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THIS number of THE MINER closes its first year. Great changes have taken place in this camp during that short time; changes for the better, in a material way: growth in population; increase in the number of buildings and volume of trade; an unprecedented amount of development work in the mines-improvements in every direction that communities strive for changes. In this evolution from a sleepy village to a live mining camp THE MINER claims to have played an important part. When the first issue of this paper appeared, men with a heavy growth of moss on their backs stood around on the streets and discussed the rumblings of the approaching business and industrial activity as if they were threatened with a plague; no Baker publication acknowledged the existence of such a camp, and the old back number paper issued here threw cold water on every proposition tending to attract public attention to the district. It was this fact more than anything else that decided progressive citizens to offer inducements for THE MINER'S establishment. From the start this paper paid no attention to those whose policy was retrogression; read the riot act to Baker City, which forced recognition, and set a pace in giving publicity to our resources that stupified the local sheet. The desired effect was produced intantaneously. THE MINER'S work is not yet done; it will continue on the same lines which it has followed in the past.

THE Portland papers have recently indulged in a good deal of nonsense about that town having secured next year's meeting of "The International League of Press Clubs". All their self congratulatory talk is pure rot. There is no such body as "The International League of Press Clubs." There is a fake outfit, that styles itself "The National League of Press Clubs." It is made up wholly of cheap and raw amateurs, and does not include in its membership or attendance one real newspaper man or woman of any wide reputation. Its meeting rarely bring together more than fifty people, and few of them can get editorial transportation Eastern out of their own counties. papers never mention the fact that such an outfit is in session, and its comings or goings are utterly without interest to any body except the few school boys and school girls who read sappy little essays to their fellow idiots on "how to run newspapers, 'and other such stuff. Let Portland build a big smelter, or something of that kind, and drop "The International League of Press Clubs" humbug.

IT is quite the fad with fool newspapers to talk about towns that have been "over boomed." Sumpter is occasionally mentioned as one of these. As a matter of fact, the town has not been boomed half F. A E STARR. enough. What little booming was done here last winter attracted thousands of people here who would otherwise never have heard of the camp or of the eastern Oregon gold fields, had not some new people who know they are alive, come in here and told others of the great opportunities here for making money in mining. Many of these new comers brought money Dunphey-Bryan Building

here and invested it; others brought money with them, couldn't invest it and went away, carrying their money with them. For a while last winter there was an active demand for desirably located property in Sumpter. Those who owned it, in nine cases out of ten, and refused to sell it at reasonable figures, are the ones who are now complaining about over booming. Incidentally, they are kicking themselves because they didn't sell when they had the chance. Had they done so, they would have benefitted themselves and the entire community, as well. Compare the conditions here in town and throughout the entire district, as they are today, with what they were eighteen months ago, and the vast benefits of the tame little boom can be distinctly seen. Bring on another boom and let it be a full grown, L. T. BROCK, M. D., robust one.

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