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A GIRL over in Boise, Idaho, nursed a poor sick man so successfully that he died and left her \$10,000.

WEATHER in the Blue mountains of the past few days has all the appearance of an early spring, after a short winter of ten days duration.

NATURE pressed the button and W. L. Vinson and General Warren and W. C. Calder and one or two others did the larger part of the rest, to produce the great transformation scene in this town.

BAKER will please keep her citizens at home, or else give an indemnity bond that when they come to Sumpter they will leave their guns at home and not walk into a Sumpter business house and hold it up for hundreds.

WHOEVER did the jobs, they are to be congratulated on the fact that they made good wages in holding up Sumpter saloons and appropriating the bank rolls. There are towns where even this business would not have proven remunerative.

RECENT dispatches from London announce that the Bler government has taken possession of the gold mines and have captured half a million pounds sterling of gold en route from Johannesburg to Cape Town, it being the week's shipment from the Rand mines.

JUDGE PRATHER, of Spokane, has rendered a decision enjoining that county from collecting or enforcing a tax levied against the stock of the Le Roi Mining company, on the ground that the property and not the stock is taxable. This is of widespread interest to mining investors.

AFTER getting out four issues of the Hood River Sun, S. P. Shutt, former owner of the Sumpter News, has leased that paper to E. R. Bradley and announced that he will return to this place. And this, too, after all that smooth talk in the first issue about trying for fifteen years to get into the Hood River country and hoping to live and die there. It is reported here that Mr. Shutt will establish a paper at Granite, and that is good judgment, too.

THIS town has been visited during the past week by many men of prominence from various sections of the Northwest; railroad magnates, lumbermen, bankers, speculators and large operators in other lines. There is no surer or more encouraging sign than this that the place is becoming one of importance. Sumpter is acknowledged by all to be the most prosperous town in the Northwest, with the most promising prospects for the future.

IT WAS the fourteenth day of September, 1894, that Charles Rimbol sold the original townsite of Sumpter, consisting of seventy lots, to A. W. Ellis for \$2450. Six years later, early this month, Mr. Ellis sold to Mr. Rimbol one inside lot in land not platted at the date of the earlier sale, for \$3000. And this tremendous advance in the value of Sumpter realty has taken place, not in six years, but in six months. The next six months will be a repetition of the last, so far as the real estate market is concerned.

THERE should be a state law making the payment of unearned dividends a felony. This is so tempting a bait, concealing the cruel hook so completely, that it snares

the wise ones of earth, as well as the fish of the human race. Then, too, it is so tempting a device for the enterprising promoter to resort to, that some severe penalty should be attached that will serve to deter him from wandering in crooked paths—for even the promoter, in some things, is only human and, therefore, liable to err. THE MINER has heard of the perpetration of no such job in this section, but with the influx of all kinds of people, this, with other sharp practices, will be attempted sooner or later. It is as much the duty of the commonwealth to protect the public from the wiles of the unscrupulous financier as from the bold break of the burglar.

GRADUALLY, but not slowly, conditions hereabouts are getting in up-to-date shape. Electric lights we already have, telegraph connection with the rest of the world has been secured, a modern hotel is an assured fact, the waterworks will be completed at an early day, already houses with nineteenth century conveniences are being planned, a persistent, turbulent demand for adequate transportation facilities will work a revolution in present methods. Gold will secure anything pertaining to this world's luxuries, and as that is the product of this district, and the supply seems to be limitless, a great transformation scene is being wrought here, from a crude mountain village to a modern model city. Watch it grow and improve.

A RECENT issue of the Industry and Mining, published at Seattle, devotes considerable space to the Sumpter district, getting its information from THE MINER and A. W. Ellis; who was on the Sound last week. It says:

"The Sumpter Miner, which is the new paper being published at Sumpter, by Connella & Marsh, formerly of Everett, is one of the brightest publications in eastern Washington. In fact, it is to Sumpter what the Miner is to Republic, 'a good thing,' and we wish it success."

That's all right, a good jolly for this paper, but the effort to locate Sumpter in "eastern Washington" is equally as nery a proposition as that chestnut "Baker district" fake of the county seat papers.

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