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POPULATION OF SUMPTER $\mathbf{4 , 5 0 0}$.

AGAIN the wheat and cow county papers are complaming because of Baker county's low assessment, which only amounts to two of three millions. Our greatest wealth lies in mines, which are not taxed by law. Human mature in these parts has not reached that degree of pertection when men will die up money for the commonweath merely from a sense of the suity of the cause. This thing of taxaton and exemption from taxation is not based on abstact justice, but expediency, and law makers have ever deemed it unwise to throw the taxation harpoon linto mine owners. The kickers will pleasg in future aim their hoots at legislation and kive Baket county a rest.

OLD John Sherman is dead, at last. He was a man of much intellectual force, but his talents were ever prostituted to ignoble purposes. He was in public life lor forty vears, and the history of that period will record no act of his in the illrerest of the masses; all of his efforts were put forth for the benefit of the classes. He died rich, but never attained the object of his ambition, the presidency. The work he did for his masters was so toarse that they could never deliver to him this reward, which he so persistently demanded. It was therefore a clear case of retributive justice when, in his declining years, he was thrown out of the pubitc service to maine room for the latel day high priest of the dollar worshippers, the oarse libered Hawna.

IHE Boers are still lighting, as are the Filipnos, both for their tights and political liberty. And the two great Anglo Saxon nations of the earth are the tyranteal enemies of these two weak pesples. The latest vintory of the Boers is related in this press dispatch, from London: "Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria that the Boers attacked Agersfontein and succeeded in teieasing the Boer prisoners in the town belore being repulsed. Theit loss was taenty, moduding Commandant Visser. Boer swmpathizers in the town ussisted, for whib they will be heavily punished. Hoers attacked Faureomith on the anth and were repuised. The Betswh loss was two hilled and six wounded The Seveateenth Barton regiment fought the Boets at Fredetickstad, losing two hilled and lout wounded.

Of Coukse. Chaties 1. Alvod, note tellet of the first National bank of Ners York, "las been whth the instifution many years and was one of its most trusted tmen," but be state \$700,000 fust the same-" wheither that sum is all he took is not kowsw," says the dispatch. That is always the case; a man must be trusted of the will never have an oppor tunity to make subh a kilitog. A good, honest thief is never given a chance in this worid to turn that kind of a trikk. An offisial comoncted with the bank is quoted as saving: "Proof that the bank is not likely to suffer by the defakation is that its pronts for the year ending last september, were $\$ 1,350,600$. The par value of stock is $\$ 100$ per share, but it has brought as high as $\$ 1923$ at auction. The
book value of the stock is $\$ 3105$ per share and as high as $\$ 3600$ hav been bid it has for several years paid annual dividends of too per cent."

THE following interesting peice of information comes from Pekin by mail and was put on the wires by the Associated press:
"Nothing has been left undone to impress upon the native mind the complete triumph of the allies, and the uther humiliation and disgrace of the imperial government. Beautiful palaces and holy tem. ples have been converted into stables, spacious royal parks into camping grounds. Convid soldiers of France and barbarous Cossacks of Russia are camped on the sacred slopes of Coal Hill. A mixture of all the people of the earth batgain and sell royal loot in imperial sanctuaries. Engishmenare playing hockey on the grounds of the Temple of Heaven. To make a short-cut through the Imperial city, walls have been ruthlessly b'asted, that it was lormetly death to tamper with. Everything possible to show disrepect and contempt for ancient and sacred customs and religions has been done, and the matk of the vandal is everywhere.
If that isn't the most transparent excuse for robbery ever offered by civilized, hristianized people, will some "patriot" who stands pat on every stacked hand dealt please point out the winuing incident.

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