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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

CROCKER, of New York, has won an important political trick from David B. Hill, in having the delegation from that state to the national democratic convention instructed for Bryan.

It looks as if the Boers don't know when they are whipped. This lack of perception has been the salvation of some people, but it will probably not serve the South African Dutch to that extent.

LOONEY'S vote in Sumpter, where the Blue Mountain American is supposed to circulate, demonstrates the influence of that noisy outfit. The people of this town "copper" whatever it says or advises.

THERE is no question but what Baker City "turned a trick" election day, with Sumpter as the victim. The man, party or town that plays the political game on the square, enacts the role of a sucker.

CAPE NOME is going to be the greatest burying ground for dead hopes that was ever known in the history of the world, and no monuments will mark their resting places—only pits from which no gold was taken.

CARPENTERS and decorators have finished their work in the Portland Mining exchange, but at this writing no intense activity in the stock market has yet been reported from the "mining center of the Northwest."

"WE stop the press to announce" that Sumpter is going to have the greatest Fourth of July celebration in the history of eastern Oregon and that everybody, together with his sisters, his cousins and his aunts, are cordially invited to be here on that auspicious occasion.

NO idea of the political complexion of Baker county can be gained by an analysis of the vote cast Monday. Sectional friendships and animosities and the personal popularity of candidates decided the contest. Even the much discussed problem of how the large number of new comers to Sumpter would divide political is still unsolved.

IN the senate Monday Morgan made a report, traversing the grounds for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The report is practically a plea for the house committee of the Nicaragua canal bill. Morgan says if the treaty stands in the way of the purposes of our government, it must give way to the paramount law of the house bill enacted into a statute of the United States.

ONLY one vote was cast against the anti-trust bill passed by the lower house of congress Saturday; Mann of Illinois, a republican, voting in the negative. All the democratic amendments, except one, were killed. That one declares that nothing in the act shall be construed to apply to trade unions or labor organizations. The bill amends the anti-trust law so as to declare every contract or combination in the form of a trust or conspiracy in the restraint of commerce among the states or foreign nations illegal, or such patty to such act or com-

bination guilty of a crime punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than 5000, and by imprisonment not less than six months, nor more than two years. It provides that any person injured by violation of the provisions of the law may recover threefold damages.

THE Western Mining World gives these reasons why a mining property should be patented: "It is always business, and usually necessary to secure a United States patent to a mining location. The possession of such a title argues powerfully for the owner's belief in the value of the property. It is also almost an axiom that few mines can lay claim to real greatness or value until or unless it has been held up in court by some pirate with a shadowy claim to an interest in the property, and in such likely case a United States patent provides "an ironclad patency," that is of most value when most needed."

SUMPTER seems quiet now, compared to what it was two months since. The reason for this is that the crowd that then thronged the streets, hotels and resorts are now out in the hills prospecting and mining. This is as it should be. These men are laying the foundation for the future and permanent prosperity of this camp. Every day reports reach here that their labors are being crowned with success, new and promising ledges are being discovered, large bodies of good ore are being uncovered and the dumps are being burdened with gold bearing rocks. All this mining activity means the consumption of large quantities of merchandise, and Sumpter merchants report trade as being excellent and growing better. Only saloons, dance halls and gambling houses, hotels, eating and lodging houses report business comparatively quiet, and their harvest time is always in the winter. This camp and district are all right.

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