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ON THE opening day of the Spokane exposition 10,000 people were in attendance; 8,273 paid at the gates.

THE commission appointed some time ago to consider the feasibility of construction of a mountain railroad to the top of Mount Blanc has made a favorable report, and it is possible that the enterprise will be carried out. If so, the line will start from Chamounix and extend almost to the apex of the great mountain, a length of six and one-fourth miles.

DOUBTLESS entirely unintentionally, but Dewey is worrying the politicians just the same. In this connection there seems to be a possibility of a repetition of that peculiar incident in political annals found in the case of the first President Harrison; who expected the nomination from one party, received it from the other and was elected, after the most spirited campaign in the history of this great republic.

H. S. WOOLEY, recently convicted at Idaho City for violating a law passed by the last legislature of that state, requiring the posting of notices on mines setting forth the conditions under which they are worked, was last week released. Judge Mayhew rendered an interesting decision on the case, stating that though he believed the law to be unconstitutional, he would not so officially declare it. Wooley was released on technical flaws.

ALREADY a few papers in eastern Oregon, those that have been in existence so long that they seem to think they have a squatter's right to all this rich domain, have begun to cast their poisoned, though impotent, darts at Sumpter and its claims to present prosperity and future greatness. The reason for this is that men have come in here from the outside, bringing with them modern methods of transacting business, big, broad ideas and the enterprise necessary to accomplish great results. To snarl at and object to such movements, is what has won for the supposed typical old time Oregonian the sobriquet of "mossback"—and the ridicule of the world. But the people of this section are not, as a class, composed of these back numbers, such representation of the east Oregonian is libel. As a general thing, he is a man of enlightenment, who welcomes those who come here to engage in any legitimate enterprise. Here in Sumpter, particularly, there is no dividing line between the pioneer and the recent arrival; all are working together for the good of the town and the district. The old timer is as keen on the scent of a good thing in the way of a town lot or a mine as the hardened operator from Puget Sound, Spokane, British Columbia or Montana. And because this is a fact, is one of the potent reasons why Sumpter is going to grow and thrive, why the Sumpter mining district is going to be rapidly developed and produce more gold in the next five years than it has done in the last quarter of a century.

"KEEP your eye on Pierre," was the campaign cry when the capital fight was being waged in South Dakota. "Keep your eye on Pasco" was the borrowed advertising catch line expression used by the boomers when they were endeavoring to entice settlers into that land of sage brush and sand hills. "Keep your eye on Sumpter" is the sage advice which Mr.

Marshall offers the public through the Spokesman-Review. And he who follows this advice will witness the most rapid growth of a mining camp which has yet taken place in the Northwest.

Unusual conditions obtain here. This is not a newly discovered district; profitable mining has been engaged in here for more than twenty-five years. Only recently, however, has the district attracted the attention of large capital and enterprising operators. Here there will be no long suspense, no wearying doubt and consequent depression while the character of the mineral deposits are being determined, as is always the case in a new camp. This has been done by the hard work of the pioneers during the past quarter of a century. Capital, always timid where there is uncertainty, always aggressively bold where no doubt remains, sees in the Sumpter gold fields no reason for hesitating and is already anxious to play its very necessary part in profitable mining on a large scale, and reap its inevitable lion's share of the rewards.

Nor will Sumpter have to live long months on the means brought here by the influx of new citizens, as does the ordinary boom mining camp; for here there are already producing, dividend paying mines, employing men to whom sufficient wages are paid to support a town two or three times the size of this. The old timers still residing here are, nearly all of them, either in good circumstances or comparatively rich, their means having been derived either directly or indirectly from gold taken from the surrounding ground. Yes, he who keeps his eye on Sumpter will witness a wonderful transition from a quiet village to a bustling, busy city in a surprisingly short period of time.

## Double Train Service to Portland.

A press dispatch dated Omaha, October 4 says: Incident to the establishment of a third through train between Chicago and San Francisco by way of the Union Pacific-Northwestern route, and a like increase in service by the Burlington and Denver & Rio Grande, comes the announcement that the Union Pacific will double its train service to Portland at the same time. At present from Ogden there is a double daily service over the Oregon Short line to Butte, which only carries it as far west as Pocatello, however. From there to Portland there is but one train each way daily. By the new arrangement the double daily service is to be carried on west to the coast over the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railway & Navigation company lines, which are now really but pieces of the Union Pacific.

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