

**COLONEL INGERSOL,
COLONEL PLUMMER**

Arthur Dunn a newspaper man now doing "syndicate work" in New York, sent out in a recent letter the following paragraph, which was published in the Portland Telegram, among other papers:

"Sniffing the battle from afar, or maybe near, Colonel W. C. Plummer appeared on the scene and reported ready for duty with the republican state campaign committee. Colonel Plummer is a spellbinder. Years and years ago he ran a paper in Pennsylvania. Then there was a drift westward, and he crossed the Red river of the North and became a part of a set of brilliant newspaper men who made North Dakota famous. This was along about 1882. Plummer was an orator then, and no gathering was complete without him. He is now a professional spellbinder and a very effective talker. With a good presence and voice, a fund of good stories, and plenty of wit, he always makes good on the stump. It was at Chicago in 1888 that he spoke for an hour from the balcony of the Grand Pacific, and the crowd thought they were listening to Bob Ingersoll. He does resemble the late gifted agnostic to some extent, and at the time the shouters in the streets thought Colonel Ingersoll was giving them a fine treat."

The Miner man is familiar with the circumstance, which is strictly true. When Colonel Plummer returned to the room where Colonel Ingersoll and a number of acquaintances were gathered, enjoying a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," the former remarked: "Well, Bob, your reputation as an orator is firmly established now;" to which remark the famous agnostic replied: "Had I not known that to be a mob of ignoramuses who couldn't distinguish the difference between a speech by Conkling and Platt, I would never have trusted by reputation to you."

It was on the same occasion that the two great jawbone artists were discussing religion. Colonel Plummer complained that Colonel Ingersoll's theory "tore down from the gallery of my memory many beautiful pictures associated with the early teachings of my mother, and left nothing there to fill their places." To this the other retorted: "You remind me of the man who kicked at the doctor for curing him of the itch, and left nothing to make him scratch."

O. R. & N. SUMMER BOOK.

The handsome 1904 summer book, "Restful Recreation Resorts," issued by the passenger department of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, is just out. It tells all about the summering places of the Columbia river valley—a brief description of the trips up and down the Columbia river, to the mountains, beaches, inland resorts and fountains of healing, where they are and how to reach them. The book has a special designed front cover, printed in two colors, and the inside pages are splendidly illustrated by costly and beautiful half-tones. A copy of this publication may be obtained by sending two cents in stamps to A. L. Craig, general Passenger agent of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company, Portland.

**CAPITALISTIC BUNCH
ARRIVES HERE TODAY**

**Thirty-Two in One Lot is a Record Breaker
For Sumpter and the
Gold Fields.**

Thirty-two mining investors present and prospective, with more yet to arrive, is not a bad record for one day. But such is the case.

Ten came from Wisconsin and Iowa under the direction of Dr. C. P. Riley, of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and F. M. Riley, of Des Moines, Iowa, both connected with agencies of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company. And there are some eight or ten belonging to this party who stopped along the way, yet to arrive. These people are largely interested in the Standard. They left this afternoon for the Quartzburg district to visit this property.

The other party is composed largely of Ohio people, headed by F. Wallace White, of Cleveland. They are interested in the Sanger, Sampson and other properties which Mr. White is promoting.

In company with Mr. White, they left this afternoon to visit the North Pole and other Cracker Creek mines. The party will remain here till

Saturday, probably visiting the various mines, and will take in the country generally, in addition to the properties in which they are interested.

The Killen, Warner, Stewart party is composed of Dr. C. P. Riley, F. M. Riley, Dr. J. L. Williamson, Dr. E. L. Stevens, J. F. Saylor, T. J. Saylor, Dr. A. N. Vail, A. E. Scuby, Henry J. Miller and Alfred Robinson.

The White party consisted of: L. O. Davis and wife, Mrs. E. R. Muma, W. T. Hudson, A. G. Summy and wife, Israel G. Erb, Frank Binder, Jacob L. Ranck, Sam Barb, Ulysses S. Barb, F. Wallace White and wife, George H. Cleveland, W. R. Francis and wife, Mrs. Lottie Leggett, Edmund S. Stewart, W. F. Anthony and Dr. H. W. Whittaker.

These people are more or less interested in Sumpter properties, and their mission here is to take a look over the district with a view to increasing their holdings.

**SEARCHING FOR
LONG LOST MINE**

The strange picture of an old man searching for a fabulous fortune was presented to the eyes of Robert V. Reid, deputy clerk of the state circuit court, and E. A. Sessions, of Portland, during a hunting trip they took to the Cascade mountains, sixty miles east of Winlock, Washington. The three Portlanders returned home yesterday, and they reported their queer experience. On one of their trips to Spirit Lake from their headquarters at the Polar mine, they met an old man with a flowing beard, and who looked as if he had not taken his annual bath. Close behind him was a younger man. From conversation, Mr. Reid learned that the two were on a search for a long-lost mine. But to make the story short, here is the tale as it was told to Mr. Reid:

About ten years ago an old German discovered a mine in the Cascades. Fearing that somebody would jump his claim, he said nothing about it to anyone, but his frequent trips to mining camps near this location and his display of gold caused inquiry. One night he was asked where his claim lay. He drew a revolver, pointing it at the crowd, and said he was going home, and that he would kill anyone who followed him. Nevertheless, one man followed him, and when the German camped for the night the man slept within fifty yards of him. One morning the

German saw him, and made a movement as if to draw a gun. The other man had his revolver ready and killed him on the spot.

The whole thing is supposed to have happened about twenty years ago, when the mining regions of the Cascades was a wilderness. But the old prospector, whose name is Dyer, told the Portlanders that it was a true story. He knew of the occurrence, and that he had another claim in good order, he would have sought the German's mine. When his claim failed he went on a search, and when he exhausted his money he looked for a man to give him a grubstake. He said he had been looking for the lost claim for seven years on grubstakes, and while he had found no trace of it he expected to in the early future.—Telegram.

Strange Fish in Lake County.

A party of four students from Leland Stanford, Jr., university have been securing specimens of fish from various bodies of water in Lake county, and some curious varieties are said to have been discovered. Catfish may be taken by the thousand now from the Chewaucan river, near Paisley, that stream having been stocked many years ago. They have never been planted in Goose or Warner lakes, because of an idea that they destroyed other fish, but as the Chewaucan river remains one of the best trout streams in the county, the belief seems not well founded. It would be little trouble to stock Klamath, Goose and Warner lakes from the Chewaucan. Several varieties of trout are found in Lake county waters, and Goose lake presents a variety different from all the

others, the fish of this lake being to all appearances the same as the Lake Michigan whitefish. This variety was planted in Goose Lake about 1882, by the government and they probably are whitefish.

Equity Shipping.

Rev. W. J. Hughes, of Baker City, managing owner of the Equity, went out to the property this morning. Mr. Hughes is arranging to have his ore received at Tipton for shipment to the Sumpter smelter. The Equity is now in the list of steady shippers.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Sumpter, Baker County, Ore.,
July 29, 1904.

To Otto Unzicker, Menno Unzicker, J. R. Burns, R. L. Coleman, R. S. Cates, Alliene Case, John Arthur and J. F. Crisman:

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended during the year 1903, the sum of one hundred dollars in labor and improvements on each of the following described quartz mining claims situated in the Cable Cove mining district, in Grant and Baker counties, to-wit:—The Rob Roy, the Sunset, and the Snow Shoe, situated in Grant county, Oregon, and the Black Dwarf and Midnight, situated in Baker county, Oregon, the location notice of said Rob Roy quartz mining claim being recorded at page 183 of Volume G of the public records of mining claim location notices of said Grant county, the Sunset claim location notice being recorded at page 183 of said volume G of said records, and the Snow Shoe claim location notice being recorded at page 184 of volume G of said records; the location notice of said Black Dwarf claim being recorded at page 189 of volume J of the public records of quartz mining claim location notices of said Baker county, Oregon, and the location notice of said Midnight claim being recorded at page 191 of said volume J of said records of Baker county.

And you, the above named Otto Unzicker, Menno Unzicker, J. R. Burns, R. L. Coleman, R. S. Cates, Alliene Case, John Arthur and J. F. Crisman, are hereby notified that if within 90 days from the date of the personal service of this notice upon you, or within ninety days from the publication thereof, you fail to contribute your proportionate share of such expenditures, which amounts to sixty-six and two-thirds dollars for each of the following named claims, to-wit:—the Sunset, the Snow Shoe, the Black Dwarf and the Midnight, and the sum of seventy seven and seven-ninths dollars for said Rob Roy claim, your interest in said Sunset, Snow Shoe, Black Dwarf and Midnight claims, which amounts to a two-thirds interest in each of said claims, and your interest in said Rob Roy claim, which amounts to a seven-ninths interest, will become the property of your co-owner, Robert O. Deming, who has made the expenditure of one hundred dollars on each of the above named five claims, during the year 1903, for the purpose of holding said claims for the year ending December 31, 1903, in accordance with section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

R. O. DEMING.

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