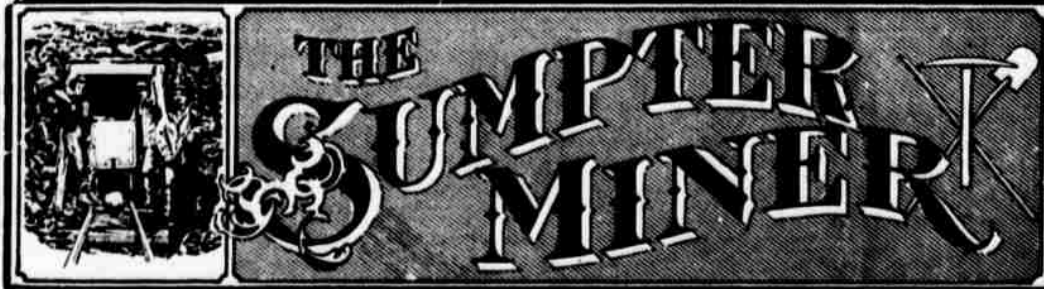


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**WELL KNOWN
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**Thomas McEwen Passes
Away Suddenly at
Portland.**

Thomas McEwen, one of the best known and most popular men in Sumpter, died suddenly in Portland Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock, while waiting to have an operation performed for ear disease. Mr. McEwen left here something over a week ago for Portland to obtain medical attention for his ear, which had been giving him trouble for some time. While awaiting the operation, however, it seems that an abscess which had formed on the tympanum broke, resulting in almost instant death.

Mr. McEwen was born in Glasgow, Scotland, May 10, 1853, and came to America in 1869, settling first in



Canada, and later moving to New Jersey, where he lived for about eight years. In 1879 he came west, locating for a time at The Dalles, Oregon, where he was employed by the Overland Stage company on its line between there and Baker City. This gave him a taste for the transportation business, and he acquired the Baker City-Canyon line and went into business for himself. He owned this line at the time of his death, and besides this he had built various other lines, doing an extensive overland business. He laid out the town of McEwen, which was named for him and which for a time was the terminus of the Sumpter Valley railroad. Besides his stage business he was extensively interested in mines, having promoted and sold a great many properties, and still had numerous mineral holdings.

In 1894 he married Miss Minnie Fox, of Baker City, who survives him. He had no children.

Mr. McEwen was a member of the Masons, Elks, A. O. U. W. and Woodmen of the World. It was largely through his instrumentality that the Sumpter Masonic lodge was organized a short time ago, and he was appointed the first worshipful

master of the lodge. He was prominent particularly among Masons, having been a past master of Prairie City lodge, where he formerly held his membership.

The remains were buried yesterday afternoon from the residence of the deceased's brother-in-law, Moses Fuchs, in Baker City, Rev. J. R. N. Bell, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The several orders to which he belonged escorted the body to the cemetery, where the Masons performed the funeral rites, W. F. Butcher, on behalf of this order, delivering the funeral oration, and Dr. Dodson speaking for the Elks. Rev. Bell pronounced the benediction. It is said to be the largest funeral procession ever seen in Baker City. The Masons of Sumpter participated in the exercises. The lodge met yesterday morning and attended in a body, returning on a special train last night. Besides the Masons, a large crowd of Sumpter people, estimated at 300, attended the funeral.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Manager Parker, of Phoenix, was in the city today.

David Wilson, of Spokane, is in the city this week.

P. A. McPhee, mayor of Alamo, was in the city this week.

Dr. Brock returned Monday from a brief business trip to Idaho.

W. C. Calder returned yesterday from a trip to the Don Juan and Quebec.

Miss Carrie Spalding left today for Portland where she will probably remain for the winter.

Hon. J. H. Robbins returned last week from his summer vacation spent at Priest's lake, Idaho.

Zeb Ray and Roy Watters, well known miners, returned today from a trip to Silver City, Idaho.

H. B. Compson, of Portland, passed through the city today enroute to Whitney to look after his mining property.

Miss Jessie Brock expects to leave tomorrow for Salt Lake City, where she will attend school during the present session.

F. O. Bucknum left Monday to spend several days at Whitney and in that vicinity looking over the mining situation.

W. H. Hewitt, of Tacoma, son of Henry Hewitt, Jr., president of the Sumpter Lumber company, is in the city looking after the company's interests.

A. B. Corlett, of Whitney, was here last week getting things in shape to start a new restaurant at Whitney. His brother is a partner in the business.

Walter Cronin, connected with the Gem, returned Monday from a visit to his old home at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Cronin spent the time during her husband's absence with relatives at Dayton, Washington, returning on the same date.

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