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ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

Some people are saying that a railroad from Sumpter to Bourne will injure this town. When you hear that remark made, waste no time on that bird of ill omen. It is an unprofitable proposition to discuss any subject with an irredeemable idiot, or with a man who doesn't believe what he says.

It has been cabled from London that the radium treatment for cancer is an absolute failure, and has been entirely abandoned. Sixteen cases were under treatment, and the only favorable result was the occasional cessation from pain. In several instances, however, the patients complained of an increase of pain.

At Mount Pelee, in the West Indies, a finger like projection began to rise gradually from the crater something over a year ago until it recently reached a height of over 1,100 feet above its base. Since then it has gradually sunk until it disappeared in the cone. The most generally accepted explanation of this phenomenon is that it is a core from the throat of one of the old passages, and has been forced out like a cork from a bottle.

The Mining World picks out the following specimen of advertising by the Chicago brokers which, as a lightening get-rich quick scheme, everlastingly lays it over anything of the kind to which the attention of the public has yet been called:

"Would you believe that gold and silver ore could run so rich that it was 75 per cent metal? That horn silver in immense bunches could be cut like butter? That 850,000 in gold and silver could be taken out of a shaft 6x9 in sinking sixty feet, and that this ore was opened up on surface for nearly two miles? We can prove it by the Highest Mining Authority in the Country. This advertising will never appear again. It will bring all the money we need."

The uncertainty of industrial speculation has drawn many capitalists into the field of mining, and many more may be looked for. Capital, in view of dearly bought experience, is learning to look upon mining as one of the safest and most legitimate of industries. Speaking on this head, the Financial Inquirer, of New York, says:

"Conditions warrant the assertion that the mining industry has an outlook for a greater prosperity this year than ever before. Interest in mining has had a healthy, steady growth during the past year and the industry is growing in popularity and is more and more receiving recognition as the safest and most profitable, offering an ideal field for investment.

"Many repentant speculators have learned wisdom after repeated experiences during the past few months, and with what has been saved from the wreck in the prick given the speculative bubble are turning to min-

ing, where there is no longer any question as to the earning power of capital. There is no competition in mining, and the industry of precious metal mining is the main support of all others and competes with none.

"The great financial rulers of the country during the past year have, many of them, turned to mining, and their money has been turned lose in many unexpected mining sections. The names of conservative bankers, well known throughout the country, who for years perhaps have urged their influence against investments in mining, during the past year have been equally as earnest in the organization of mining companies, and among the names of officials are well known bankers.

"Railroad magnates and magnates of all classes with money bags open have eagerly sought mining investment fields, deserting the shrine of speculation to purchase with their money the favor of and swear allegiance to the king of all industries—mining.

"The handwriting on the wall has appeared and proclaims that the safest possible field for capital is mining. Intelligent investors should follow the example of the bankers, railroad magnates and oil kings, and invest a little at least here and there in good propositions that evidence good management and are being developed by skillful experts.

"There's going to be a mighty rising of the tide this year of 1904 in mining; bargains won't always be found, and those who ride on the crest of the wave will reap the results. Capital is going into mining and greater output will result, development will be hastened and the mining industry will be more prosperous than ever. This is the sign of the times, the outlook for 1904."

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON IRRIGATION IN OREGON

A bulletin sent out by the census department and released today, says: The census bureau today issued a preliminary report on irrigation in Oregon in 1902. It shows that the irrigation conditions there were above the average. Better methods of management and a more economical use of the ordinary water supply are urged in order greatly to increase the number of acres that may be brought under irrigation.

In 1902 the number of farms reported was 5,133 with an irrigation area of 439,981 acres, an increase since 1899 of 51,716 acres, or 13.3 per cent for the three years. The per cent of increase for the ten years from 1889 to 1899 was 118.2.

In 1902, 2,555 irrigating systems were in operation representing a total construction cost of \$2,089,609. The total length of main canals and ditches was 3,653 miles. The aggregate number of acres irrigated by the 2,417 systems receiving water from streams was 428,925 belonging to 4,897 farms. The average cost per acre was \$4.81.

WILL ORDER COMPRESSOR PLANT AT ONCE FOR THE MIDWAY.

The Geiser-Hendryx company will place an order at once for a five drill compressor, to be used at the Midway mine.

The purpose is to get the machinery here just as soon as the snow will permit it being transferred to the mine. In the meantime, sinking operations are being steadily continued to the 360 foot level, when the ledge will again be crosscut.

ORDINANCE NO. 210.

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 190, entitled "An ordinance to define the fire limits of the City of Sumpter, prohibit the erection or repair of wooden buildings within such limits, to provide for and determine the number and size of places of entrance and exit from all public halls, churches, and other buildings used for public gatherings, and the modes of hanging doors thereat, and to provide generally for the protection against fires and the spread thereof."

The City of Sumpter does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 190, entitled "An ordinance to define the fire limits of the City of Sumpter, prohibit the erection or repair of wooden buildings within such limits, to provide for and determine the number and size of places of entrance and exit from all public halls, churches, and other buildings used for public gatherings, and the modes of hanging doors thereat, and to provide generally for the protection against fires and the spread thereof," be amended by striking from Section 1 of said Ordinance, the word "six" and eliminating from the provisions thereof, Block Six in the original townsite of the town (now city) of Sumpter, making Section 1 of said fire ordinance read:

Said fire limits shall comprise and include the South half of Blocks 1 and 2, all of blocks three and four in the original townsite of the town, (now city) of Sumpter, as shown on the revised plan of the town of Sumpter, of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Baker County, Oregon; and the west half of Block 11 as shown on the plat of Sumpter Height's McEwen's addition to the town, now city, of Sumpter, of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of said Baker County, Oregon.

Section 2. That from and after the passage and approval of this ordinance, said Block Six in the original townsite of the town of Sumpter, Baker County, Oregon, shall not be subject to the provisions of said ordinance No. 190.

Passed the council this 29th day of March, 1904.

S. S. START,
Recorder.

Approved March 29, 1904,
C. H. McCOLLOCH,
Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 211.

An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the members of the Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department for attendance upon meetings and drills of said department.

The City of Sumpter does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That from and after the first day of April, 1904, any and all persons who are members of the Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department shall receive the sum of Fifty cents (\$0.50) for every regular meeting of such department which he shall attend for the transaction of business, or drill, provided however that they shall not be allowed compensation for more than one meeting in any month from the first day of November to the first day of May, nor more than two meetings from the first day of May to the first day of November for each year: provided further that no person shall be entitled to compensation under this ordinance unless he be a member of said department in

good standing, and shall be present during the entire meeting or drill for which compensation is allowed, and shall be present and answer to his name at the beginning and ending of such meeting or drill.

Section 2. The chief of the Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department is hereby directed to keep a list of all members of the department in good standing and notify all members of any meeting to be held, except in case such meeting is a regular meeting, to be held on a fixed day which is known to the members of the department.

That at the hour for which any meeting or drill is fixed or called, if the same be a general meeting, the Chief of the Fire Department shall call the roll and all present and answering shall be so marked, on a record kept for that purpose. At the close of the meeting he shall again call the roll and all persons present and answering shall be again so marked on said record,—said record to be preserved by the Chief of the Fire Department and shall be submitted with his report to the Common Council of the City of Sumpter, Oregon, on the first day of each month, provided that when a meeting is called for drill and members meet at the various houses or stations of their respective companies, and not in general meeting, then the roll shall be called as above provided by the foreman of each company, who shall file with the Chief the written evidence of said roll call showing the members present at the beginning and close of the meeting and said Chief shall embody the same in his report.

Section 3. The payment of the compensation herein provided for members of the Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department shall be made each month by a warrant drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of the Fire Department for an amount aggregating the total amount due the members of the department for attendance upon meetings or drills during the preceding month, which amount shall be paid to the individual members of the Department by the Treasurer, either directly or through the foreman of the respective companies at the next monthly meeting.

Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to the Chief of the Department, or any official who draws a regular salary from the City of Sumpter, nor shall it be deducted from compensation allowed any member of the department by said city for attendance upon fires.

Passed the council this 29th day of March, 1904.

S. S. START,
Recorder of the City of Sumpter.
Approved March 29, 1904,
C. H. McCOLLOCH,
Mayor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Baker. In the matter of the assignment of David A. Edlin, an insolvent Debtor.

STATE OF OREGON, } ss.
COUNTY OF BAKER. }

To the Creditors of the Above Entitled Estate:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned has filed his final report as assignee of the above entitled estate, and the same will be heard by the Judge of the above entitled court on April 28th, 1904, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

R. L. SABIN.