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SHAPING ORE EXHIBIT AFFAIRS

The board of managers of the Sumpter ore exhibit association held a meeting last Saturday evening at Hotel Sumpter. The members of the board present were Assistant General Manager J. E. Reed, Secretary Tom C. Gray, Manager Grant Thornburg, representing the Granite district; Henry Neidermark, representing the Cracker Creek camp, and Manager Fred D. Smith, representing the Greenhorn district. Excuses for absence were received from all the other members of the board, who, on account of pressure of private duties, were unable to be present.

Assistant General Manager Reed rendered an exhaustive report, showing the progress of work on the permanent home for the exhibit. He announced that the building, which is the old Racket store on Mill street, would be in shape for occupancy by Wednesday of this week, on and after which time the association will be in readiness to receive ore from the various outlying camps.

Manager J. N. Ditmars, of Granite, mailed to the secretary a check for \$50, being the first quarterly payment out of the \$200 appropriation made for the benefit of the association by the Granite city council.

Secretary Gray read a letter from General Passenger and Freight Agent Joseph Barton, of the Sumpter Valley railway, in which he acknowledges receipt of information blanks and shipping tags sent out by the association to mining men who are expected to contribute ore for the display. Part of Mr. Barton's letter read as follows:

"It is the policy of the Sumpter Valley railway company to aid and foster all legitimate and bona fide efforts to benefit the Sumpter mining district, and we think the move now being made by you and your colleagues is such. Our agents have been notified to make free billing on all ore shipments to the association."

General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, of the O. R. & N., also wrote to Secretary Gray in response to a query as to the possibility of fair visitors securing stop-over privileges at Baker City for a trip into the Sumpter gold fields. Mr. Craig says:

"At the present time stopovers are granted on regular 30-day and nine-months excursion tickets in either direction, and on the going trip to the holders of second class and home-seekers' tickets. The travel this summer to the northwest will no doubt be largely on the low rate Lewis and Clark excursion tickets; these tickets will carry stopover privileges in each direction. I

think that you will find that the class of people who desire to visit your exhibit will have no trouble in securing stopovers."

Manager Fred D. Smith, of the Greenhorn district, reported that during the coming month he would take up the Sumpter exhibit proposition with the town council of Greenhorn and with the various mine operators in his district, and confidently expected to be able at the next regular meeting of the board to bring in a liberal donation of funds as well as ores from his camp.

The town council of Bourne will also be invited to join the procession headed by the city of Sumpter and the town of Granite, the former of which has appropriated \$350 and the latter \$200 for the good of the cause. Manager Neidermark, of the Bourne and Cracker Creek camp, announces that all the various members of the Bourne council are willing to make a liberal donation out of municipal funds, but that the Bourne charter, or rather, the lack of charter, prohibits a direct appropriation. Lawyers are looking into the matter and a loophole allowing a liberal donation is expected to be found.

During the present week, General Manager Reed will begin again a campaign of solicitation among local merchants and business men. So far, from all sources, a trifle more than \$1200 has been secured to carry the permanent exhibit for two years or more.

The next meeting of the board will be on March 16.

CASE AND WILL JOIN THE ROLL OF HONOR

The roll of honor of subscribers to the exhibit fund is as follows to date:

City of Sumpter	350
Town of Granite	200
Harry T. Hendryx	\$250
N. J. Sorensen & Co	50
Killen, Warner, Stewart company	50
J. P. Holland	50
Bergman & McWatty	50
Sumpter Meat company	50
First National Bank	50
Van Vleet & Wright	50
Basche Sage Hardware Co.	50
R. E. Strahorn	100
Thornburg & Love	50
Case Furniture Co.	50
Sumpter Steam Laundry	50

Assistant General Manager Reed, of the Sumpter District Ore Exhibit association, announces that the permanent home for the display is now ready for the reception of ore.

FULL FACE OF FINE ORE

A full face of high grade shipping ore is reported in the South Pole. Superintendent Andy Hanson was in Sumpter yesterday. He nursed a case of toothache and couldn't talk much about the strike. He managed to say, however, that the South Pole never looked better; that the main drift is now in solid ore, and that it wasn't for his aching tooth the world would look bright.

The South Pole is owned by a stock company, of which Pete Basche, of Baker City, is the virtual controller. Shipments to the Sumpter smelter are expected to begin shortly.

AL GEISER SAYS HE CAN FIND THE ORE

The Portland Journal, in winding up an interview with Harry Hendryx on the Bonanza proposition, in which Hendryx is quoted as saying that Geiser will manage the mine for the Pittsburgers, says:

"If I got into the Bonanza mine, I believe I would find lots of ore," Mr. Geiser has often been heard to remark of late, when the management was struggling with the difficulty of supplying a big stamp mill. And so the mining men are inclined to think. The Bonanza may have been worked in a thoroughly scientific manner, but there is a general sentiment that Albert Geiser will find an abundance of ore there yet, and that, too, without sinking any deeper. His return to the management has been expected for some time, and as assurance is given that he will soon control again, the community shapes its expectations to see Oregon's deepest mine in the ranks of rich producers before the year closes.

No Express to Granite.

Kitchen and Joe Barton are bucking, and as a consequence the Granite express office has been discontinued. Kitchen, who runs the stage line says he is not getting enough for hauling the express between here and Sumpter, and Barton, for the express company, says he will not pay any more, also we do without express. This includes the Gem. Our ready prints were held up for two days in Sumpter this week, which accounts for the paper coming out late.—Granite Gem.

Basche today sent out a nozzle for a hydraulic giant to Charles Dimmick, of Alamo. Miscellaneous supplies were also sent up to the North Pole and Victor.

THE VICTOR STARTED UP

The Victor mine, at Bourne, will resume operations at once, under the superintendency of Hon. A. P. Smith, member of the state legislature from Baker county. Mr. Smith is in Sumpter today, purchasing supplies. A crew of men is already at work overhauling the surface plant. Operations on a large scale will be ordered upon the return to Sumpter of H. T. Hendryx, fiscal agent for and general manager of the Victor. Mr. Hendryx is expected to be here tomorrow.

Air drills are used at the Victor, compression being by a gasoline engine. A crosscut to the main vein has already entered a body of ore, and the face again displays evidence of the proximity of another fissure. The plan of the management is to continue the crosscut and drift on the intersected ledges.

STANDARD COMPANY HOLDING A MEETING

Reports come from Quartzburg of a rich strike in the Side Issue claim of the Standard group. Details are lacking, as all the local officers of the Standard company are in Pendleton in attendance upon the annual stockholders meeting, at which a new board of directors is to be elected. E. F. Warner, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, fiscal agent for and operator of the Standard mine, who arrived in Sumpter from the Milwaukee office of the company last Saturday morning; S. D. Foss, of Chicago, a heavy stockholder in the Standard, who accompanied Mr. Warner on his western trip; Chief Clerk Fred Lane, of the home office of the company; Zoeth Houser, a big Standard stockholder; and Dave L. Killen, senior member of the K., W., S., company, who passed through Baker City last Saturday on his way to Portland and other western points, are among the men who are attending the Pendleton meeting today. All of them are expected to return to Sumpter on tomorrow's train. Pending that time, nothing definite can be secured for publication with relation to the strike at the Side Issue. The entire party named above will visit the mine Wednesday.

The Killen, Warner, Stewart party, who left Sumpter Sunday for Pendleton to attend the annual meeting of Standard mine stockholders, failed to return on schedule time. The party included D. L. Killen, E. F. Warner, Prof. H. H. Nicholson, S. D. Foss, Zoeth Houser and Fred Lane. They will probably arrive tomorrow.