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It is an established fact that no "four flushing" goes, to stop Sumpter from building that Burnt river wagon road.

According to Baker City papers, there is good hunting on the streets of that town and their solitude is often broken by the report of huntsmen's guns.

TELEGRAPHIC advices today from Lawton, O. T., state that \$500,000 will be received for the auction sale of town lots. That is not the only Lawton that is on the boom. There is a camp of that honored name a few miles west of Sumpter that is doing some business itself.

THE steel workers strike has now progressed beyond the sparring point. The fight is now on to a finish. The country in general, though recognizing the ills of strikes, hope that the wolf of hunger can be kept from the doors of the strikers long enough to enable them to defeat the great billion dollar, stock watered fraud.

THE summer time table of the O. R. & N., which gives the departure dates from Portland daily to Long Beach, by the through river steamer Potter and the Ilwaco railroad is said by men of experience to be the only time table in the world for a railroad, based on the ocean tides. The time of the arrival and departure of the boat and trains is different each day, according to the stage of the tide in Ilwaco bay, and is figured out in advance for the entire season and has been printed and distributed.

AND still the mining deals continue to be made, the money changes hands and the instruments are signed, sealed and recorded. Of course, old Oregon is still asleep; but some new blood, as well as foreign capital, is finding its way into these gold fields and things "look good" in these mineral ribbed Blue mountains. It would seem that this activity will sooner or later fructify into a peach of a mining boom. Let the good people get together and, metaphorically speaking, pound out of shape the first knocker who strikes a hammer blow at any trade, big or little.

If Nordstrom's attorney, James Hamilton Lewis, had put forth one-half the effort to save his client's neck that he has to advertise himself, through the medium of delays secured by raising hair-splitting legal technicalities, that condemned man would have been given his liberty a half dozen years ago. He was convicted of murder on evidence manufactured by the most unscrupulous, daring crook who ever wore a police officer's badge, and there are many who do not believe he committed the crime with which he was charged.

AND now, Sampson's partisans are pleading that he is mentally irresponsible. That is, indeed, a humiliating defense for his inexcusable conduct during the past two years; but is perhaps the only loophole through which he and they can escape universal condemnation. Could it be that he was loosed when he

sent that dispatch to the Navy department, claiming credit for the victory won by the fleet at the time under Schley's command? He wasn't so far gone mentally a few months since as not to know enough to accept the prize money that belonged to another. Has the reader noticed that those papers which pretend to be so utterly weary of this whole business are of that blind partisan class which never sees anything to criticize in the national administration? The fact of the matter is, Admiral Schley has acted throughout this controversy with inexplicable forbearance; enduring the snubs and slights which the department has heaped upon him without a public murmur, and only acted when his professional and manly honor was assailed by a characterless, hired libeler, in the employ of his enemies, officials of a government that he has gallantly served for forty years. It is the dirtiest piece of business that has ever stained the records of this republic—doesn't even play second to the notorious Dreyfus scandal.

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