The Sumpter Miner		
Official P	aper of the Town of Sumpter.	
	ISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY BY RSH AND J. W. CONNELLA	
One Year Six Months	SUBSCRIPTION PATES	

A FOOL friend is far, more dangerous than either a false, itreacherous friend or an open enemy-especially if that fool friend chances to be what is known, from long custom, as a newspaper.

IN RESPONSE to a request for a copy of Professor Lingren's report on the geology of the Blue mountains, H. C. Rize, chief clerk of the department, writes THE MINER that the work will not be ready for distribution this year.

THE correspondents of outside papers at Baker City are again engaged in firing submit to the impudent demands of any their paper wads at Letson Balliet, a man who is doing more to develop the mining resources of eastern Oregon than a carload of his detractors. Another thing about Balliet, is that he is operating no wild cats; his mines are bullion producers. that malevolent financial wizzard, Mor-

MANAGERS of the country fair to be held in Portland next fall are already lation is already doomed to a brief career, beginning to work the country press for while mining can never lose its power free advertising. Their bait is free admission tickets. No effort is made to fascinating spells. conceal the hook, and yet these jays of "journalists" are falling over each other in their wild rush to get a "comp." It does seem as if a large majority of the fish, one of which species is said to be born every minute, somehow get into the newspaper business.

IT IS unfortunate that local improvement districts cannot be organized and bonds issued under the provisions of the new city charter. Property owners cannot pay for extensive public improvements all at once, but they can do so if the cost of such work is spread over a number of years. Some plan ought to be formulated whereby the whole city can be bonded for much needed improvements and their benefits so distributed that all will get a square deal and a sufficient number of property owners satisfied to guarantee the passage of a bonding proposition when put to a vote.

THERE is a spirited race between a half dozen mining companies operating in this district, with headquarters in Sumpter, as to which will pay the first legitimate, earned dividend. The race will be won by one or the other in less than twelve months from this date, and that will mark a new era in the history of eastern Oregon mining. Its effect will be entirely beneficial. Millions of gold have been taken from our mines in the last twenty years, but not one dollar's worth of it has been spent to vertise the country, and but little of it has been used to induce other capital invest here. This notorious fact is u doubtedly the greatest handicap the eas ern Oregon gold fields have to conter with

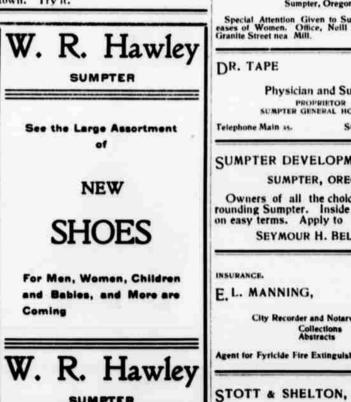
THE SUMPTER MINER

ual tactics in crushing a possible comtitor, they threw up up their hands at e silent command of this gigantic corrate robber, and all the business activthat had characterized the camp for onths past was dead and buried in the me grave with its citizens' hopes. The andard Oil company has the power to complish just such results, and the pious, perstitious old fraud at the head of this H. T. HENDRYX & CO., at organization apparently delights in at kind of sport. If the company's busiss pull is not sufficient to do these ngs, bribery, arson and murder are rerted to, as has repeatedly been proven.

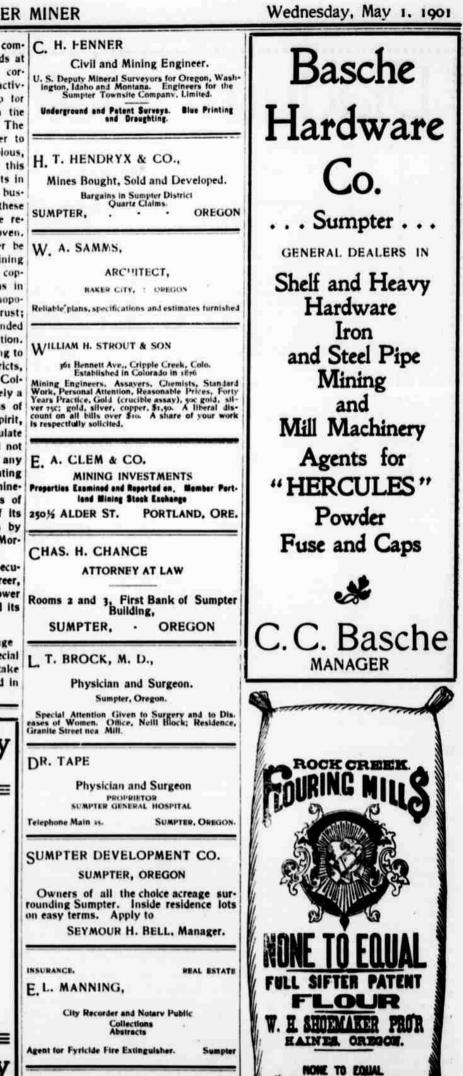
Such a fatal body blow can never be landed on the mining industry. Mining for the metals, gold, silver, lead and copper, when found in conjunction as in eastern Oregon, can never be monopolized, can never be controlled by a trust: nor can the royal occupation be suspended by the edict of any man or corporation. True, the Smelter trust is attempting to take it all from miners in certain districts, notably those producing lead ores in Colorada, but this will prove to be merely a temporary annoyance. The business of mining makes men independent in spirit, bold in action; its great prizes stimulate their intellectual efforts and they will not trust. If some other method of treating the ores effected cannot be devised, mineowners will unite and build smelters of their own. The business in none of its branches can be shackeled, not even by gan.

The present excitement over oil specuover men who have once experienced its

The Capital hotel, under the manage ment of Mrs. Tedrowe, serves special Sunday dinners. Families should take advantage of this. Best table board in town. Try it.



SUMPTER



THE MINER has been shown a lett written at Bakersfield, California, which it is stated that the late boom, base on oil, is a thing of the past, that th camp is as dull as a New England v lage, and that business matters are pos tively depressing. This condition of a fairs was brought about, apparently, in day. For some time past it has been a most impossible to secure transportatio for oil to market. Operators finally b came convinced of the fact that th Standard Oil company was pursuing i

I. O. R. M.	Attorneys at Law. SUMPTER. OREGON	AGENTS SUMPTER ORE.
E GAN TRIBE No. so, Improved Order Red Men, E meet in regular council at I.O.R.M. Hail at the 7th Run, Thirtieth Breath of every Tuesday Night of each moon. All Red Men visiting our hunting grounds are welcome. V. R. MEAD, A. J. LAWM, C. of R. Sachem.	W. H. W. HAMILTON. Mining and Consulting Engineer. Mining Properties Examined, Reported On and For Sale.	FRANK J. DAVEY
DR. J. W. VOGEL THE OCULIST	On and For Sale. Moreing and Neal Code. Box stl. SUMPTER, OREGON	ASSAYER AND CHEMIST
Has established headquarters in Baker City, at Room No. 14, Lynndale Block, and will be there at least one week in each month, and at Sumpter at least two days in each month. Watch for local notice of arrival.	E. T. FREEMAN Public Stenogra phr	Control Work a Specialty
F. A. E. STARR, Attorney-at-Law Center, cor. High St Sumpter, Oregon	All Kinds of Work Done at Reasonable Rates	BOIS CENTER ST. BAKER CITY, OREGON

J. F. SHELTON