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BAKER county shows the greatest per eent increase in population of any county in the state during the past ten years, be

ONE, E. J. Godfrey, Pharisee, also leaned his "moral support and influence" to Tom McEwen, and that is one cause of Mr. McEwen's defeat.

IN THE death of Senator Dayis, of Minnesota, the republican party loses its brainiest leader, and the country one of as most valued citizens and statesmen. Mr. Davis was one of the few men who have represented that state in the senate, who did not buy his seat.

THE MINER had nothing to say for or against any candidate at the municipal election; it merely pointed out the issue dreds of thousands of dollars have been involved and the voters did the rest. brought into the district for investment; Whenever the American, acting as the mouthpiece of the Boxers, indicated a and a market created for promising minpreference, the people evidently thought ing properties. All this has been accomthat a suitable place to land a hammer blow, and its candidates were defeatedthey knocked the knockers.

LAST week the Baker City Herald published a yard and a half of philosophic speculation on "the Oregon Hoodoo." The paper reaches the conclusion that there is no material, tangible reason for the well known fact that Oregon mines are treated with little consideration in certain quarters, and that a real sure enough hoodoo is the cause. Now, on second thought, wont the Herald confess that the local indigenous knocker has something to do with the case, tra la?

THE president's annual message, delivered to congress Monday, consisted of nearly seventeen newspaper columns, or about twenty-five thousand words. What was it all about? That is of no importance and not one in ten thousand of his "prosperous subjects" will ever know or care. The scare headlines say that he treated the Chinese question voluminously, had much to say about our foreign relations, lavored a civil government for the Philippine islands, tossed his party a tew bouquets on the condition of the national treasury and "discussed other mat-

A PRESS dispatch from Portland, dated yesterday, indicates a consolidation of the Union Pacific and Short Line. The dispatch says: When the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line close their offices in this city, which will probably be before general agent of the Union Pacific, will become assistant general freight agent of the O. R. & N., R. B. Miller, who now occupies that position in the O. R. & N. becoming general freight agent. W. E. Coman, general agent of the Short Line, it is said, will become general agent of the freight department of the O. R. & N. at

THE grand jury system is the last surviving illegitimate offspring of the inquisition. Through it men who have not the courage to meet their enemies, men who know their inability to settle personal grievances, seek cowardly revenge. The proceedings before a grand jury are guard. Center, cor. High St.

ed by an oath of secrecy, and the wronged individual against whom a wrongly named "true bill" is found, has no redress. The man who employes this method of injuring another would be a petty thief, were he not afraid of being caught. The man who voluntarily appears as a witness before a grand jury, to aid another in such a contemptibly cowardly fight, is a sneak thief by nature. Neither would hesitate to lie, thus protected from consequences.

IN ANOTHER column is published an editorial from the Salt Lake Mining Review on the "coming boom," that is peculiarly appropriate to this section. There were those here eighteen months ago who E. A. CLEM & CO. seemed to dread the approach of industrial and commercial activity, fearing that somebody would call it a boom. Even now one occasionally hears a regret expressed, accompanied by a sigh, over the fact that last winter this town experienced for a few months a kindergarten boom. Such expressions have a tendency to make a live man weary. That little ripple of excitement did more good for the gold fields of eastern Oregon in general and Sumpter in particlar than all the efforts to attract outside attention to the country during the previous twenty years. More people visited Sumpter in six months than had come here in as many years; the permanent population quadrupled in less than a year; the vote increased from 136 in December, 1898, to to 681 in June of the present year; hunworthless real estate has become valuable pirshed by that incipient boom, and THE MINER hopes that within another year a fully developed, adult boom will sweep down on this region that will take the breath away from the old mossbacks and force prices up to the blue sky line limit.

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