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MORE mines will be developed in the Sumpter district during the present year than have been during the past twenty.

BAKER papers continue to impress their readers of the importance of "standing together," by precept; and illustrate this teaching with a never ending scrap between themselves.

A PRESS dispatch from Paris states that the losses of Count Castellane on the Bourse are twenty million francs, and says the count and his wife left for New York, presumably to seek assistance from the Goulds.

MOST of the mining journals and a number of eastern newspapers have of late contained many columns of reading matter about Sumpter and the surrounding mines. All speak favorably and predict a large influx of people.

THOSE who set the time lock of their business affairs to open for the reception of the boom in Sumpter next spring, were four or five months off in their calculations. The boom has arrived and taken possession of the town; and; it is a very warm one, too.

WITH a clear title to the Granite townsite, that camp ought to receive an impetus that in a few months will give it a thousand population. People returning from there, however, say they are driven out by exorbitant prices. This defect in the proposition will be remedied by time and a little experience.

THIS town is too busy to monkey with politics. Both parties have held one meeting, organized clubs, adopted a job lot of whereases and resolves, and its members then immediately resumed their legitimate avocations, apparently forgetting the club. If this is not a good omen of much promise for the community, one was never submitted for consideration.

THE statement has been put on the wires that William Lee, of Ontario, this state, is preparing to make use of the great head of steam generated in the interior of the earth, for running pumps, which shall pump water on a large scale for irrigating purposes. The steam now reaches the surface through a large artesian well between Ontario and Vale.

THE present so-called business district t expand. This is an O. BRECHTEL, era of local as well as national expansion, and the man owning property accessible for business purposes, who has the nerve and intelligence and enterprise to show his faith in his own property by erecting a hotel and a few business houses thereon, will reap a rich harvest. There is too much vacant land around for a few blocks to continue congested and yield more in annual rentals than they are worth.

REPORTS from South Africa almost raise the hope that England will not succeed in its attempted rape of the Dutch republic; that the Boers will yet be able to protect their own and maintain their rights. The great surprise of the war is that these reputed primitive people are SUMPTER

supplied with the most modern weapons, both in small arms and artillery, and have men skilled in their deadly use. It is known that several American officers, educated at West Point and trained in the school of frontier experience, are with Kruger's men. And they will come pretty near giving the English commanders "a run for their money."

IN this day of advanced scientific research the press dispatches gravely announce that some savant has succeeded, through chemical action, in producing an egg and hatching from it a living thing, some low order of animal life. And the scientist is quoted, without even the wink of the other eye, as it were; without a pretense of casting a doubt on his crazy statement, that he has discovered the impenetrable secret of life and will yet turn from his laboratory an artificially manmade human being. It is a wilder freak of a mind diseased than was ever indulged in by the alchemists of old, who, wasted their lives in the futile attempt to solve the problem of the transmutation of metals. These are the two coveted secrets which nature will not reveal; but one power "sways these harmonious mysteries of the world," and man can never control nor divine that power.

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