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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

A number of business men of Sumpter have requested THE MINER to assist in promoting their commendable plan to give a Fourth of July celebration here, on a grand scale. The idea is to arrange for such attractions as will not only draw crowds from all the surrounding camps, but from every town in eastern Oregon, southeastern Washington and western Idaho. There is no doubt but that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the O. R. & N. and connecting roads for rates that will be sufficient inducement to attract many visitors. It is also thought to be possible to make some sort of a deal with the Sumpter Valley road that will keep its fare below a prohibitive rate. There is no question but what hundreds of people within a radius of 200 miles would gladly avail themselves of an opportunity to visit this wonderful camp, of which so much has been said and written of late, if the expense of such a trip could be kept within reasonable bounds. Then, if a really meritorious program shall be arranged, with features different from the usual chestnuts; there is no question but what the event would be a great success. The enterprising business men of Sumpter are therefore requested to take early action in the matter. It is important that no time be lost; that no other town may get the start.

SUMPTER didn't do half bad at the conventions held in Portland last week.

DEWEY doesn't know where he is at; whether he is afoot or horseback. He does probably know, however, that he is not on the bridge, where he belongs.

THE MINER will soon have a correspondent visit every camp in the Sumpter Mining district, giving an accurate, interesting story of the work already done and now in progress.

ROAD improvement ought to be injected, some way, into local politics. It is of far more importance to this district than imperialism, expansion, Puerto Rican tariff, trusts, or even who gets the salaried jobs.

THAT was a clear case of populist nerve, born of provincial ignorance, displayed by the people's party convention in Portland last week; demanding that the national democratic convention nominate a populist for vice-presidential candidate.

AND now the small, smooth bore, despicable scrubs who write hereabouts for newspapers are shooting their harmless paper wads at the man whom they think is downed, financially. Six weeks ago they were licking his boots, servilely fawning around him, in the hope of receiving some of the crumbs that fell from his generous board.

YESTERDAY Senator Hoar delivered his long expected speech in opposition to the administration's Philippine policy. Regarding the constitutionality of that policy, he said: "I hold that this acquisition of territory holding and governing can be only a means for a constitutional end. And I maintain that you can no more hold and govern territory than you

can hold and manage cannon or fleets for any other than a constitutional end."

Continuing, he said: "I believe not only that perseverance in the present policy will be the abandonment of the principles upon which our government is founded, that it will change our republic into an empire, that our methods of legislation, of diplomacy, of administration, must hereafter be those which belong to empires and not those which belong to republics; but I believe persistence in this attempt will result in the death and overthrow of the republican party.

"Never was such a growth in all human history as that from the seed Thomas Jefferson planted. It has covered the continent. It has taken in South America; it is revolutionizing Europe; it is the expansion of freedom; it differs from your tinsel, pinchback, pewter expansion, as the growth of a healthy youth into a strong man differs from the expansion of an anaconda when he swallows his victim. Ours is the expansion of Thomas Jefferson. Yours is the expansion of Aaron Burr. It is destined to as short a life and to a like fate."

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