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THE Baker City Republican, in its telegraph headlines, designates the Boers as "the enemy."

OF course, "all signs fail in dry weather," but if the expected stampede to the Sumpter district in the spring fails to materialize, then the race can with some degree of reason begin to figure on dodging those most inevitable of all sure thing games, death and taxes.

AND now the director of the mint steps to the front with the explanation that the cause of the present stringency in the money market is that people have been "hoarding for speculative purposes"—which is the prize winning specimen of idiocy which has yet been advanced by financial experts.

IF Baker City wants this portion of the present county of Baker to help pay for that palatial court house which she builds while indulging in her favorite occupation of pipe-dreaming, it would be wise to have the vote on the bonding proposition taken before the two or three thousand new comers to the Sumpter district become legal residents.

THE Boise Statesman gives expression to a grievance to which Sumpter people are now vainly endeavoring to become accustomed, having given up all hope of remedying the rotten evil. It says: "If any one wishes to express anything to Sumpter, Oregon, he would better purchase a ticket and convey the package personally. The express service between Boise and that place is no more reliable than the Hesse & Sturges clock."

IT IS predicted by Dr. Benjamin F. Andrews, former president of Brown university, at present superintendent of Chicago public schools, that the surrender of the Boers to England will inaugurate a great international war. He says the United States can't keep out of it and speculates on what side this country will fight. So far as the international war is concerned, that is not at all improbable, but why this government should be forced into the free-for-all scrap, is difficult to see. If she is true to the traditions which have made her great, she will remain strictly neutral, and sell her food products to the highest bidder for cash.

IT IS stated that the reason for the failure of the Globe National bank, Boston, was the result of the fight made on the independent copper companies by J. D. Rockefeller and his Amalgamated Copper company. Some months since this truly good man acquired a taste for copper. Having a voracious appetite, he couldn't be satisfied until he secured the Boston and Montana mine for his trust. The only way to acquire this was to smash the Globe bank, a large stock holder. After little meditation and much prayer, claiming Divine guidance the while, he proceeded to put into execution this inspired scheme—and it won out. Then he celebrated the triumph of his righteous cause by giving \$10,000 to a nigger college in Tuskegee, Alabama. It is said that copper securities have

shrunk \$50,000,000 since December 1, and \$197,000,000 in ten months, since Rockefeller's covetous eye turned in that direction.

THE MINER receives every day from papers in different parts of the country requests for exchanges. Although THE MINER has no interest whatever in the sections of country represented by many of these publications, it would gladly comply with their requests, in conformity with a time honored custom of the craft, were it possible to do so. But such is not the case, our press capacity at present being so limited that we are in reality not able to supply the demand for paid copies. This condition of affairs will be remedied, however, at no distant day, when the brethren of the press will be furnished with a paper which a technical knowledge enables them to appreciate even more fully than does the general public, that is itself not slow in recognizing the merits of THE MINER.

A PRESS dispatch sent out from Portland, under date of December 28, quotes General Passenger Agent Hurlburt, of the O. R. & N., as saying: "From information received it is evident that in the mining centers of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and California, there is much talk about the eastern Oregon mines, and particularly about Sumpter and adjacent districts. Further reports received from the Colville reservation and Rossland and Sandon districts in British Columbia indicate from these quarters toward eastern Oregon a large movement of prospectors, miners and capitalists, and people directly interested in the mining centers of the east are also interested and are arranging to send out experienced mining men, with the view of investing of large amounts in the new gold fields. Everything indicates an excessive passenger traffic the coming season."

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