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THAT was a queer card one candidate for police judge in Baker City published, promising if elected to "remember my friends."

THERE is also a boom on in timber lands hereabouts. Lumber is needed to build a city and it is far better to work up our own raw materials than to ship in manufactured products.

GLANCE at the facts and figures given in another column relative to stamps already dropping on mines directly tributary to Sumpter, consider the vast amount of development work now being done and then make a rough estimate of what Sumpter is destined to be.

HAVE you noticed that the Baker City papers have changed their tune entirely of late and are now singing Sumpter's praises? Every few days, however, they build the railroad on to John Day valley or elsewhere, and that is the only reminder of the policy pursued until recently.

THOSE Boers know how to fight, and they are doing it with the desperation and lofty patriotism of men defending their firesides from an invading foe. But the result is already written, their defeat is inevitable. They cannot withstand the "march of progress and modern civilization"—a phrase which, like charity, covers a multitude of sins and grasping meanness.

MANY carpenters can get work here at present. Whether or not this building activity will continue all winter is a problem. If the demand for houses continues as strong as at present and those who make the demand have the price, cold weather will not materially interrupt the work. Next spring contractors and builders will reap a rich harvest, for the amount of work to be done will be limited only by the supply of material and labor.

THE mining companies in Sumpter district are all close corporations, which guard facts pertaining to their output and profits as jealously as they do their rich ores. If these facts and figures would be made public and published to the world, as is done in all other camps in the Northwest, they would prove to be eye-openers to all mining men, and would attract the favorable attention of financiers everywhere.

THE former ruling of the Interior department admitting patent on groups of mining claims, on one of which sufficient work had been done to amount to \$500 on each, was superseded by a new ruling December 17, 1897, making it necessary to have \$500 worth of work done on each claim, whether alone or a part of a group, before patent would issue. Subsequently this ruling was suspended until July 1, 1898, applying only to patents issued up to and including that date.

DEWEY the Great has announced that he is engaged to the widow of the late General Hazen. Just so sure as it is that the earth revolves around the sun, this means much in the realm of American politics. Dewey, himself, who knows that he has already won deathless fame, and that a term as president of the United States would be more apt to detract from than to add to his splendid renown, would perhaps not care for the honors and responsibilities of that high office. He is a wonderfully well balanced man intellect-

ually and therefore, must be aware of the fact that his whole training unfits him for the intricate, perplexing cares of state; that he is too bluntly honest and straightforward to contend successfully with the wiles and tricks of trained politicians. He can rest with luxurious ease upon the plentitude of laurels won, which must be a truly inticing future for one of his character.

But with a woman in the case; one, too, in the attractive prime of life, with an ample fortune at her disposal, accustomed and wedded to Washington social life, an acknowledged radiant ornament, withal, in that generally reputed charmed circle, a new and potent influence is introduced into affairs political. If the nomination is offered Dewey, the madam must necessarily be consulted, and if the peerless sea captain shows any inclination to withhold from her the proud social triumphs which she can win as "the first lady of the land," he will stir up a domestic conflict that will force the affair at Manila bay to sink into insignificance, in comparison, and from which he will not emerge with one hundredth part the eclat.

The future Mrs. Dewey is a political factor that cannot be ignored—keep your eye on her, and give the Admiral a rest.

THIS exposition of the law on "advertising out" a partner in a mining claim is going the rounds of the exchanges: Where several co-owners abandon a claim, and one of them desires to re-locate, he must "advertise out" his partners. The supreme court of Utah has rendered a decision in point, in which it holds that such re-locations inure to the benefit of all original joint locators, and that the re-locator holds the title thus acquired in trust for them. The court points out that the proper course of procedure is for the one re-locating to "advertise out" the others in the manner prescribed by the federal statutes, in case he desires to become the sole owner.

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