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THAT was good talk Captain Thompson gave the Spokesman-Review while in Spokane last week, relative to the mines of the Sumpter district, based on well substantiated facts.

OHIO remains in the republican column by a large majority; Nebraska is still a fusion state, and they are fighting with guns and jaw bones in Kentucky, both sides claiming to have won the election. Maryland is recaptured by the democrats.

THERE is now no further doubt that we have caught up with the march of modern civilization; entertainments for the benefit of charity and the churches are making their appearance "in our midst," as the jay reporters on the Portland papers delight to express it.

ALREADY has the work of developing this wonderfully rich mining district through the medium of stock companies been fairly inaugurated. During the past two weeks a half dozen companies have been incorporated and as many more are getting ready for organization.

SECRET service men of the treasury department say that Wall street defrauds the government out of \$5000 a day by using second hand internal revenue stamps. Several arrests have been made of those who wash cancelled stamps, but no one who uses them have been molested.

OLD abandoned Hoodo camp in Idaho, once famous for its placers, is following other Idaho placer camps into the quartz mining list. If half what is told of it be true, it will occupy a place well up toward the top. And so the prospectors who found riches there this season have christened the camp "Mas ot."

THE Anglo Saxon race, English and Americans, who make more boastful noise about their progress and christianity, enlightenment and humanitarianism than all the rest of the world combined, are the two peopls on the globe who are engaged in warfare at this time; both fighting nations infinitely inferior to themselves in point of military strength.

THERE is nothing in the way of office supplies that a mining company needs which THE MINER cannot supply on short notice. It does not have to send to Baker City or Portland or Spokane for stock certificates or a prospectus, but can get them out here in the office at Sumpter; at reasonable prices and the character of the work is positively the best that can be done anywhere. Corporation seals, stock ledgers and records ordered and delivered in five days.

THAT is a hot fight which has been in progress between the two Baker City papers, over the question as to whether or not the water of that town contains typhoid fever germs. It hasn't been confined exclusively to a scientific discussion of the interesting subject. The editors have merged it into the side issue of whether or not the hated other fellow is a liar and a horse thief. If one paper should declare that water seeks its level, the other would prove to its own satisfaction that it doesn't.

FOR twenty or more years the business men and capitalists of Portland have refused to invest money in the mines of this state, or in any way extend a helping hand to the pioneers of this region, who have by slow, arduous labor been endeavoring to develop the marvelously rich mineral resources of this section. Not only this, but they have regarded and treated with suspicion men who have gone there with any kind of a mining proposition. The only attention they have ever paid to this region has been a successful effort to sell goods. Enterprising men from other states, principally from Spokane, the mining center of the Northwest, have taken hold of a number of properties in this district, developed them and proclaimed to the world that here is located the greatest, richest mineral deposit on the globe, and as a result the eyes of the mining world are focussed on Sumpter.

This being the case, it appears absurd for a Portland paper at this late date to announce in sensational headlines: "There will be a grand rush to eastern Oregon next spring. Portland is the gateway from the eastern states to this district, and may reap great benefit if the proper effort is put forth." And the proposed "effort" is to organize a mining exchange, in the hope that some stock can be sold to the fools from the east who will travel six hundred and odd miles out of their way to reach Sumpter, through Portland, the alleged "gateway." It will be noticed, however that to Portland moneyed men the idea has not occurred to "loosen up," to buy and develop any our mining properties. The scheme is to sell stock and to keep the proceeds therefrom at home.

If Portland ever hopes to reap any great benefit from the mines of eastern Oregon, she will have to change her system, get in and drill with men who know they are alive.

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