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THE crowd that throngs into Sumpter today is being cordially welcomed. THE MINER hopes that there will be no unpleasant incident to mar the harmony of the celebration; especially with reference to the awarding of prizes and purses.

IF THE report be true that W. A. Clark, of Montana, will announce at the Democratic convention in Kansas City today that he will give a million dollars to the campaign fund, it's a long shot proposition that his contesting delegation will be admitted to the convention.

THAT was quite a fly trick which Congressman Grosvenor accuses the ubiquitous Lemuel Eli Quigg of turning at the national republican convention, in changing the platform to suit himself. He "got there Eli," but denies the charge, in the face of documentary evidence.

NEARLY every business house in Sumpter is more or less handsomely decorated today. THE MINER regrets that its office is among the very few which is not, its excuse for which is that a "short handed" force has been unusually busy getting out the paper some hours earlier than usual, in order to give the boys an opportunity to do a little celebrating themselves.

IT IS a case of unadulterated nerve, with no trace of reason, shrewdness or consideration, for Hill and other gold democrats who either sulked in their tents or openly rebelled four years ago, to impudently insist that the regular organization renounce its allegiance to the free coinage of silver. On that issue Bryan won his fame and commanding position in the councils of the party. For him to abandon the principle now would be to forfeit the respect of his followers—which Bryan is not going to do.

AN alleged dispatch from Shanghai, under date of July 2, says: "The Chinese authorities here state that Jung Lung and the empress dowager tried to protect the foreigners in Peking until June 20, when Prince Tuan usurped power and ordered an attack on the legations. Tuan then sent out orders to the warrior governor to drive out the foreigners. Since that time the moderate party in Peking has been utterly powerless." This is in direct conflict with all previous information received from China, which has been to the effect that the empress dowager constituted the force antagonistic to foreigners.

IT IS stated that the American Philippine commission is studying the necessity for the substitution for army officers performing civil functions of civil service men, and has asked the Washington government to send examiners to the Philippines to hold civil service examinations there at the same time as in the United States, with the idea of creating a Philippine civil service board. It is the general opinion that circumstances require the appointment of men best able to withstand corrupt influences, and it is believed that no political adventurers or their proteges will be able to secure appointments in the service. If the "push" can be

given the stand off, the frauds and scandals of Cuba will not be repeated.

THE MINER gives every one a square deal, gives its friends a trifle the best of most any proposition, works for the interest of this camp and district and publishes all the news; but it will not permit itself to get mixed up in the kindergarten, sewing circle rows with which all small communities are more or less afflicted. This remark is rendered pertinent by the fact that during the past week numerous citizens have endeavored to induce it to take one side or the other in just such a scrap. Nor does that puerile taunt of "you're afraid" have any effect on this determination. In this connection, however, it must be acknowledged that it is but human nature to wish to reply to such irritatingly unfair and false statements as the Blue Mountain American never fails to publish regarding all such unpleasant occurrences. That paper's whole aim seems to be to stir up strife in this town. Who ever dictates its policy of engendering discord has a peculiarly constituted mind; a mixture of the characteristics of a soured old maid, a spoilt child and a cowardly he gossip. The most effective way of replying to its annoying misrepresentations and foiling its contemptible methods would be to give the marble heart to the importunities of its lightning rod solicitor and defy the whining, whimpering, half concealed, half revealed threats of its hired blackmailer.

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