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RICH FARMING COUNTRY SOUTH OF SUMPTER

Dr. Brock Makes a Trip of Over Fifty Miles and Tells of Interesting Things He Saw and Heard.

Dr. and Mrs. Brock returned yesterday from a drive to the south extending into Malheur county, distant from here over fifty miles. The doctor was called to Unity to see a patient and on his arrival there met a messenger from a ranch in Malheur county, ten miles beyond Mount Rastus, who had come to telephone for a doctor.

The day before the ten-year old son of the rancher had been thrown for a horse and seriously injured. An effort had been made to get a doctor from Huntington, but the physician residing there was out of town. Dr. Brock drove through that night, arriving at 2 o'clock in the morning, and found the boy suffering from internal injuries, from which it is feared he will die.

He says that is the finest farming country he has ever seen; especially in Eagle valley, where every acre is under a high state of cultivation. All crops are far advanced, and as irrigation is relied upon exclusively

for moisture, the yield is something enormous. There are extensive orchards loaded with fruit; the hillsides are dotted with blooded cattle and every farmer owns and raises fine horses. And they all have money, plenty of it.

All this rich section of country trades at Baker City, though it is from twenty to thirty miles nearer Sumpter. The farmers expressed a desire to come to Sumpter, especially on account of the reports they hear that there is always a good market here for farm produce of every variety, which does not exist in Baker City. That Burnt river road and a little missionary work will bring them here, as the roads beyond Unity are in excellent condition.

Dr. Brock says that the people all through that section are enthusiastic over Mount Rastus as a mining district, and he heard some wonderful stories of mineral wealth. A number of properties there are being extensively developed, some of the rich farmers in the neighborhood supplying the needed money.

RICH DIRT AT STICES GULCH

Some samples which David L. Killen and Professor H. H. Nicholson brought from the Stices' Gulch placers, operated by the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, were reported by Professor Nicholson today and showed an average value of \$6.31 to the cubic yard of dirt. This is regarded as exceptionally rich gravel. It came from within a foot of bed rock.

The placers are going full swing, and from all indications the biggest cleanup in their history may be expected this season.

BELCHER MILL WILL SOON BE INSTALLED

Fred Daines, superintendent of the Belcher, went out to the property from Baker City today. The machinery for the Belcher twenty-stamp mill is now at Whitney and is to be installed at an early date.

The saw mill which is being put in to cut lumber for the Belcher and

the Red Lion mills, will be in operation, Mr. Daines says, in a few days.

Road to Tipton.

Judge Travillion and Dave B. Fisk came up from Baker City today to inspect the route of the proposed county road between Greenhorn and Tipton. Manager Fuller, of the smelter, left on horseback to meet them at Whitney and go over the route with them.

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