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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

THERE are some newspapers in this section of country that ought to be in the pen for grand larceny. They lay for THE MINER and steal its good news matter as regularly as it is issued. This thing is getting so rank that it ceases to amuse.

THE letter of acceptance of President McKinley was "released" Monday morning. It is nine long columns of solid type, discusses every conceivable issue and says nothing about anything. Some of the "gems" which the partisan papers are culling from this state paper and clustering in Mergenthaler borders are absolutely idiotic in their transparent con game characteristics.

ANY man can now get his name in the Associated press dispatches if he adroitly announces that he voted for either Bryan or McKinley four years ago and is going to vote for the other one at the coming election. This kind of stuff means no more than a straw vote or a prediction by a newspaper or individual, and why these three chestnuts are in such constant use is a mystery to one of ordinary common sense—and besides, it is tiresome

AT the session of the physical science section of the British association for the advancement of science, now in annual session at Bradford, Sir William Henry Preece, consulting engineer to the British postoffice, made the interesting announcement that as a result of his experiments with wireless telegraphy, he had found it quite possible to convey audible speech six to eight miles across the sea without wires. He added that it was a practical, commercial system and might be extended to communicate between ships, and between ships and the shore.

THE philosophers of the press are trying to find in prenatal influences a cause for the unnatural crime committed recently in the mountains of eastern Oregon, when a boy killed his own father. It is not necessary to go so far to find the cause. It is stated that the father brutally whipped the son for the trifling oversight of leaving a hatchet at the camp of the previous night. A sense of being the victim of outraged justice, and consequent violent resentment and more or less violent rage are human emotions that more satisfactorily explain the motive of the horrible crime than do any far-fetched theories of prenatal influences.

THERE are only 270 convicts in the Oregon penitentiary at present. At no time since 1885 has the number of inmates been so small, with the exception of 1888, when the average was 265. "When searching for evidence of good times and fixing results to causes, perhaps it would be interesting to notice the effect of prosperity on crime in this state," said state senator Daly, of Benton, in a recent interview. "The hard times which set in in 1892 were at their culmination and very worst in 1896. In August, 1896 there were over 400 convicts in the state penitentiary of Oregon, and in August, 1900, there were but 270. In fact, except one year, 1888,

there has never been so few inmates in the state prison as now since 1885. In connection with this fact it is well to enumerate that the population of Oregon in 1885 was 188,000, while in 1900 it is at least 430,000. From 1888 down, the number of convicts in the state prison was from 320 to 450, or an average of 345, and in 1888 the average was 265."

LATEST press dispatches state, relative to the hurricane horror at Galveston, that Mayor Walter C. Jones estimates the number of dead at 5000 and he is conservative. Over 2300 bodies have been taken to the sea or buried in trenches. Other hundreds are yet to be taken from the ruins. These bodies are now all badly decomposed and they are being buried in trenches where they are found. Others are being buried in debris where it can be safely done. There is little attempt at identification and it is safe to say that there will never be a complete list of the dead.

Chief of Police Ketchum is in charge of the work of burying the dead. There are large bodies of men engaged in this work, tearing up ruins and getting out corpses. Several persons have already been shot, it is reported. A soldier of Rafferty's battery, while patrolling the beach this morning ordered a man to desist from looting. The fellow drew a weapon and the soldier shot him dead. The soldier was attacked by three other men and he killed all of them. He had five cartridges in his rifle and each of them found a victim. It is probable that twenty-five in all have been shot. Some of these were shot for failing to halt when ordered to do so. Others were shot for vandalism. No accurate estimate has yet been made regarding loss to property.

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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12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Canyon City	10:30 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Clifford	Lv. Canyon City	8:00 a. m.
1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Sumpter	7:30 a. m.
7:10 p. m.	Ar. Austin	Lv. Sumpter	5:00 a. m.

Connecting at Austin with stages for Canyon City and interior points.

1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Sumpter	7:30 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar. Bonanza	Lv. Sumpter	6:30 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pyx, Robinsonville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and other mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Granite	10:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Granite	Lv. Sumpter	7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Boy, Banquette and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-BOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Bourne	9:10 a. m.
4:00 p. m.	Ar. Bourne	Lv. Sumpter	8:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Columbia	Lv. Sumpter	7:30 a. m.

Including North Pole, E. & E., Climax, Ohio and adjacent mines.