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ON another page of THE MINER today is printed an advertisement offering \$15,000 in cash prizes to those who can guess closest to the election returns from Iowa, Massachusetts and Ohio. The plan is given clearly and in detail. This is a bona fide proposition. The association offering the prizes is vouched for by the bank in Detroit where the \$15,000 is now on deposit. THE MINER has made arrangements whereby its readers can participate in the awards. Here is a chance for some one to win a large "piece" of easy money.

"A SUMPTER paper makes the brazen statement in a long harangue relative to the increased prosperity in this country, that 'there has never been a boom in this camp.' Would to God the assertion were true, but the facts are this country is but just recovering from a most idiotic boom that was launched by liars similar to the Sumpter newspaper man."

So says the Lawton Standard. The reference is not to this paper and some may think that THE MINER has no license to get into the game, no cards having been dealt to it; but it chooses to take a whack at this peculiarly and characteristically Oregonese sentiment, and that alone constitutes its right so to do. THE MINER has so frequently combated the idea expressed by the Standard, that a "boom" is a curse to any country, that some of its readers may consider the subject a trifle threadbare, but the writer believes this to be the paramount issue of the hour in this region and will continue to promulgate the doctrine that a boom is what this country needs more than anything else on earth. No paper has yet replied to any remarks THE MINER has made on the subject and it hopes that the Standard will give some reason for its "would to God" proposition, being curious to learn on what ground this idea of a boom being dreaded as a pestilence is based, and believing that it is nothing more than the baseless opinion of men with whom "conservatism" is a fetish and who don't know the difference between the idea conveyed by that word and the secondary meaning of "dry-rot."

It is true that for two or three months winter before last Sumpter had a boom, a kindergarten, juvenile, abortive boom that accomplished more good for the gold fields of eastern Oregon than anything that ever happened since the state was settled by the Whites. It was the cause of more money being invested in our mines during the past year and a half than during the preceding decade; it increased the intrinsic value of Sumpter property four of five folds and the population in proportion; it did more to attract the attention of the world to our mines than did the efforts of the worshippers of conservatism during the twenty previous years, and every individual mixed up in that short-lived boom was benefitted thereby. Its good effects are still apparent, increasing with time, and its evil influences have escaped entirely the close, assiduous observation of the writer. Will the Standard please point its accusing finger at these alleged boom-blighted consequences?

THE MINER daily offers sacrifices to the Fates that control the mysterious movements of booms, burns incense on their altars and petitions that a fully developed, adult one be hurriedly dispatched in this direction, one that will send prices of real estate to the blue sky line limit and cause eastern capitalists to fall over each other and themselves in their wild scramble to buy our mines and prospects—being fully resigned to the inevitable results of that law of great Nature, the "survival of the fittest."

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