

## The Sumpter Miner

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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

This is the last issue of The Sumpter Miner, under that name. It is a very poor excuse for a paper, but it is hoped that readers will overlook its diminutiveness and other defects. Next week there will be no paper at all, and that omission they will also have to "stand for." But the following week, April 26, The Miner will be issued as the Inland Empire Miner, published at Baker City, devoted entirely to the mining industry, covering completely Oregon, Idaho and Washington, and giving in condensed form the mining news of the entire west. The paper will be improved in every respect, quality, quantity and appearance. While the old subscribers, who have taken it especially to get the news of eastern Oregon mines, will be given better service than ever before, the principal object of the management in making the change is to enlarge its scope and field of usefulness and profit.

The purpose in moving to Baker City from Sumpter is to secure the advantages of working from a central point, where the larger area can be more conveniently covered, where better and quicker mail facilities are offered and, above all other considerations, to rid The Miner of the heavy handicap of being considered merely a "local" paper, which drawback to securing general business, it has been impossible to overcome here. Sumpter, however, will always be the object of its most distinguished consideration and will doubtless receive something more than bare fair treatment at its hands. The move is going to be to the advantage of all concerned, publisher and patrons.

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### Old Mining Suit Decided.

There was received in this city last evening from the Burns land office a notice of the decision of the contest of Anna E. Ray vs. Clara S. Lockwood, which was recently rendered by the commissioner of the general land office in the testimony submitted at the rehearing of the case last spring, in which the commissioner decides in favor of the mineral claimant, Mrs. Clara S. Lockwood. This case involves title to a tract of land in the south part of Canyon City, which was supposed to be a part of the Kelly homestead and has been pending in the land office for about eight years. The protestants secured a rehearing about one year ago, when testimony was taken before Commissioner Patterson, touching the character, condition and use of the property in question. The protestants were given notice of their right of appeal to the secretary of the interior, the failure of which, the decision rendered will be final and patent to the mineral tract will issue to Mrs. Lockwood.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

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### Washing on the Marshal.

F. O. Bucknum was in town last Thursday, from the Marshal group. He finished putting in two more sluice boxes, the lumber for which he hauled by hand over soft snow for a distance of more than a mile, which he pronounces to be the hardest work he ever did, or proposes to do again. He and Frank Muzzy had been washing for two days before he left, shoveling off the snow in places. They have made arrangements with Fred Smith, of the Snow Creek, to have their reservoir filled at night from his ditch, as he will not pipe all night, and in this way will extend the hydraulic season to two months and hope to make a big cleanup. As has been stated before in these columns, the Marshal presents a peculiar proposition; the ground being washed, seeming to be decomposed ledge matter. The sluices have been so arranged that this ledge, which is clearly defined and pans rich all along the surface, can be stripped with giants for a distance of 300 feet.

### MINING NOTES.

Copper exports for the month of March amounted to 20,001 tons. This is the best showing since last November.

The Baker City Development league is preparing to issue 25,000 pamphlets, descriptive of the various resources of Baker county.

Tom C. Gray, general manager of the Valley Queen mine returned to the property Friday. It is officially announced that a hoisting plant will be installed at the Valley Queen this spring.

The discovery of carbonate ore at the depth of 850 feet in the Junction at Bisbee, Arizona, and of oxide at 1,100 in Lake Superior, are among the startling developments connected with these camps.

That over 50,000 acres of state school land in the region of the Blue Mountain forest reserve were bought in November and December, 1900, by means of fraudulent applications and perhaps by the use of names of fictitious persons, is charged by State Land Agent Oswald West.

The Dixie group, about one-half mile from Weatherby, has opened a vein from 20 to 24 feet wide, that averages \$12 per ton. The ledge is a gold proposition and free-milling. A large amount of open work has been done on the surface, besides 70 feet of tunnelling has been completed. A flattering offer for the property has been received from eastern parties and the management feels quite confident over the outcome.

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