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BURNT RIVER ROAD OPEN FOR TRAVEL

Wagons Can Drive Through leadership in the enterprise were in some way by the in-**Next Saturday Evening** At 6 O'clock.

HISTORY OF ENTERPRISE.

Great Benefit to the Farmers and Business Men of Sumpter—Only Agricultural District Tributary to This Camp—Ranchers Formerly Had to Drive 45 Miles to Market.

Saturday evening, October 17, the wagon road from Sumpter to the Burnt rivery country will be open to travel, though grading of the entire Dr. distance, 13 1/2 miles from the cemetery to Kings' ranch, will not have been entirely completed by that time. The right-of-way has been cleared and wagons can at that time, drive through. About two weeks more will be required to finish the grading. J. N. Donne, who has been at work on the road, says that it is an excellent highway and follows the only

The benefits which Sumpter is sure to derive from the construction of this thoroughfare are inestimable, and the thanks of the community consummation.

feasible route.

only agricultural section that is Diggings. They spent some time at tributary to this camp. In all the the Mars group. To a Miner years gone by, the farmers there have representative Dr. Stapish said: had to haul the products of their farms to Baker City, a distance of in the district and I note a great forty-five miles, and sell there in a many changes and a wonderful imdull market, in competition with provement. At the Mars group of farm produce from other neighbor copper claims which we have just visitthird the distance and find a ready, partment shaft, and will install a profitable market for everything they idvantage to the farmers.

remainder will be paid in a few development."

The history of this road makes an the east Dr. Stapish, said: interesting local story. More than

terests antagonistic to Sumpter, they became suddenly inactive and the proposition was a failrue.

Last fall Mayor McColloch revived the plan, announced that he couldn't be "called off," and backed up by several proimnent citizens, notably Messrs. Glesson and O' Rourke, called on the town for subscriptions, meeting with a generous rsponse, as is the case with all worthy objects in Sumpter. The opposition carried the fight into the board of county commissioners and owing to the loyalty of Commissioner Gleason, supported by the chairman, Judge Travillion and the member from the Pan Handle, another victory was won. To these gentlemen are due the credit for the Burnt River-Sumpter wagon road.

VISITS CAMP.

Stapish, of Indiana, Here to Look After Properties.

Dr. W. J. Stapish, of Anderson, Indiana, treasurer of the Inidana Mining company, operating the Mars group of copper claims near Baker City, and a director in the Jupiter Gold Mining company, formerly the Hoosier Boy company, are due to the gentlemen who pushed operating the Prairie Diggings, the enterprise through to a successful accompanied by Manager Messner, of the latter property, passed through This Burnt river country is the the city this rning enroute to the

"It has been two years since I was ed, we are putting down a double comsinking plant with a depth capacity The road is also a gret of 500 feet within thirty days. The shaft is now down about sixty-five Mayor McColloch has collected feet and this is about the limit about \$500 of the money subscribed withut sinking machinery. The by the citizens of Sumpter for the property is looking extremely well construction of the road, and the and I am well satisfied with its

Speaking of business conditions in

"The country generally two years ago, the enterprise was first prosperous, and there are indications launched. There was violent opposi- that the fall trade will be exceedingly tion to it from certain quarters, heavy. As an evidence of this selfishness being the motive. The even now there is a shortage of cars local people who assumed the and the freight business is increasing

every day. The Sumpter district is CHAS. H. CHANCE well known throughout Indiana, and I may add very favorably known. A lot of Indiana capital is invested here, and it is safe to say much more will be placed in mining here in the future."

Manager Messner stated that the deep sinking plant at the Jupiter is in F. A. E. STARR. fine working order. The shaft is now down over 100 feet, and it is his purpose to sink 100 feet deeper then crosscut to the main lead of the property.

Dr. Stapish will remain about two weeks in the district before returning east. In what little time he had to look around this morning before the train pulled out, he observed a great many improvements here since his last visit two years

BAKER COUNTY ASSESSED AT \$4,639,000 FOR 1903.

The county assessor, George W. Jett has computed the total assessmnt for Baker county for 1903.

The value of the property in the county, according to the figures of the county assessor is \$4,039,000. This is an increase of \$350000, over the valuation last year. There was an increase last year over the year previous. It was not, however, as great as the increase noted fom thre p esent period.

The county board of equalization have completed their work for the year and it is not likely that any changes will be made in the above totals. - Herald.

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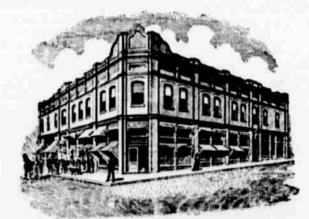
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