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ALTHOUGH there is no Biblical authority for the statement, it is true, nevertheless, that pride follows a sudden elevation.

ACCORDING to a paper published there, a man in Snohomish county, Washington, has brought suit against his wife for divorce, on the ground of non-support. Here is a great chance for the funny paragraphers.

IN THE interest particularly of local merchants and for the general good as well, THE MINER hopes that there will never be a department store in Sumpter. This is not a ten-cent counter town and if the fates are kind, it never will be.

TWO years ago a Portland drummer had to take a lot in Sumpter on a debt for \$100. He sold it lately for \$2250. Sumpter now has over 2500 population, and by next June will have more than La Grande. When we started the Sumpter News there in February, 1897, Sumpter's population was about fifty.—Cove Ledger.

EVEN prospects in the Sumpter mining district have a cash value, and the woods are full of buyers. The reason for this is that the fact is becoming known that there has never yet been a failure where the workings "went down." How long before a blank will be drawn no one knows. It now looks as if "every body wins a prize."

WHETHER or not the Portland Telegram will succeed in its laudable effort to arouse the business men of Portland to the importance of winning the good will and trade of the Sumpter mining district, is a problem; but one thing is sure, the Telegram itself has already won the good will of all our people and its circulation in and around Sumpter is growing rapidly daily. No outside paper has done more to advance the material interests of this section of the state, and its successful efforts in this direction should and will receive substantial appreciation.

THE mining camp of Sumpter, in eastern Oregon, has been enjoying a genuine boom during the past six months, and the place is making rapid and substantial growth. The camp is proving very attractive to mining men of means and experience, while several important strikes have been made there of late which add fuel to the excitement now raging there, and, as big companies have obtained good foothold in the district, its future seems assured, one indication of the activity reigning there being that a week ago seven carloads of milling and mining machinery were unloaded at that place.—Editorial in Salt Lake Mining Review.

AND now the papers published in neighboring towns are displaying much solicitude regarding Sumpter's future, for fear some new adjacent camp will grow into prominence and prosperity. This solicitude is uncalled for. Sumpter occupies a commanding position relative to the gold fields of this district and is fully able to take care of itself, as against all comers. THE MINER hopes that Granite, Bourne, Canyon City, Susanville and any new

camp that may be started will grow into important, booming towns; which hope is based on a selfish motive, knowing that every advance in material progress made by any section of the surrounding country will benefit Sumpter directly. Nor can this paper understand and appreciate that dog in the manger spirit which regrets to see another town or individual prosper. Nor can it comprehend why any reasoning being should think that if any town or individual prospers, some other is injured. The proposition is so absurd that even to argue it, is itself proof of defective judgment.

NAPOLEON once said of the English army that the private soldiers were lions, led by officers who were asses. The fighting in South Africa of late would indicate that the same conditions obtain to this day. The Boers, in the slang of the day, "are not doing a thing" to the English troops. But, however many lives and how much treasure it may cost, the English will conquer these sturdy, persistent, expatriated Dutch, and the greater England's loss, the harder will be the terms of settlement when the account comes up for adjustment in the governmental clearing house. Though this seems to be the inevitable result, owing to the relative strength of the two warring people, it causes a thrill of pleasure to all lovers of justice to see how dearly the Boers are selling their rights and liberty. Then, there is another side to the picture; though England may be the great land pirate of the world and, as Napoleon said, the commanders of its armies asses, they are as brave a body of fighters as ever went into the field, as the list of dead and wounded officers prove—and all good people hate to see brave men die, even if they do not sympathize with their cause.

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