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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

NOW, doesn't this snow jolt you?

WITH the work of paving the two business streets of the camp only about half finished, its appearance is improved one hundred per cent.

QUAY was refused a seat in the senate yesterday afternoon on a vote of 33 to 32. Hanna is blamed for his defeat, because he left Washington for his home in Ohio in the forenoon.

YESTERDAY'S press dispatches state that Governor Roosevelt has been lead into line and persuaded to accept the nomination of vice-president, as a running mate for McKinley.

SUMPTER has been receiving considerable advertising of late, of a rather questionable character. If the thing continues much longer, some action will have to be taken to expose the fakirs.

THE Oregon Historical Society is making an effort to have the old pioneer trail across the mountains marked by a series of permanent monuments. The governor of Idaho has been asked to co-operate and he has signified his willingness to do so.

LATEST estimates from British sources put the number of men and officers who have been killed, wounded, captured or otherwise put out of action in the Boer war as 23,000. This is indeed a royal sacrifice to the avarice of the money kings of South African and European finance.

NOW, if the Sumpter Valley road will change its schedule slightly, so as to conform to the new time card of the O. R. & N., connecting with the trains on that road, Sumpter people will be delighted. This thing of having to stay over in Baker City all night or day is an annoying chestnut.

GO out into the hills and see for yourselves the vast amount of work being done on hundreds of mining properties; visit the producing mines, the dozen or more of them in this district alone, and witness the process of extracting gold from the rock on a gigantic scale, and if you have any cold feet doubts as to the future of this region, they will be speedily and permanently dispelled.

If any one thinks the people of Sumpter are absorbed in politics, let him try to lead the conversation of any group of citizens away from the favorite topic of mining towards the political bunco game, and he will quickly be undeceived. Let him hire a hall to do a little spellbinding and he'll not draw a corporal's guard. Urge the necessity of registration and he will have no listeners.

REPORT comes from the east that the gold democrats will make a "strong, bitter fight" against the nomination of Bryan at Kansas City. This movement will be characterized by bitterness, all right enough, but it will never assume the dignity of a real fight and its chief characteristic will be its weakness. The Whitney-Hill outfit won't be in the running. It does seem that that New York crowd can't comprehend any proposition outside of the little island which it inhabits.

PRESS dispatches state that the republican governor, Taylor, of Kentucky, is likely to remain in New York for some time. It is believed that he has received assurances from Governor Roosevelt, who has consulted with ex-President Benjamin Harrison on the subject, that he, the governor of New York, will decline to honor any extradition demanded by the democratic contestant for governor, Beckham. Taylor has had two interviews with Roosevelt.

THOSE exchanges which have been devoting their energies all winter to exterminating the population of Sumpter with contagious diseases, will please note the fact that the town's health officer has been relieved from duty because his services are no longer needed. There has been not more than twenty deaths in the camp all winter and not more than two, possibly three, that could be traced to the "prevalent eruptive disease," and all of these were complicated with too much whisky and other excesses—"evils that all we good men love," as Bill Erwin, the great orator of Minnesota, is credited with having said on one occasion.

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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