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BURNT RIVER ROAD OPEN FOR TRAVEL.

Wagons Can Drive Through
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 river country will be open to travel, though grading of the entire 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. Doune, who has been at work on the road, says that it is an excellent highway and follows the only feasible route.

The benefits which Sumpter is sure to derive from the construction of this thoroughfare are inestimable, and the thanks of the community are due to the gentlemen who pushed the enterprise through to a successful consummation.

This Burnt river country is the only agricultural section that is tributary to this camp. In all the years gone by, the farmers there have had to haul the products of their farms to Baker City, a distance of forty-five miles, and sell there in a dull market, in competition with farm produce from other neighborhoods. Now they can drive in one-third the distance and find a ready, profitable market for everything they raise. The road is also a great advantage to the farmers.

Mayor McColloch has collected about \$500 of the money subscribed by the citizens of Sumpter for the construction of the road, and the remainder will be paid in a few days.

The history of this road makes an interesting local story. More than two years ago, the enterprise was first launched. There was violent opposition to it from certain quarters, selfishness being the motive. The local people who assumed the

leadership in the enterprise were "reached" in some way by the interests antagonistic to Sumpter, they became suddenly inactive and the proposition was a failure.

Last fall Mayor McColloch revived the plan, announced that he couldn't be "called off," and backed up by several prominent citizens, notably Messrs. Gleason and O'Rourke, called on the town for subscriptions, meeting with a generous response, 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.

Dr. Stapish, of Indiana,
Here to Look After
Properties.

Dr. W. J. Stapish, of Anderson, Indiana, treasurer of the Indiana 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, operating the Prairie Diggings, accompanied by Manager Messner, of the latter property, passed through the city this morning enroute to the Diggings. They spent some time at the Mars group. To a Miner representative Dr. Stapish said:

"It has been two years since I was in the district and I note a great many changes and a wonderful improvement. At the Mars group of copper claims which we have just visited, we are putting down a double compartment shaft, and will install a sinking plant with a depth capacity of 500 feet within thirty days. The shaft is now down about sixty-five feet and this is about the limit without sinking machinery. The property is looking extremely well and I am well satisfied with its development."

Speaking of business conditions in the east Dr. Stapish, said:

"The country generally is prosperous, and there are indications that the fall trade will be exceedingly heavy. As an evidence of this even now there is a shortage of cars and the freight business is increasing

every day. The Sumpter district is 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 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 ago.

BAKER COUNTY ASSESSED

AT \$4,039,000 FOR 1903.

The county assessor, George W. Jett has computed the total assessment 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 \$350,000, 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 from the present 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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