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REPORTS of the sessions of the mining stock exchange which appear in Portland papers read as if they were written by rural community reporters in Yamhill county.

THERE are influences at work in the interest of Sumpter and this mining district that will result in making this even a better camp than the most sanguine ever hoped for. Brains and energy, experience and capital are united in this movement and there is scarcely a doubt of the success of the specific object of the worthy endeavor.

EVERY indication now points to a rousingly successful celebration here on the Fourth. The large purses and diamond medals offered in the rock drilling contest has proven a drawing card and there is now not a doubt but what large numbers of miners and their friends will be in attendance. The program is an attractive one and this, united with a big crowd, is what constitutes success on such an occasion.

THE wheat crop in the two Dakotas and Minnesota is reported to be an entire failure, on account of drought. Of course the price of wheat is rising rapidly and it is predicted that it will soon reach a dollar. Over in the Palouse country the farmers will harvest the largest yield in the history of that section and they will have all kinds of money this fall. That will be a rich field for the promoter to dispose of mining stocks, eight-day clocks, gaudy watches and other varieties of gold brick.

LAST week the council published in THE MINER a notice that if a health ordinance is violated in future, its penalties will be enforced. Such notices are unnecessary. The ordinances should be enforced without warning. The occasion for this warning was the discovery of a case of contagious disease in the Star hotel. The lessee, one Robinson, denied that he harbored such a case. This is his second violation of health ordinances. He has shown that he does not respect the municipal laws, or the rights of any one else. He has been dealt with too leniently.

THOSE wild exhibitions of enthusiasm which press dispatches report as having taken place in the republican convention when McKinley was renominated, has every appearance of having been rehearsed, the delegates were evidently acting under instructions. There was no contest, this was the only possible result, and there was no occasion for any such demonstration, as there was in reality no such elation felt by the delegates. Every movement made, the tearing down of state standards, marching around the hall and so on, were chestnuts that have been perpetrated at every national convention for twenty years.

THERE has been some fatal fighting in China during the past week, in which the allied foreign forces have been worsted. The latest development in Washington City was the effort of the Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, to secure an armis-

tice in the operation of American troops until Li Hung Chang could reach Peking and bring about a cessation of the disorders. The proposition is a rather novel one and is based upon representations of the viceroys of the imperial provinces of Yang Tse Kiang valley that they can maintain order without the aid of foreign troops, and the presence of the foreigners would act merely as an incentive to disorder.

THE census of Baker county and, in fact, all of the mining regions of eastern Oregon, will necessarily omit a large percentage of bona fide citizens. Especially will the claims of Sumpter and other mining centers regarding population be heavily discounted. The reason for this is that so large a number of men are now in the hills, prospecting and mining, who will not be included in the enumeration, either in town or in the country precincts. One might as well try to enumerate a shoal of fish, as to get an accurate list of men who are out in these hills. Sumpter will undoubtedly fall farther short of its real population than any other town in the state.

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