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J. H. ROBBINS is not the tenderfoot and carpetbagger that the organ for the local Boxers would have the public believe. He landed in these parts in 1864 and has been here and hearabouts ever since.

THE MINER can't see the force of the argument, but if the length of time a man has resided in these parts really has anything to do with his fitness for the office of mayor, then J. H. Robbins just exactly discounts Tom McEwen, for the former has been here thirty-six years, to the latter's eighteen.

THAT Indiana contractor who tried to bribe the governor of Mississippi to award him the job of building the new state house, must have been accustomed to doing business with the ordinary mob of official grafters. But he struck a proper snag down in the sunny Southland, where thrift is not as obtrusively prevalent as in some other sections.

ONE of those partisan organs that stands pat on every party policy and its result, attempting to justify, extenuate or deny, is The Dalles Chronicle. A few days after McKinley's election, press dispatches announced that the salt trust had doubled the price of its product. This statement the Chronicle denies point blank and for proof of its contention quotes the price of salt at The Dalles; exultantly enquiring, if the wired report be true, then why had not local merchants raised their price. Several pertinent answers could be given to this query, but the first one suggested is perhaps the truest and simplest; namely, that they had relied on the Chronicle for information, and of course, had been given the throw down.

THERE is an old Scotch proverb to the effect that "when a man boasts of his honesty or a woman of her virtue, you should keep your pockets buttoned," which has a peculiarly appropriate local application. When the organ of the Sumpter Boxers exclaims: "It's so if you see it in the American," look out for a false statement somewhere in its columns. Last week it resumed the repetition of this refrain, which naturally excited the suspicion of the observant reader. It is the well known system of that paper to noisily boast of its honesty whenever it is engaged in promoting some especially dirty and dishonest piece of business. Its work is always coarse, however, and so it required no second sight gift to discover its purpose in this particular case. The story published, to the effect that Tom McEwen had sold a right of way for an electric line to Bourne, furnished the key to the situation.

That right of way has not been sold. Arthur Philbrick, one of the owners, stated to a MINER representative Sunday, four days after the sale is alleged to have been made, that he knew nothing of the transaction, and he certainly would have known had any deal been consummated. Monday, after having talked with Mr. McEwen, he said there was nothing to

tell, but refused to discuss the matter further.

And now, the motives for these false statements. It is a plain tale, with no far fetched conclusions necessary to arrive at a satisfactory explanation. For months past certain enterprising gentlemen have been working on the proposition to construct a system of electric railways to the neighboring camps. The enterprise is not yet assured, but it is progressing. The American has "whooped it up" for this proposition in a general way, when no good could be accomplished, but has never failed to throw an obstacle in its way when opportunity offered. To be specific, when franchises through the streets of Sumpter have been asked for, it has urged that such franchises should be sold. No one now doubts that the American's mission is to "bear" this proposition, meaning Sumpter and the district. It was bought for that purpose and has been run on that line for more than a year. It was on this account that THE MINER people were induced to come in here and establish this paper. Editor Young said to the writer on his first trip here: "The substantial men of this district don't want a boom, and we are not going to have one." Shortly after the last state election the American crowd started in to make up a ticket for the coming municipal election. Tom McEwen was about the fourth man urged to run for mayor. He would have declined had not other influences pulled in the same direction.

About a month since, James Newlands, secretary of the Sumpter Transportation company, solicited the support of THE MINER for Mr. McEwen in his candidacy for mayor, stating that he feared Mr. Robbins would favor the granting of franchises for railways through the streets of Sumpter. Believing that this fear on the part of Mr. Newlands was well founded, is why this paper supports Mr. Robbins for mayor.

But Mr. Newlands had no fear on this point regarding Tom McEwen, who is president of the Sumpter Transportation company, so that concern, whose business the electric road would injure, joined forces with the Boxers, the Red Boy-American-Johns outfit, and as a result Tom McEwen, one "best fellow in the world," is slated for the worst beaten candidate for mayor who ever put himself in the hands of his false friends.

This franchise business being the issue, the American, following its usual tactics, attempts to deceive the people by making the ridiculously false claim that Tom McEwen, its candidate for mayor, was devoting all of his time and talents to inducing capital to come in here and build electric lines, that would kill his private business. More than this, that he had succeeded, had sold a right of way for the purpose.

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

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

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

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pyx, Robinsonville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and Belcher 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	9:30 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Ar. Bourne	Lv. Sumpter	8:00 a. m.
3:30 p. m.	Ar. Columbia	Lv. Sumpter	7:30 a. m.

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