E. 1/4 Sec. 16 Tp. 8 R. 46 E; \$475.

June 8—E. Flick and husband to A. L. Cummings, 159 acres in Secs. 8 and 17 Tp. 11 R. 46 E; \$400.

June 8—J. Ullman to F. P. Hays, 160 acres in Sec. 27 Tp. 8 R. 38 E; \$900.

MINING MATTERS.

DEEDS.

Feb. 226—Dan Entermille to E. D. Le Clare, the Black Hill quartz claim; \$1.

Feb. 20—E. D. Le Clare and wife to Chas. M. Chapin, same as last; \$1.

June 3—F. P. Hays to Con. Bonanza G. Mines Co., Protection and Seaside quartz claims; \$1.

MORTGAGES.

May 19—Alice V. Hannan and husband to Shirk Graham, Co., lots 4 and 5 block 64, Huntington; \$219.

June 5—S. and A. Lynn to J. E. Gentry Jr., eight cows; \$40.

June 6—Lonard Goss and wife to State Land Board, N. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 Sec. 6 Tp. 9 R. 39 E; \$1,000.

June 6—Perry A. Baisley and wife to State Land Board, 220 acres in Secs. 26 and 35 Tp. 8 R. 39 E; \$5,000.

June 4—J. A. Johnson to Mrs. M. A. Herdson, E. 1/2 lot 4 block 5 South Sumpter \$590.

June 8—T. E. Bennett and wife to P. G. Chrisman, lots 5, 6 and 1/2 lot 7 and 8 block 8, Wiloval \$308.

June 8—L. S. Hamlett and wife to Eliza Geiser, 30x12 5feet adjoining Haskell blk, Baker City \$560.

Dec. 16, '02—Isaac Bowman to W. L. Myers, 200 acres in Secs. 3 and 36 Tp. 6 and Secs. 1 and 2 Tp. 7 R. 41 E; \$705.

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