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HAS any one seen steam and smoke arising from "Old Baldy"? If so, kindly communicate the fact to one of the Baker City papers. This mountainous region can't afford to acknowledge that it hasn't a volcano, Nature's fashion fad of the season.

SOME effort should be made to secure the everflow from Thunder mountain boom—a boom which is the result of careful planning, hard work and extensive advertising—for eastern Oregon. This is an opportunity that a little work and enterprise would yield immediate beneficial results.

CHAMBERLAIN, the democratic candidate, was elected governor of Oregon by a small majority, three or four hundred. The republicans elected all the other state officers by the usual majorities, ranging from seven to twelve thousand. The candidate in which Sumpter was most intensely interested, J. H. Robbins, democratic nominee for the legislature, was elected by "an eyelash," as the race horse men would say, his majority being only ten.

THE case with which money is raised for any and every purpose in Sumpter, by public subscription, is phenomenal. There is no other town in the west that equals it. This fact, often demonstrated, suggests the idea that the business men of the town, those interested in its growth, could organize a movement for the extension and increase of its trade with almost positive assurance of success. Sumpter's liberal citizens constitute excellent material out of which can be moulded progressive, enterprising town builders and country developers. All we need are a few men who will lead off in such a worthy movement. They will have able assistants and willing backers, with the most promising proposition on the continent to work and foster and build up.

AN ELECTION has been called for Monday, June 16, to elect a successor on the school board to C. J. Johns, H. S. Durgan, clerk, and to vote on issuing bonds for \$4,500 with which to erect a new school building. It would seem to be the height of folly for this town to waste any more money on cheap schoolhouses. We need another building, but it should be a handsome brick, to cost not less than twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. This is no longer a jay logging camp with a doubtful future, but is the chief commercial point in the richest, most extensive mining region on the continent. To spend \$4,500 on a cheap frame

structure would be money absolutely thrown away, for a substantial building will be a necessity in a year or two. The voters will be acting in behalf of their own pockets to turn down this proposition, devised in the interest of the local sawmill.

### Democrats Jollify and Honor J. H. Robbins.

Monday A. W. Ellis and Maurice Sullivan held a caucus and decided that the democratic party of this camp had ample cause, a license, in fact, to jollify a few lines over the result of the recent election. They collected a fund sufficient to buy all the Fourth of July fireworks in town, had a half dozen banners painted, declaring that Jake Robbins and George Chandler are all right and that Joe Schmidt is all wrong and is not deuce high with union miners. From eight to nine o'clock Monday evening the air was full of burning powder. Shortly after nine a procession headed by Maurice Sullivan on a decorated bull, followed by boys carrying the banners and torches, paraded up Mill and down Granite street. After this performance Mr. Robbins was escorted to the middle of the intersection of Granite and Center streets, where he mounted a box and made an appropriate talk. He thanked the citizens for the large vote given him here at the election, expressed his appreciation for the demonstration in his honor and then deprecated the tendency displayed by some to blame Baker City and other sections of the county for not giving the Sumpter candidates the full party vote; said the county outside of Sumpter cast nearly 2000 votes for himself; that his majority in Sumpter was proportionally greater than his opponent's in his home at Baker. He advised against the fostering of sectional prejudice, which wise expression of opinion was approved by hearty applause.

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