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THE political rot that state papers are now publishing is wearisome to the soul of the exchange editor, and surely does not deceive the ordinary reader.

PRESS dispatches state that James R. Keen, a Wall street plunger, has bet \$7,500 against \$10,000 that Bryan will defeat McKinley in the presidential election. This information is considered of sufficient importance to put on the wires, because Jim Keen made the wager.

IT IS announced that the representatives of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York papers who are touring the west in a palatial private car, built for their especial use, will stop over at Baker City. When the Chamber of Commerce committeemen of that town interviews the business man of the party, they will fall over in a dead faint. The figure then named will, indeed, be a shock.

CITIZENS of Sumpter resent the base, baseless slander on their home town, originating with the Blue Mountain American and culminating in the Baker City Republican in these foul, false words: "Will the voters of Baker county put their foot on the mean, contemptible, petty larceny thieves who have attempted to do such dirty work in Sumpter? Those men were bred in a brothel, brought up in a dead-fall, and graduated at a penitentiary."

SOME papers seem to think that their sole mission is to lie about the rival town and abuse the opposition political party. Because THE MINER'S conception of its work is diametrically opposite to this theory; because it is endeavoring to assist in the development of eastern Oregon and the Sumpter district in particular, the services of its management are sought by other localities. That is how it happens that another MINER has been established over at Prairie City, and why it is very probable that other newspapers will be started in other camps, to pursue the policy mapped out and adhered to by THE SUMPTER MINER. This is recognized by business men as being as great an improvement in the newspaper field, over the hereabouts prevailing fool method, as the dredger is over the rocker in placer mining, and THE MINER is daily made cognizant of this recognition by tokens of material appreciation.

THE United States circuit court of appeals at San Francisco has issued the injunction prayed for by the Chinese residents of that city, restraining the board of health and the federal authorities from interfering with the free movements of the Mongolian residents there and their freedom in traveling to and from the city. The complaint of the Chinese stated that by the enforcing of the terms adopted by the board of health, declaring that plague existed in that city, they were restrained of their liberties granted them under the constitution of the United States and the existing treaties between the government of the United States and the Chinese government; that the authorities discriminated against the Mongolian race in singling out the Chinese and Japanese for the enforce-

ment of the terms of the resolution; that the Haffkine prophylactic was not the proper treatment for persons already exposed to the plague and that neither the board of health nor federal authorities had proven that a single case of plague existed in the city or state. The court sustained every contention in the complaint and granted the injunction.

IN THE humble opinion of THE MINER, the republican campaign managers are making a mistake in appealing for votes for J. T. English, the party's candidate for the legislature, on the purely partisan ground that there is a United States senator to be chosen. Mr. English is going to get the republican vote, anyway; what he needs are democratic votes, and this partisan appeal is apt to drive some away from him, which he otherwise would receive.

He is peculiarly well fitted for the position, and should command support on this ground. Many good citizens would vote for him for this reason who would refuse to do so when it is rubbed in on them that the principal purpose of his election is to vote for some candidate for the United States senate. So far as THE MINER is concerned, it believes that Mr. English, if elected, will serve this county more intelligently and faithfully than merely entering some senatorial combine and playing the part of a stupid figure-head. He is a man of liberal education, of extended business experience, is possessed of ample fortune, is not avaricious; and therefore is not open to the corrupting influences which are usually employed to handle members of that body. He is capable of going down to Salem and becoming a leader; of accomplishing much good for the state at large and this section of eastern Oregon, in particular. From people who know him, for these reasons he will receive a large vote; not for partisan considerations.

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