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SUMPTER'S vote will decide the election in this county next month. It is an even break which way it will be decided. The newcomer's politics is an unknown and unknowable quantity, until the ballot box makes the revelation.

PRESS dispatches announce that Dreyfus appeared unexpectedly a few days since in Paris, and the authorities are so much worried over the event that he will be quietly ordered to leave the city. This uneasiness certainly is the result of a guilty conscience.

THE most sensible editorial that has appeared in a Portland paper for ages was the one the Telegram published a few days since, ridiculing the police department for the fuss it made over a poor cripple girl who was soliciting alms, which unfortunate the police ordered out of town.

"THE war is practically over," "How long will the war last," "Rumor in Manila of an outbreak," are three headlines over press dispatches in two adjoining columns of a recent copy of the Spokesman-Review. The Philippines are, indeed, a white elephant on Uncle Sam's hands.

THE MINER is not an issue in the late lamented municipal unpleasantness—its the "fool other fellow." This is a newspaper that does not have to devote its columns to boosting itself and noisily proclaiming what it has done, the vast business it transacts. The public has the situation "sized up" about right and THE MINER is fairly well satisfied with the way things are coming.

ALL sorts of improbable, detrimental, unfounded stories are being circulated since the fire about suspicious circumstances pointing to an alleged persistent effort to burn this town. Such talk is silly; there is no danger of anything of the kind. The firebug who tried to turn a trick the other night is spotted and he will not make another attempt. He is a cowardly, petty thief and incapable of performing any bold, desperate deed. If he has not already left, he will sneak out of town at the first opportunity.

THE people of Granite should look out for the mine "promoters" and mining "magnates" who undertake to do business on wind. As quick as operators of this class are discovered they should be given a gentle, but emphatic, invitation to make themselves scarce. If the invitation is not acted upon at once a fence rail might prove a satisfactory inducement.—Granite Gem.

It is really unfortunate that such stuff as the above should find its way into any newspaper of this district. It conveys the false impression that the people already here are merely seeking the man with money for what there is to be made out of him; that no others are wanted or welcomed. Of course capital is needed and wanted here, but one promoter such as this paragraph is trying to describe will induce more money to invest here and do the district more substantial good than a train load of such men who are capable of conceiving such a sentiment. The fence

rail idea is the thought and expression of a provincial ignoramus who happens to be feeding regularly.

THE MINER is requested by the authorized committee to publish the following: When Manila was captured, the Second Oregon was the only regiment to enter the city and receive the surrender of the Spanish army and arms. A number of fine old bronze cannon were captured at that time. One of them was brought home and this splendid old bronze, cast in Spain more than a century ago, is now being made into souvenir buttons by a committee of the volunteers, and the buttons are being sold for the benefit of the fund to erect a handsome and artistic monument to the memory of the soldiers of Oregon who lost their lives in the Spanish and Filipino war. The button is made with a button back for men and boys and a pin back for ladies and girls. The genuineness of the buttons is attested by the certificate of Brigadier-General O. Summers. This is a valuable souvenir of the war, such as every adult and child in Oregon would be pleased to possess, especially as the entire proceeds of the sale will go to erect a splendid monument to serve as a perpetual object lesson in patriotism to the youth of the state. The buttons sell in any quantity at 25 cents each. The secretary of the committee is Captain H. L. Wells, Box 347, Portland, Oregon.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I am not a candidate for the office of Supervisor of roads of the Sumpter district, and I desire that my name be withdrawn from the republican ticket. Signed:

GEO. B. TEDROWE.

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