THE SUMPTER MINER.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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BAKER CITY people seem to be thoroughly aware of the bright possibilities of that town's future, and it is to be hoped that they will avail themselves of the opportunities which nature has to build a city there, by united action and intelligent effort.

It is a fact that Sumpter is the only "boom town" in the Northwest today. Some people don't like the word boom—merely a blind prejudice—while others don't like the fact—these latter are invariably those who want to buy something and are indigent in the vain regret that they didn't do so before prices began to advance.

The IMPERIAL appreciates the spirit of growth which has prompted the twenty gentlemen, all large mining operators in this district, to pass a set of resolutions on the appearance of its first issue, commending the paper and pledging its support, but the native modesty of the publication sustained the line of policy it has to publish the document, as requested.

That is an excellent pamphlet which the Baker City chamber of commerce has recently issued, presenting the resources of Baker county. It contains some starting statements, perhaps the most noticeable of which is that there are in this county 130,000 tons of potatoes, and that there are not enough vegetables produced here to supply the local consumption. There are perhaps 10,000 people in the county, to which this would give 460 potatoes per capita. This would give to each man, woman and child 120 pounds of potatoes annually, 33,000 pounds, 18 pounds for each mouth—a "spare" meal surely. There is positively no excuse for any one going hungry in this vicinity.

SUMPTER is in sore need of telegraphy, connection with the outside world. There is a telephone line from here to Baker City, but there is no telephone in town. The Telephone and the Western Union companies, and to induce the latter to accept a message from the former requires more influence and wire pulling than it does to secure a presidential appointment. But what this trouble is and from what source it originates the IMPERIAL has not discovered, but it has learned from experience the fact that such fiction is non-existent. Why the Western Union, which is usually so enterprising, ever on the alert to reach out for new business and territory, is neglecting to gather in the rich business which Sumpter is now offering as an inducement.

In a recent issue of the Oregonian is published a letter from Baker City, apparently from a staff correspondent, that indicates a sheetfoot reverence for the men who has accumulated money, which is full of, I am disapproving. He speaks of men without capital as "adventurers" and declares that they are not entitled to a share of that, it is to be hoped that this sentiment is not approved by Baker City citizens. If such men are treasured here, let them shoulder their loads and start for the Sumpter gold fields.

If good capital is needed in this country to develop our gold mines, but no less necessary to accomplish are men with brains and energy and experience, pluck, thoroughness—whether they have capital or not. Between the two, such men are preferable to those who by long continued labor have accumulated money and are looking for a note thing invented, that pays 6 per cent interest. There is always more or less element of chance in the mining business, and those who have made the greatest success therein, accumulated the most colossal fortunes, have had their business triumphs and reverses, at times have been broken. Such men as these influence the investment of capital, engineer to success gigantic deals, advertise to the world the section in which they are operating, develop the country and make it prosperous, and even though some may choose to designate them as "adventurers," they accomplish more good for a community than those men with money who seek but to add to their hoard. With one it is the fascinating game of life, in which is to succeed in an undertaking is to "win out," and that is his goal; while with the other the sole object is to increase his individual bank account. It does not require any complicated argument to demonstrate which character benefits a community and his associates most.

WIDE INFLUENCE OF MINING.

Surrounding Farming Country Is Especially Benefitted by the Industry.

As mining sections are not generally famed for their agricultural resources, it may seem somewhat of a paradox to say that there is no country so good as a farming country. As a mining country, a statement, however, which every one knows to be a fact.

The farms of Washington have been enhanced a hundred per cent in value by the miners which have been operating in this section within the last few years. A mining camp is to the farming section, surrounding it the same as a city, affording a certain market for all the produce, and as a rule with higher prices than in most towns, prices in mining camps being generally high, at first from necessity generally arising from lack of transportation, and later, when the necessity no longer exists, it could appear from custom.

It is no wonder therefore that the farmers of Washington are becoming wealthy. In fact, when, the present prosperity, industrial, agricultural and otherwise, of this section is analyzed, it is found that not a very small measure of it can be credited to anything but the miners. Some persons talk absurdly of "mining speculation," falling to consider the great benefits which the country at large derive from mining activity.

Use the experience "country at large" advisedly, for no community or section can live or stand alone, that is, being entirely free of a mining section and the producers and manufacturers of the best eastern states are to some degree guided by the impulse that the mineral discoveries of the last ten or twenty years are no longer the mining industries of the Northwest.—Spokane Stock Report.

Contract Let on Amazon Group.

F. J. Courtney, of Pittsburgh, Pennsyl-
vania, who has been in this district for several weeks as the representative of a wealthy syndicate of Pittsburgh capitalists, has recently reached the summit of the Amazon group of properties, comprising the Capu, Eudora and Amazon, and will at once commence the work of all newly developed therein. A contract was let for the first of the works, the first work of which is the workings of the Capu, which has a cross cut of too feet, on which will be placed three shafts of men. The buildings already on the ground will be put in good repair and everything made complete for steady work this winter. The Amazon is the second extension of the famous Kickina group, on that now well-known vein, and only favorable results can be expected from proper development, which is promised by Mr. Courtney.

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