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DROP a handful of twenties in either the real estate or mining slot and draw out a stake for life.

IT IS announced that the railroads will advance freight rates all along the line. They have evidently made up their minds to "tap" shippers and stop the game.

IN THE report of the city council published last week, relative to the change of name of a street to Pine, it should have been High instead of Summit. Old High street was only one block in length, north of block 1, Heights addition, and is in reality an extension of Pine.

IF the newspapers could do the work, the Hilgard-Granite road would be a sure thing, for all of them in these parts are pushing this good thing along. It really looks as if the line will be constructed and work begin next season. If so, another rich section of country will be rapidly developed.

THOUGH many officers have died, some perhaps as a result of the war, General Lawton is the first commanding officer of American forces to be killed in battle since the war with Spain began—a wonderful record. He had the reputation of being the personification of courage, and one of the most skillful officers in the army, a reputation won in the civil war and added to in many Indian campaigns.

ONE man lost his nerve and forfeited \$100 paid as earnest money on a piece of Sumpter property. The bargain was taken by another and in two weeks the former recovered both his nerve and judgment, offered \$500 advance over the original price, which was firmly declined by the new owner. He who hesitates and wobbles on a real estate deal in this town is lost.

GENERAL Charles S. Warren is in Butte, Montana, his old stamping ground, where he won fame and fortune; in time separating from the latter, as all bold operators are liable to do sooner or later. But such men as the General can't be kept down. He is now on the rising wave and will soon be on the crest again. This trip to Butte will have a beneficial effect on Sumpter and the bank accounts of those Montana friends whom he intends to let in on some of his deals here. Electric railways are mixed up in the proposition to a more or less extent. He will probably be in Sumpter the latter part of the week.

DOES business conditions justify the high rents demanded and paid in Sumpter? That is a question which the next few months will answer. If in the negative, rents will have to readjust themselves; if in the affirmative, then property holders are entitled to share in the general unprecedented business activity and prosperity, and continue to receive a hundred per cent on money invested. If the latter turns out to be the case, and the present indications point that way, every one will be "strictly in it," and no one will be inclined to object to rent, taxes, freight, water and light rates, or the price of fuel wood.

THE MINER is a trifle coy about publishing all the alleged rich strikes reported in the Sumpter district of late. It is hard enough to make the outside world believe the truth about this rich region. So frequently has the long bow been drawn in the interest of some mining camp, that the public has become skeptical and is inclined to attribute such stories to the pipe dreams of some one who has stock for sale. But the district is now attracting wide attention and many men have come and seen and been convinced, and many more are following. When the real facts in the case are known and proven, this will, in truth, be the greatest gold camp on earth.

THOSE who are planning to come to Sumpter to engage in legitimate mining know what they are doing, in waiting until next spring—they don't want to get mixed up with any "snow propositions." Every indication points to the conclusion that this class of men will flock into the district in large numbers. From all the older mining regions comes the information that Sumpter is being widely discussed and will soon become the mecca for men whose lives have been spent in the most fascinating of all callings, that of precious metal mining. With them, even more than with other mortals, "hope springs eternal in the human breast." They know that in the oldest quartz districts one is liable at any time to make a rich discovery, and that he who comes last has almost an even chance with the pioneer, if the district is good. Hence it is that the prospectors always wait until spring. With those who expect to engage in business or speculate in real estate, the first on the ground usually reaps the richest reward, and the man in either of these lines who waits until spring before coming to Sumpter, will be in luck if he gets in on the third floor. Now is the accepted time, and even now "ground floor" propositions, on investigation, are generally found to contain cellars.

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