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THE daily edition of the Baker City Herald came out Monday evening. If reports be true, the Herald had even more than the usual first issue hard luck. It is said that two forms, containing the telegraph report, were piled, but no apologies were made in its columns Tuesday, nor were any needed.

LATE dispatches report the detection of much fraud in the commissary department of the army at Manila, as a necessary adjunct to riotous living of officers. In this, history is merely repeating itself. It has always been a part of colonial and carpet-bag rule of a conquered territory, since the days of Pontius Pilate to the present time.

THAT is something worth working for, the securing of the trade of an agricultural neighborhood with a thrifty population of one thousand. It will be seen from the story published in another column of THE MINER today that this can be accomplished by the construction of a road. Sumpter business men ought not to neglect this opportunity.

AND now it is stated that owing to a clerical error in the bill providing for the annexation of the Panhandle to Baker county, the object of that measure will probably not be attained. It is reported that the line of segregation as indicated in the bill does not cut off the territory which it was the intention of the promoters of the enterprise to annex to this county.

IN Kansas City Mrs. Nation was arrested on a charge of obstructing the streets, and was run out of town by a \$500 fine, imposed by the court. Judge McAuley stated from the bench that "Missouri atmosphere is not adapted to long-haired men and short-haired women." Mrs. Nation is a failure, even as a sensation, everywhere except in Kansas, where they breed all kinds of human freaks.

IT IS very evident from the Washington, D. C., dispatch published in another column of THE MINER today, that Geologist Engren, who surveyed the eastern Oregon gold fields last summer, was most favorably impressed with this region as a gold producer. He says plainly that the mines in the Sumpter district are of greater permanence than elsewhere, and are of course more valuable. Gold and copper are the two minerals that will pay to mine, silver deposits being of little importance and no commercial value.

SINCE martial law has been abolished over in the Coer d'Alenes, the disorderly element has resumed its reign of terror. Two men have been killed within a week and it is said that threats have been made that all who worked against the dynamiters are on the list for a general killing. Many people have entertained the idea that the Federal government dealt harshly with the striking miners of that section, but unless they change their tactics, they will be without public sympathy entirely, when they will be sure to "get their draw."

It is reported among Wall street men that the visit of J. P. Morgan to Europe has something to do with the interests of Mexico. It is said that President Diaz has commissioned the New York financier

to sound powerful foreign interests upon the plans that may lead to the establishment of a new financial policy for Mexico—"even a movement along conservative lines towards the establishment of the gold standard," says the innocent looking press dispatch. If Morgan has Diaz in his power, it is for the purpose of establishing the gold standard, and nothing else—except the inevitable results.

FROM New York comes the information that the Standard Oil interests during the last year have employed an engineer corps which has been engaged in the investigation in every district in every state of the Union believed to contain copper deposits in any large amounts. This activity, according to current Wall street reports, was associated with a plan for the complete unification of the copper interests of the country, including the development of southern copper property. The buoyancy of Amalgamated and Anaconda on the stock exchange and the strength of Union copper stocks were referred to as suggestive of impending plans of the Standard Oil interests. Together with this report came the statement that the control of the United Copper Mining company, with its North Carolina properties, would be shortly announced as having passed to the Standard Oil.

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