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The citizens of Sumpter have showed their progressiveness by voting sewer bonds at the city election held Monday. The city is rapidly building up and this public improvement is a step in the right direction.

There is great activity at the various properties in the Sumpter district. A vast amount of development work is being done, and a great deal of machinery is being installed. More mills are going in and more are being planned at this time than ever before in the history of the camp. Mining here has received an unprecedented impetus this season and there is every evidence that the industry will grow more rapidly from this on.

The truth of the old saying that gold is where you find it is again illustrated by the discovery of the yellow metal in limestone by Camp and Wade on their Bear Gulch property. So far it appears that the deposit is very rich, and the occurrence of gold in this formation as far as the Sumpter district is concerned is quite unusual. There has always been a disposition on the part of prospectors to confine their search largely to the mother lode, and to make all their locations in the vicinity of big mines. While there is some logic in this, yet it frequently occurs that rich finds have been made in unsuspected localities remote from any mother lode. Science has done a great deal for the mining industry. It has reduced operation to a practical basis, and has furnished reliable much information relative to the formation of veins, the laws of occurrence and so on, but there are many theories more of the imaginary than scientific order. But science is working industriously, and the great mystery regarding mineral deposits is gradually being fathomed.

The estimate made by the treasury department June 1, 1903, of the available gold in the United States places figures at the vast total of \$1,261,445,124. The greater part of this total doubtless represents gold extracted from mines of our own country, and this is being added to at the rate of a hundred million dollars per year, the United States producing \$80,000,000 and the remainder from other sources such as Canadian, Yukon, Australia, Mexico, etc. Some gold is now and then shipped abroad, and in financial circles much ado is made over such shipments, but on close study one can readily see that a matter of twenty-five millions, or even fifty millions gold shipped abroad is a mere bagatelle when compared with the country's vast gold wealth. The United States is far ahead of any other country in its gold holdings. The gold wealth of this and other countries is mostly held in vaults, but little of it being in circulation. It backs up government and bank issues, and throughout the world is

the one standard never-changing commodity.—Mining World.

The Supreme court of Montana has decided that a prospector or miner cannot enjoin others from exploring ground on which he is working, provided no discovery has been made. In other words, a location cannot be made until there has been a discovery of mineral bearing rock. In the case of George Gemmill vs. John Swain and others to restrain by injunction the defendants from prospecting certain ground on which the plaintiff was also operating, the court held that the notices posted by the plaintiff did not create any new right or enlarge those previously existing. The court adds: "A notice of location posted upon mineral land before a discovery has been made is an absolute nullity. The mere fact that the plaintiff was enjoined from continuing his work, and that, too, wrongfully, as determined by this court, did not alter the relative rights of the parties or entitle the appellant herein to an injunction in this action. Competing prospectors cannot make use of the writ of injunction to secure priority of discovery or location on or apparent superiority to a mining claim."

SEWER BONDS VOTED.

Proposition Carried By Majority Of Fourteen.

The city election held Monday to provide for issuing \$15,000 worth of fifteen year six per cent bonds for the construction of a sewer system, resulted in a majority of fourteen in favor of the bonds, out of a total of 186 votes cast. Following are the returns by wards:

Ward No. 1—7 for, 25 against;
Ward No. 2—27 for, 22 against;
Ward No. 3—43 for, 28 against;
Ward No. 4—23 for, 11 against.
Total 100 for, 86 against.

The council will proceed at once to advertise for bids on the bonds. As stated they are fifteen year six per cent bonds with interest payable semiannually.

At last night's meeting of the city council Recorder Start was instructed to advertise for bids on the sewer bonds and the matter is to be hurried along as rapidly as possible.

RETURN FROM IMNAHA.

Messrs. Smith and Haas Visit This Well Known Copper Camp.

E. Sanderson Smith and Engineer N. Haas returned a few days ago from a trip to the Imnaha Copper camp and the adjacent mining section. They state that Imnaha has great possibilities, but it will require much capital to develop the resources.

The return was made on the steamer Imnaha, this being her third trip. On board the steamer was a government engineer with a corps of assistants inspecting the Snake River to make recommendations for improving the channel to render navigation less difficult.

Visits Camp.

Judge M. B. Reese, of Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived in the city this week to look after mining interests. In company with his son, H. A. Reese, who has been here some time, he left today to visit the Red Boy district.

SAMPLING WORKS.

Delay On Account Of Misplaced Line Shaft.

Owing to the delay by the railroad company in forwarding the misplaced line shaft for the Sumpter Sampling and Testing Works, the company has been unable to start operations as soon as expected. All the machinery has been set, the stamps in place, the mortar down and everything ready to connect up the minute the line shaft arrives. The shaft is expected any day and the plant will be going in a short time. The assay office in connection has been in operation for the past week.

In the meantime the company has been buying and storing ores. The institution fills a long felt want in the district, since it not only furnishes a market for the small owner, but the company is prepared to test ores and make recommendations as to the proper method of treating them, thus obviating the element of chance or experiment as far as the operator who contemplates the erection of a mill is concerned.

CRACKER-HIGHLAND.

Company Will Carry on Continuous Development.

The Cracker-Highland company, which began operations recently on its Cracker Creek property, is doing surface work to define the ledges of which there are three, two ten foot and one forty, carrying good values.

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