

MAN AND MONEY FOR SMELTER

F. D. Fuller Arrived Thursday to Take The Place of General Manager.

Fred D. Fuller, of New York, accompanied by Mrs. Fuller, arrived Thursday to assume the management and superintendence of the Oregon Smelting and Refining company, operating the Sumpter smelter. Mr. Fuller is a practical and technical smelter man of large experience in Montana and New York, thoroughly conversant with the operation of smelting plants. It will be remembered that he was here last winter at the instance of eastern stockholders, in the matter of recommending an ore purchasing fund, asked for by the management. After making thorough investigation relative to the ores of the district and the adaptability of the smelter to their treatment, he unhesitatingly advised the raising of such a fund.

At the late meeting of the directors in Milwaukee, Mr. Fuller was appointed manager, in the place of Dr. Ed W. Mueller, who has been anxious for some time to be relieved of the position. The fact of his resignation has been known to his friends for some time. The smelter is a Killen, Warner, Stewart promotion, with which Dr. Mueller has been identified as manager since its earliest inception. He feels now that the enterprise has been brought successfully through the different stages of organization and financing, and that it is time for him to step out and let more technical men take charge. With this purpose in mind, Dr. Mueller tendered his resignation as general manager. Besides this, his

various other interests in the district scarcely second in importance to the smelter, claim his time, and he felt that a more technical man who could better devote his entire attention to the management and superintendence of the plant would be advisable. Dr. Mueller will remain in Sumpter in connection with his other enterprises. It is incidentally learned that he will devote his time to a new enterprise that may mean as much for Sumpter as has the smelter. What this is the public may learn later.

Mr. Fuller has not been here long enough to mature any plans regarding the management of the company and plant. However, he states that in a few days he will give a detailed statement to the press relative to the methods he intends to pursue. As stated in *The Miner* some time ago, it is understood that ample funds for the purchase of all ores that may be offered for sale have been pledged, and there will be no difficulty in this direction. Further than this, as to time of starting or any other explicit information, the public will wait with interest Mr. Fuller's statement. Both Mr. Fuller and Dr. Mueller at this time decline to make public any further facts.

Sumpter and eastern Oregon will welcome Mr. Fuller to the district, and lend their cordial support to the enterprise, as in the past. The industry is of vital importance to eastern Oregon and will contribute more than any one enterprise to the success of the mining industry.

JOHN DAY, PIONEER, DIES IN POVERTY

In the Masonic hall in Lewiston rests in state the remains of John Day, a pioneer of the west, says a correspondent of the *Helena Independent*. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock John Day breathed his last in the county hospital in this city and in passing ended one of the most adventurous careers in the history of the building of the west.

Fifty-two years ago John Day left the home of his boyhood in Westchester county, New York, and crossed the plains to California, and since that time this typical pioneer has participated in the reclamation of the wilds of nearly every state of the Northwest.

Mr. Day was one of the earliest of the gold seekers to work in the

mines of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. In Oregon a noble stream and a town bear his name, and years ago his name was familiar in all the mining camps of not only the coast states, but on the Comstock lode and the great silver camps of Utah and Colorado, and in the placer gulches of Montana he was well known. During the Indian wars on the coast and in Idaho, John Day won fame as a fearless fighter, and the Red men in respect to his prowess called him "Bad Medicine."

During the early days of the camp of Salmon City, Idaho, Mr. Day accumulated considerable wealth, and at other times in his life he was in comfortable circumstances, but his generosity and too liberal business methods caused the loss of everything he had, and he died a poor man.

Many residents of Fergus county, who knew Mr. Day intimately, speak

of him in highly eulogistic terms, and his kindness and generosity are the traits upon which it is evident he founded the great friendship that existed for him every where he lived.

Mr. Day came to Montana in 1871, locating at Diamond City, which was then a prosperous placer mining camp. He came to the Judith basin in the very early eighties, locating on Buffalo creek, near the Judith gap, where he established a horse ranch. The financial depression of 1893 made him a bankrupt at an age when he was unable to again renew the struggle for wealth. For the past ten years he has made his home with friends who were neighbors while he was prosperous, but were friends indeed in his adversity. At the ripe age of eighty-six years this pioneer, after a brief illness, laid down the burden of life to solve the problem of the great beyond.

Mr. Day having been a member of the Masonic fraternity for more than half a century, the Lewiston lodge of Masons are in charge of the funeral services, and his body rests in state in the Masonic temple.

INVESTORS ARE WELL PLEASED

Colonel John C. Devine, of Wheeling, West Virginia, who came in with a party of Wheeling people interested in the Gold Coin a few days ago, left this afternoon. He will make a trip to Malheur, where he also has interests, before returning home. The rest of the party will remain several days longer.

Colonel Devine is greatly pleased with the district so far as he has been able to observe. The people were interested by J. M. Doyle, who is the original owner of the property. Colonel Devine says:

"It's my first trip here, and I am most favorably impressed. I am fully persuaded that Sumpter is destined to make one of the greatest gold camps in the country. We are well pleased with our holdings here. Work is going on uninterruptedly at the property, with good results."

MINERAL FOUND IN A NEW DISTRICT IN IDAHO

Prospectors who have gone up the river bound for the Black Warrior district have been making some very interesting discoveries at points along the way. As they could not get into Black Warrior, on account of the snow, they have put in the time prospecting at other places, where the snow had gone, and some have found promising property.

One man said yesterday he had heard from a prospector whom he staked, to the effect that he had a fine ledge some miles below the Black Warrior. The man wrote he had never seen such float as he met with in his prospecting, and he thought he had a ledge as good as any in the district for which he started.

It seems altogether likely that many discoveries will be made in that section of the state. For years it has received no attention, but the phenomenal discoveries in Black Warrior will attract a host of prospectors this year. These will spread all over that section, and they will undoubtedly find many great ledges that have hitherto escaped attention.—Boise Statesman.

THAT BURNT RIVER ROAD

Difference of Opinion as to The Best Route For it to Follow.

About the matter of a road to the Burnt river country, at this late date there has arisen a difference of opinion as to the best route, and some of the farmers down that way want a new one selected. The route chosen for the road, now nearly completed by Sumpter people, was selected after careful investigation. V. R. Mead, than whom no one in the county is more familiar with its topography, assisted by J. N. Doane, also experienced in such matters, looked over the ground thoroughly and selected this route as the best. It was then laid out by a competent surveyor. It is not yet completed and will be vastly improved when it is finished.

There are two other routes, each with advocates among the residents of the Burnt river country. One goes down that stream from King's ranch to Whitney, the present route crossing the river just thirteen times and would be impassable for several months in the year, under any conditions. The other is known as the Trout creek route, which Mr. Mead, Mr. Doane and the county surveyor say is no better natural road way than the one selected, even if as good, and is four or five miles out of the way.

COPPER DISCOVERED IN MOUNT RASTUS DISTRICT

The last strike in Mount Rastus, and it is a sensational one, is a ledge of copper ore six feet in width.

A sample of the ore brought to this city by Mr. Archie Murray can be seen at the Democrat office.

The find was made at Murray Hill by Messrs. Kilmer and Runey, two experienced prospectors and mining men.

Another strike of equal importance was made a few days ago by the foreman of the Pittsburg company, at a point on Camp creek, a short distance from Mount Rastus City.

The ledge is free milling gold ore twenty-five feet in width.

Coming out from Mount Rastus district Mr. Murray passed four four-horse teams loaded with mining timbers from Baker City to the Pittsburg company at Mount Rastus, to be used in a 1300-foot tunnel.

Mr. Murray says the camp is taking on considerable activity, both in a mining and business way, and as development progresses the mines are making excellent showing.—Democrat.

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