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THE way the editors of patent in and outside, boiler plate, back number papers in this vicinity are tossing floral offerings at each other of late, reminds one of the kettle calling the pot white.

THE townsite proprietors up Granite way have already begun the inevitable jaw bone contest between rival towns. It will be a case of the survival of the fittest; all three can't survive and prosper.

ALL soldiers are indignant over the treatment accorded the brave Boer general by the commander of the English army, in humiliating him upon the occasion of his recent unconditional surrender. With 3000 troops he had held out ten days against the English army of 50,000.

THE Granite Gem, S. P. Shutt on the bridge, made its appearance last week. It is full of Granite advertising and boom reading matter. Mr. Shutt is a past master in the art of giving the grand jolly to his patrons and patting his town on the back, and the first issue of the Gem did not overlook a bit of this kind.

LA GRAND papers "are not doing a thing" to C. W. Nibley, on account of that interview published in Portland last week, in which he said that the road from Hilgard to Granite—the pride of La Grand's business heart—will not be built. They are firing columns of editorials at the loquacious railroad man, demonstrating that he was both talking through his hat and giving an intentional false tip.

AMONG a dozen or more letters received this week regarding that Donan article, on the Sumpter district, is one from a lady in Milwaukee, who says: "I have just read in the Chicago Inter-Ocean an interview with a man named P. Donan about your town, and I am anxious to get some information pertaining to Sumpter, so please send me your paper," etc. My dear Madam, if you read the article referred to, you already have a vast amount of information about this town and district. So much information on the subject in which you are interested has never before been crowded into the same space; nor so entertainingly and forcibly presented.

"CLARK, of Montana, is in some danger of rejection from the senate on one score only; he has set a pace in the price paid for votes of members of a legislature entirely too swift for the average senator to follow. Yet members of other legislatures are liable to point to the Clark price as a precedent, and turn up their noses at a few hundred dollars or a paltry office. Hence some senators may want to be able in the future to point to the Clark case as an awful example of paying fancy prices to legislators for votes."

Is it a far fetched conclusion that the above paragraph in the Portland Telegram is an intimation to Oregon legislators that Harvey Scott proposes to pay the smallest possible price for the coveted senatorial toga, from this state.

IN THE Idaho Statesman of Sunday morning is published a letter from Washington, D. C., written by Fred R. Reed, a man well known throughout the Northwest as a close, accurate observer of passing events, and therefore a successful operator. He says:

"I hear much talk of the Pacific North-

west, and there is a much better feeling toward western securities and investments in general. There is plenty of money here for any legitimate enterprise. Cape Nome has the floor in the mining field and many companies are being organized here to operate there. Sumpter, Ore., seems to be in favor, and the eyes of eastern mining investors are turned that way. The general impression is that Sumpter will make as good a camp as Cripple Creek, which is today producing two millions of dollars monthly."

ONE over enthusiastic citizen of Sumpter, writing to a friend at his home in California, declares that about 8000 people are expected to arrive here next month. He has doubtless put the estimate too high, but it now seems to be certain that thousands of people will arrive during the coming few months. A day or two since THE MINER received from a clipping bureau a bunch of a score of newspaper articles, written by recent arrivals, here either direct to their home papers or to friends, who had the letters published. In every instance the picture drawn of present conditions and future prospects of the town and district were of as rosate a hue as the most hardened boomer could wish to see. And these articles were published in papers from Maine to California. They will have a beneficial effect, too, on this entire section of country; for the statement of men to their friends carry more weight than does the prepared advertising matter of an interested syndicate, however accurate and truthful this information may be.

### Voters Attention.

The voters of the North and South Sumpter precincts can now register at the city hall, E. L. Manning, city recorder, having received the registration books from the county clerk for that purpose.

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