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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

OVER in Washington the fusionists are fighting each other with more bitterness than they will ever fight the republicans.

UNITED STATES statistics shows that legitimate mining is one of the safest industries in which a person can invest. The percentage of profits upon the money invested is greater than any other investment. The percentage of failures is less than any other branch of business except banking.

A BAKER CITY exchange gets all worked up because a Portland man in a Portland paper refers to Baker City as Sumpter Junction. The peculiar feature is that the said exchange gives Sumpter full credit for the article. The Sumpter people are too broad minded to throw slurs at her neighbors.

THERE is not a whole lot of difference between white human natives in the several sections of this country. The only difference in the race riots at New Orleans, Akron and New York is that the mob in the first named city did the best job—perhaps because it has had more practice in that line.

LATE dispatches from St. Petersburg state that it is rumored there that the Russian government has received a dispatch asserting that after a fierce battle inside of Peking the allies retreated, losing 1900 men, mostly Russians. It is further said that the Chinese occupied 40 fortified positions from which they are bombarding the allies in a murderous manner.

IT IS a long shot proposition that General Chaffee has given the administration good advice in recommending that the American army be withdrawn from China at the earliest possible date, now that the ministers have been rescued. But the hair splitting diplomats seem to be interested in the game and have found some excuse not to take this advice from an intelligent soldier on the ground.

THAT "newspaper league" from Boston, Philadelphia and other eastern cities have been coquetting with Boise for a week past. The Statesman innocently remarks: "It turns out that this is not an editorial excursion at all, but an advertising scheme, etc." THE MINER made a similar statement a couple of months since, when the Baker City papers were discussing the great enterprise of giving the half dozen members of the party a free feed when they pass through that town. This "league's" prices bankrupt any ordinary board of trade.

THE Bureau of Statistics has just given out official figures for the foreign trade of the year ended June 30th last. As we expected, the figures prove to be high beyond precedent, the total foreign commerce of the country exceeding by one-sixth that of any previous year. Our exports amounted to nearly 1,400 millions dollars—163 million greater than ever before, and exceeding imports by 545

million. All classes of merchandise shared in the gain, manufactures predominating with an increase of 100 million dollars over the best previous record. The products of mining are credited with an increased exportation of ten million dollars. Copper must be largely responsible for this, says the Mining and Metallurgical Journal, as we have sold abroad in the last six months practically two-thirds of all the copper produced here

THE war department has made public letters found among the papers of General Ricart, recently arrested by the police near Manila. Among them is an unsigned letter in regard to an attack on Manila in January, 1900. It states that the reason for not carrying out the proposed attack was because of the small number of resolute persons stationed at the gates and because General Otis had gone aboard a ship in Manila bay. Another attack was planned, but not carried out, because the enemy made a careful search of the city as a result of disturbances the previous day. The letter advises another attack and outlines the following plan: "To recruit in your command of South Luzon 3000 men of daring and steadiness. These will enter the walled city, armed with knives. The entrance of this number of men will be effected during a period of about three weeks; it will be very easy to do it and they shall undertake to place themselves in safe places while the rest are arriving, and as soon as all get in I shall give the necessary instructions to direct and arrange for co-operation in the blow on the said point, the walled city."

## To the Faithful

KNOW ALL MEN That many Princes of the Orient are now sojourning in the City of Sumpter and are meeting for the purpose of instructing novices and diffusing wisdom, at 8 p. m. Wednesday evenings at Red Men's hall, and at such other places as the Grand Padasha may order. All Princes who have not made themselves known are cordially invited to present themselves, staff of life in hand, at the temple door, where they will be cordially welcomed.

BY ORDER

Grand Secretary Grand Padasha

## I. O. R. M.

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