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GENERAL WARREN'S designation of Baker City as "Sumpter Junction" is liable to stick.

EVERY mining journal which comes to this office has made mention of the Sumpter district winning the first prize in the mineral exhibit at the Spokane fair. This whole section of country is receiving a vast amount of advertising as a result, and of a kind that no amount of money could buy.

PAPERS published in towns near The Dalles are commenting rather freely and unfavorably on the alleged fact that some of the "society girls" of that town took a drop too much when the Minnesota troops stopped there recently for a feed, and "Hobsonized them until they were black in the face," says one paper. It is not made clear, however, whether the criticism is aimed at the old, old story of a drop too much, the vigor and force of the assault, or that it was made on Minnesota instead of Oregon soldiers.

FOLLOWING close upon the report that the Red Boy and North Pole mines have been sold in London, come almost two emphatic denials of this report. The philosopher most profoundly versed in the human heart and brain once wrote something about someone to the effect that "thou dost protest too strongly." THE MINER doesn't pretend to know anything about the deal, but doesn't believe Mr. Godfrey, one of the owners of the Red Boy, is in London for his health.

THE MINER has thus far in its short life had no time to do any boasting about itself, but begs leave now to call attention to the fact that its issue of last week approached as near perfection typographically as is usually attained by the things of this world. A competent judge of such matters could see at a glance that an artist is in charge of the mechanical department, who has at his command every convenience and device known to the craft. The job department is equally well and completely equipped, both as to talent and type, and no printing establishment anywhere can turn out better work. The appearance of a newspaper is a fair index of the style of job printing done at that office.

HOW to take care of the people who are daily arriving in Sumpter and will continue to arrive for months to come; that is how to provide houses for them to live in, is becoming a serious problem, that the best thought of the enterprising citizens of the community should give its attention to. Rates charged for the few residences here which are rented are out of all proportion to the cost of building material and the prices for which lots can be bought. There are a number of cheaply constructed dwellings in this town, the annual rental for which will more than pay for what they cost to build. It matters not how bright are the prospects for Sumpter's future, this state of affairs will retard its growth. People who come here to investigate conditions with a view to locating will take this certainty of exorbitant rents into account; and while the probabilities of rich rewards for individual effort are flattering, it must necessarily be problematic, and many good people who would make excellent citizens will undoubtedly be deterred on this account from remaining. It would seem to be not a difficult matter to interest capital

to build any number of needed cottages, where the investment would pay interest of fifteen, twenty and even twenty-five per cent net. And it is an undeniable fact that owners of property who would be satisfied with such a modest revenue would find no trouble in securing good tenants.

THE article on Sumpter and its surroundings published in the Spokesman-Review last week, from the facile pen of L. Bush Livermore, one of THE MINER'S valued employes, was indeed a clever sketch. Some here who are familiar with existing conditions and to whom the element of novelty has thus been eliminated, may think the picture overdrawn. But such are neither the most accurate observers nor the best judges. The picture was surely strongly drawn, and because of this may appear somewhat exaggerated. The story will serve to attract public attention to the town, as a half hundred columns of dull facts and figures could never do, for all will read Mr. Livermore's entertaining "stuff;" their curiosity and interest will be aroused and then Sumpter will do the rest.

FROM Washington, D. C., comes the news that the vexed Alaska boundary dispute is about to be adjusted. A telegram dated the 20th instant says that Mr. Tower, the British charge there, called at the state department that day and handed Secretary Hay a note formally accepting for his government the provisions for the temporary adjustment of the Alaska boundary line proposed by Secretary Hay in his note of the previous day. With that note the long expected modus vivendi relative to the boundary question went into effect. This result has been brought about through the direct negotiation of Secretary Hay and Mr. Tower, after several failures to end the dispute. The state department is confident it has conserved American interests in the matter without unjustly treating Canada. The divisional line, bounded on the west by the Dalton trail, is placed 22 1/4 miles above Pyramid Harbor, which is regarded, under the treaty, as tide water mark, so the Canadians are not allowed to reach any point on the Lynn canal. Moreover, there is no permission given for a free port or even for the free transfer across American territory of Canadian goods, except of miners belongings.

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