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THE State legislative has passed the inheritance tax law. As long as they do not enact a measure taxing incomes, newspaper men will have that much less to worry them.

At last assurances are at hand that the mining and business men's committee, appointed early in December are to meet, appoint sub committees and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.

TODAY THE MINER gives the joyful news that an extensive manufacturing plant will be established in Sumpter under certain conditions. As this concern in its initial stages will expend \$100,000 cash, and will create a pay roll which will never carry less than 300 men, it goes without saying that the enterprising people of this city will capture this plum when it is in sight.

With all the natural advantages that this city possesses, there is one feature which might be classed as artificial, that has been for some reason overlooked. That is the formation of some kind of an organization. A Board of Trade or a Chamber of Commerce, some system of a unit which can be used as the mouthpiece of the community when occasion requires. The business people of the city have so many personal matters to look after that they think they have no time for affairs of a public nature. They chain them selves down to their desks too closely. They would enjoy this life more if they met occasionally and exchanged ideas with other business people.

BLACKMAILING and attempted black mail in proposed business deals is getting to be too common in the mining districts of the west. Sumpter has not suffered as much from the cowardly vampires who do this kind of business as some other sections, yet lately a horde of hungry human wolves have been doing all that such low minded creatures can do to blackmail a deserving and energetic man who for months has been endeavoring to bring a large sum of money in to the district. With wolfish nature, these despicable creatures are cutting each others throats in their zeal to throw all obstacles in the path of progress. In a short time THE MINER may give the full details of a blackmailing scheme of which it has all the facts, which will cause a strong wave of disgust to pass over this section of country.

PROMENADE CONCERT AND BALL

White Swan Band of Baker City Will Entertain Here on 18th Instant.

One of the most pleasing features of Baker City, is the association of musicians termed the white Swan Band. It is really worth the time and expense of a trip to the Shire town of Baker county, to be entertained by this superb musical organization. However Sumpter people who have not had an opportunity of listening to the strains of music produced by this congregation of home artists, can be gratified by attending the grand promenade concert and ball to be given by them in this city on the 18 instant. The price of admission has been placed at fifty cents. Tickets can be obtained at the Sumpter Drug Store.

"TRICKS IN ALL TRADES," ETC.

Eastern Brokers' Fake Methods of Buying Oregon Stocks.

That "there are tricks in all trades except ours" is now being verified in relation to the favorite eastern Oregon mining stocks. Some of these stocks have of late become so popular with the investing public that brokers in several eastern cities, notably Denver, New York and Chicago, who have none for sale are systematically endeavoring to pound down the price, at the same time reaping a benefit for themselves.

Yesterday THE MINER received a telegram from a Denver broker, requesting that an advertisement be inserted in the paper today offering 100,000 shares of Golconda at fifty cents. The thing looked "fishy" on the face of it, as this stock is selling readily throughout the east at 75 cents. Secretary Howard, of the Golconda company, was shown the telegram, and asked how any one man in Denver could have so large a block of this stock. He expressed the opinion that he didn't have that or any amount of Golconda and explained the trick.

He said that for some time past a Chicago firm has been advertising to sell Red Boy at a figure considerably less than the market price. The company sent a representative around to ascertain what stock it was offered at this sacrifice price; who was informed that it had all been sold, and the gentleman was urged to buy some other stock, "just as good and much cheaper," according to the story of the fakir.

The purpose was evidently to establish connection with people who are investing in mining securities, in the hope of working off some drug on the market.

Several weeks since THE MINER was requested to insert an advertisement offering Cracker-Oregon "at a bargain." The man was informed that if he would sell for less than the market price, no advertisement would be needed to dispose of it; that an officer of the company would take it. No reply to that proposition has yet been received.

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