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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

AT SEVEN o'clock yesterday morning General John M. Palmer died in his Springfield, Illinois, home, aged eighty-three years. His was an erratic career, of some honor and much prominence.

THE exposure by the Portland Telegram of the Oregon Republican Press association's attempt to hold up the national committee, reveals that outfit to be a choice galaxy of lobsters. They wanted the money expended for "boiler plate" political supplements paid directly to the publishers of country newspapers. The chances are that these supplements constitute the Type Foundry trust's contribution to the republican campaign fund.

THIS is the season when the politician with the self cocking mouth swears by all the gods of his party that he didn't say it—didn't say something that the newspapers quoted him as saying. Then, the chances are that his explanation of what he did say is a bigger fool proposition than the one he is denying. Of course few intelligent people believe the politician as against the newspaper, and it is a long shot chance that the newspaper quotation was correct in the first place. Both Roosevelt and Hanna have recently been placed in this position. Bryan generally stands pat and reiterates the idea still more forcibly. He is exceedingly "handy" with both his mouth and thinking apparatus.

IN THE constitution of this state is the following provision:

"No free negro or mulatto, not residing in this state at the time of the adoption of the constitution, shall come, reside or be within this state, or hold any real estate, make any contracts, or maintain any suit therein. And the legislative assembly shall provide by penal laws for the removal by public officers of all such negroes or mulattoes, and for their effectual exclusion from the state, and for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the state, or employ or harbor them."

Discussing this section, Governor Geet says the Organic law in this particular is never enforced. Continuing, he says:

"At the time of the adoption of the constitution, in 1858, this section was submitted separately, and the popular vote was 8040 in its favor and 1081 against it. That was in the good old Democratic days, when the the "Divine" institution of slavery, handed down to that generation by the authors of the Declaration of Independence and their co-workers, was in the prime of its growing power, and Oregon had been largely settled by people who had felt its blighting influence. So that, while an amendment in favor of slavery was voted down at the same election by a vote of 2645 in favor of and 7727 against, the section for the expulsion of free negroes was adopted, probably as a compromise, and, as viewed from this date, a disgraceful concession to the slavery element. Our constitution stands today as adopted in 1858, in every respect, although many efforts have been made to amend it in several particulars, and so fixed in this respect does the public mind seem that it is doubtful if it will ever be amended in any way. Five amendments

were submitted to a popular vote last June, and each was overwhelmingly defeated, and among them was one to repeal the free negro section."

THE MINER is aware of the fact that the subject of labor unions is generally considered a delicate and dangerous one for a newspaper to discuss, unless it takes one side or the other of the question, becomes rabidly idiotic and abuses somebody. The writer believes, however, that well timed and sensible remarks can be made on the topic without exploding any dynamite, or inflicting any fatal wounds. These remarks are called forth by the statement published in a Baker City paper and reproduced in another column of THE MINER today, that already labor troubles are brewing in the Cable Cove district, where a Miner's union is said to have recently been organized.

There is no occasion for any such agitation in eastern Oregon at this time. Unions are needed where large numbers of men are employed—needed for reasons not necessary to mention here. But in a region as new as the gold fields of eastern Oregon, where comparatively few miners are employed, where every man capable of doing manual labor can get some kind of work to do at living wages, it is worse than useless to inaugurate that irritating contest between employers and employees.

Mineowners, of course, want that apparently inevitable contest postponed as long as possible and they can do much in that direction, by exercising discretion in selecting the men to whom they give employment. At the present stage of the mining industry, this is not an impossible task, as it will be later on, when the number employed is largely increased. The best, not intelligent and loyal miners are native born American citizens, the pioneers or their descendants; men who hope some day to be millionaire mine owners themselves, whose earnings are invested in tunnels and shafts on their own claims. Such men will neither endure the imposition of bosses nor listen to the dictation of walking delegates. There are many such in eastern Oregon, and mine owners owe it to themselves to give them the preference at all times.

### 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 Padasba 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 Padasba

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1:30 p. m.	Ar. Clifford	Lv. 2:00 a. m.
3:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. 7:40 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Ar. Austin	Lv. 5:00 a. m.

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

1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. 7:10 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar. Bonanza	Lv. 6:10 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pys, Robinsonville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and Belcher mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. 10:50 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Ar. Granite	Lv. 7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Hoy, Banzette and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-BOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. 9:30 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Ar. Bourne	Lv. 2:00 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Ar. Columbia	Lv. 7:30 a. m.

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