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Sumpter citizens have declared very emphatically that they want a brick school house, something handsome and imposing, and the school board is expected to act promptly in accordance with that recorded wish.

"That there are others who are now perpetrating just as great frauds in eastern Oregon, is well known," says the Democrat, in speaking of the Balliett exposure. If there are, in the name of common justice and a square deal, designate the fraudulent companies and stop casting suspicion on all; for the public is not informed on the subject and needs enlightenment.

As an opera bouffe performance, few incidents in real life have equalled the chase after those two escaped convicts, by penitentiary guards, sheriffs, state militia, detectives and blood hounds. And now it is announced that frequent whippings on their bare backs, blood drawing cruelties of the barbarous dark ages, rendered the prisoners desperate and induced them to make the bold dash for liberty.

The Miner has received a letter from Professor Waldemar Lindgren, of the United States Geological Survey, announcing that his report on the Gold Belt of the Blue Mountains of Oregon is now ready for distribution, and that those who desire a copy will be accommodated on receipt of a request addressed to the department. The work is of great value and of absorbing interest to those who seek reliable information regarding the mineral deposits of this region.

Press dispatches of yesterday from Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, state that the anthracite coal strike situation has resolved itself into a complete deadlock. The strike leaders say that they have succeeded in getting all the mine workers out, but that the campaign is not yet completed. They intimate that the railroad men will be called out if it is found necessary, and say further that a suggestion has been made that the American Federation of Labor be called upon to request that the great army of American workmen affiliated with the national organization suspend operations for three days in order to force a crisis. This would result in tying up the country's industries for half a week. It is not thought probable that this extreme move can be successfully engineered.

The Sumpter Valley railway management announces that, beginning today,

only one train will be run each way daily between Baker City and Sumpter. This is in line with the retrograde, assinine policy of that company. Of course it works a great inconvenience to Sumpter, and that is doubtless the prime motive of the company in taking off one of the trains, as the men who control this narrow gauge, small bore road have never yet neglected an opportunity to show their ill will towards and injure this town. A lack of business to justify two trains a day is not pleaded, for such an excuse would be a transparently false claim, and they prefer to assume a the-public-be-damned attitude, anyway.

The Baker City papers commend the change, as they have done every other outrage the Sumpter Valley people have perpetrated on this community. They are as thick headed as the railroad management, professing to believe that the change will benefit Baker City. As a matter of fact, it will injure both Baker City and the road; while it only inconveniences Sumpter—wherein is found the one grain of consolation. Under this new arrangement it will be necessary for Sumpter people who have business to transact at the county seat to waste forty-two hours in making the trip. This hold up combination can rest assured that no one will now make the trip if it can possibly be avoided. Travel will surely be reduced at least one half—and if any one is in a hurry it will pay to hire a team—or walk.

The contract between the postoffice department and the railroad requires that the mail between Baker City and Sumpter be transported each way thirteen times each week. Post Master Jewett has not yet been notified that the contract has been modified. A protest has been forwarded to the department by influential citizens of Sumpter.

Sink 100 Feet Deeper on Mammoth.

The Mammoth Gold Mining company has issued a call for bids on sinking its shaft 100 feet deeper. Bids will be opened Monday. The work must be done by hand.

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