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TO NUGGET'S FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

As the editor of this paper will be absent for the next sixty days, attending the coming session of the state senate, he begs to announce that Nugget will be in charge of Messrs Frank McKee and Joe F. Henault, who are jointly authorized to make contracts for advertising, receive subscriptions, collect bills and transact all business connected with this publication.

Mr. McKee, who was formerly editor and publisher of the Emmet Index and has been for several years connected with newspaper publication in Nampa, is a comparative stranger to local affairs here and begs the assistance of the patrons in enabling him to "catch on." Joe Henault, who has been foreman of Nugget for the past few months, the majority of our local readers already know. Both young gentlemen are accomplished printers and will be prepared to turn out all job printing promptly and to the satisfaction of our patrons. The old editor, during his absence, will endeavor to supply our readers with such information concerning events at the state capital as he may deem of interest to them.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The year about to close has been a bountiful one for Idaho. Almost every industry in the state has enjoyed a measure of prosperity of greater proportions than in the past. Crops have been bountiful and prices of products altogether have been satisfactory. Considerable progress has been made in the development of our mines, especially in the central portion of our state, which, only a short time since was but little more than a trackless mountain wilderness. The Thunder Mountain country—the term including as generally used a territory equal in area to two or three New England states—is rapidly being proving to be the greatest storehouse of mineral wealth in the entire world. Within the coming year it will, from a few of its many discovered mines, begin to pour its wealth of treasure upon the markets and then the world will begin to realize its importance and it will require no prophetic eye to see a rush of men and capital into that country, the like of which has seldom been equaled. Up until a few months ago that country was without was without roads and only accessible by trail and pack animal.

This condition is rapidly changing, and the big freight teams now reaching the heart of the region bid fair to be followed by the iron horse. But in all other portions of our state mining will continue to be a leading and most important industry. In our own county it has settled down to such a matter-of-fact business proposition that while our "going" mines continue to produce more gold and silver than those of any other county of the state, they have ceased to attract the attention they merit. But another year promises us many further developments. The recent discoveries that the great silver-lead deposits at South Mountain promise to change to richer copper deposits with depth, denotes that something will be doing over there during the coming year.

But mining, while the most important, is not the greatest drawing card to attract people to Idaho in the future. Her agricultural and horticultural and timber interests are only now becoming known to the world, and the great irrigation enterprises now inaugurated and under way, which will soon reclaim hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest lands in the continent, under the finest climate, is destined to make our state the most attractive for the homeseeker. Mark you, that Idaho is going to experience a growth in population and home building in the coming few years, the like of which has seldom been seen.

In another place in this issue is a brief obituary notice of the death and burial of John Martincourt, who died here Christmas evening, written by a gentleman who proved himself to be the sort of a friend needed in the hour of distress. A strange man was John Martincourt. It was his request before dying that his remains should be buried without any funeral services, and that his friend should write the notice of his death and burial in as brief a manner as possible. But because all who have known the true worth and sterling integrity of the deceased during the twenty years he has resided in Owyhee, we cannot refrain from adding our tribute to the memory of a man who, during his lifetime, never wronged a mortal being. Quiet, retiring from the busy world of men, he lived alone much of the time. Industrious and frugal he had saved a tidy sum of money, and lived to lose it all through overconfidence in a supposed friend. Broken in health by that dreaded malady, miner's consumption, Mr. Stevens induced him to accompany him to California last August where he remained until warned by his physician that he had only a short time to live, and started for Owyhee about the first of this month, that he might die and be buried among old time friends.

The soul of honesty and integrity had his request not prohibited it we are certain that the remains of John Martincourt would have been followed to their final resting place by a large concourse of friends who honored him for his true worth.

This number closes the fourth year of Nugget's publication since its removal to Silver City. It did not start out under the most auspicious conditions but has managed to struggle along and its publisher feels that it has made friends who have most generously favored it with their patronage. It is not only grate-

ful to them but will endeavor to serve their interests better in the future. We hope, within a short time, or shortly after the editor returns from his sojourn in Boise, to make a number of improvements in the paper. Wishing all its friends and patrons a prosperous New Year, we are grateful for their generous support and kindly forbearance in the past which we hope to merit more in the future.

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