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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

THE building of that fine brick hotel ought to be a sure cure for cold feet.

AND Emperor William is also doing considerable talking about the Chinese situation.

TOWNE has formally declined the populist nomination for vice-president—"for the good of the cause."

AND now the report comes from China that wily old Li Hung Chang is plotting to the end that he may himself become emperor.

PEOPLE who know what they are talking about, tell THE MINER that Sumpter is at present in a perfectly healthy condition commercially, with as bright a prospect for the future as could be desired.

ON THE march to Peking, to overcome the first obstacle offered by the Chinese to the allied armies, the latter lost 1200 killed and wounded. At this rate, there is going to be a whole lot of fighting before the graves of the dead monarchs are desecrated.

IN life and treasure the Boer war has cost England an enormous price—"the game is not with the candle." In money \$400,000,000, and in human life 50,000 good soldiers is the generally accepted estimate of the cost of this attempt to seize and hold a weak republic.

THE steamer Argyll from the Orient, which arrived at Portland Monday evening, brought 1,729,000 Calcutta grain bags. A shortage in the grain bag market was threatened until this shipment arrived. There is an immense wheat crop in the "Inland Empire" this season.

THAT newspaper correspondent stationed at Baker City, who makes a specialty of building railroads, has been working over time of late. The accredited sources of his information, generally a private letter from some railroad magnate to a peanut vender or an old schoolmate at Baker, is what gives the reader the jolt.

MONDAY Chicago packers were asked by the government to furnish 2,000,000 pounds of meat within 30 days, for the American soldiers in the Orient. This is said to be the largest requisition ever issued by the government of the United States. And the packers were doubtless given to understand, too, that this meat mustn't be of the Alger kind, either.

WRITING of the great changes which twenty years have wrought along the line of the O. R. & N., an old timer who has watched the progress, says in the East Oregonian, now one hears "the monotonous whistle of the locomotive and the lazy roar of wheels"—which is quoted here to call attention to the novelty of the expression. Who had thought before of monotony lurking in a steam whistle, or that the roar of wheels could be accurately described as lazy? This writer is a rival of the late lamented Stephen

Crane in using the wrong word in the wrong place.

THOSE Patterson anarchists have large ideas, ideas doubtless acquired by observing the operations of the trust magnates, who scorn to operate on a basis less broad in its conquering, enslaving effects than is the universe. A press dispatch from Washington states that Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, has communicated to the state department information showing that he believes a band of anarchists in Patterson, New Jersey, has conspired to assassinate all the crowned heads of Europe. According to the governor of New Jersey, every effort is being made by the state and police authorities to assist the detectives employed by the Italian officials to ascertain if such a band exists, and its membership.

MCKINLEY is a good hater, and his hatred has a backbone, too. He "has it in for" General Miles, on account of that old Sherman trouble, when he tricked the old gentleman to resign his seat in the senate to make a place for Mark Hanna, the general being some sort of a relation of the Shermans, and an admirer of the statesman. This being the case, the president has not allowed General Miles, the ranking officer in the army, to win any additional laurels, either in Cuba or the Philippines, and now he refuses a direct request to permit him to take a hand in the Chinese fighting. The only part he has taken in any of the recent wars was the little outing at Porto Rico, which island was surrendered to an ensign over a telephone wire.

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