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There are more men in Sumpter at the present time looking for mining properties, with a view of purchasing, than ever before in the history of the camp. Several of them are representatives of the mining kings of the world.

Ir Mayor Robbins wants to make himself solid with his constituents, he should secure the passage of a law by the state legislature changing the date of the Fourth of July to the August dry season, when the weather is settled; consolidate it with St. Patrick day and Washington's birthday—form a celebration trust, as it were.

The House committee on coinage, weights and measures, which reported favorably on the bill establishing a government assay office at Baker City, incorporated in that official report an article published several weeks since in THE MINER, relative to the building in Sumpter of a smelter, which the house ordered printed in the Record, a copy of which Congressman Moody has kindly sent to this office.

THAT WAS a characteristic piece of kindergarten meanness which the Sumpter Valley railroad management perpetrated on the public last week. It had advertised one fare round trip tickets in both directions for the Fourth of July celebrations here and at Baker. A crowd was at the depot Wednesday afternoon to go to Baker City, but the agent refused to sell excursion rate tickets, stating that they would be on sale the next afternoon—which would have allowed the visitors to reach the county seat after the festivities were concluded. A number of excursionists refused to be held up and didn't make the trip.

RECENTLY the New York Herald stated editorially: It is an undeniable fact that most influential business men of the world have turned their attention to mining, the source of nearly all wealth; for persons who have been enslaved to the idea that the only safe proposition was a five per cent or a six per cent security, now realize that many millions of interest have been lost to them through heeding the advice of those interested in cheap money, and that among the banking institutions of the West eighteen and twenty per cent per annum is not considered a hazardous western profit or excessive dividend on the great majority of our gilt-edged mining securities, and, further, the richest men in the world are mining kings. It is proven that while millions of dollars have been lost in

railroads, farm mortgages, eastern industrial and building associations, the American mining industry steadily advances, making enormous profits for its supporters; building great States and cities, and points with pride to the American possession of 253 mines that have paid in dividends over \$625,000,000. In legitimate mining a twenty-five per cent dividend is not considered startling, and the mining interests of the West are willing to pay that interest for the use of the money, for by the aid of capital they open up tremendous ore bodies that lead to still greater fortune. The employment of \$10,000 in mining is the equivalent of \$40,000 in most any other branch of industry.

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