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COLONEL HARRINGTON'S TROPHY.—Colonel J. M. Harrington, of Pillar Rock, who went to England last fall to enjoy the sport of fox hunting during the winter, has sent to his friend, Howard Winters, of this city, a magnificent fox's brush, which he captured after one of the hottest runs of the season with the hounds in his neighborhood, the Duke of Northumberland. The fox was an artificial dog dander, and led the hunt a merry chase across the very stiff bit of country in that part of England, and so wore out the hounds that many of the hunters gave up, and the others were tailed out for a mile or more. When at last the fox clambered over a stone wall full six feet in height, Colonel Harrington was the only one who followed, clearing it like a bird, while the horses of all the others balked. The hounds killed the fox in the next field, and he carried off the trophy. The Duke of Northumberland in his younger days was one of the most noted cross-country riders in the North of England, and although he has been a resident in this country for many years, he has not forgotten how to ride, and his seat in the saddle is as firm as ever. He has also a good eye for a horse, and money was no object when he had a chance to buy one of the best hunters in the British Isles. Mr. Winters is very proud of the brush, and has had a silver handle attached to it, and will use it during the coming season, and if he were last, he will either buy an estate in England in a good hunting country, or buy a country in Oregon, stock it with foxes and hounds, and make it his own. He has also a good eye for a horse, and money was no object when he had a chance to buy one of the best hunters in the British Isles. Mr. Winters is very proud of the brush, and has had a silver handle attached to it, and will use it during the coming season, and if he were last, he will either buy an estate in England in a good hunting country, or buy a country in Oregon, stock it with foxes and hounds, and make it his own.

NEW SOUTH WALES PLAN

COMPREHENSIVE LAW GOVERNING LABOR DISPUTES.
Places Unions of Employers and Employers on the Same Basis—Other Provisions.
By the plan in force in New South Wales for settlement of labor disputes, the government recognizes unions of employers and unions of employees on the same basis. The Oregonian has been requested to give a synopsis of the recent law whereby this has been effected. A copy of the act is being received from the Minister of Justice of New South Wales. The law was passed last year, and is to be effective until June, 1902. The act is a model of wisdom, and both of employers and employees, the duties prescribed by the act are performed by a Registrar, appointed by the Governor, and he has a full power to carry out its provisions. The law provides means for settling all industrial disputes and for enforcing all industrial agreements. The Registrar is a Court of Arbitration of three members, appointed by the Governor. One member is a Supreme Judge of the colony, and is chosen from a list of persons recommended by a body of delegates from the unions of employers. The third is selected in the same way, from a list named by delegates from the unions of employees. The Registrar is empowered to prescribe the minimum wage to be paid to workmen in any industry. Employers may not employ any person belonging to a union, and members of unions shall be preferred by employers when other considerations are equal. The Registrar is required to register any person or company or corporation that employs not less than 50 workmen, and any trade union or association of trade unions. Applications to register must be made to the Registrar, and must set forth the rules of organization of the bodies and other minor details prescribed. An industrial union makes its own rules of organization, and its members are all members. It may own and deal in any real or personal property. Registration may be cancelled on application of the Registrar to a court, when the provisions of the law are not accorded with. The state also recognizes the internal organization of unions and guarantees to carry out the duties of each member. Every dispute within the union shall be decided in the manner directed by the rules of such union. Any member who fails to pay a fine or penalty made in pursuance of these rules is amenable to the court and the law. But no fine or penalty shall exceed \$50. Industrial unions may enter into an agreement with each other, which shall be absolutely binding on both parties, employers and employees. Each industrial union chooses a delegate or delegates to central body. The central body of employers and employees for its member of the arbitration court and so does that of employees. A corporation that hires not less than 50 employees, or more than 50, choose one delegate; or not more than 50 men, two delegates; or more than 50 men, three delegates. A trade union that has not more than 50 members may choose one delegate; or more than 50 members, two delegates; or more than 100 members, three delegates; or more than 150 members, four delegates; or more than 200 members, five delegates. The delegates chosen respectively by unions of employers and the unions of employees meet in separate places when summoned by the Registrar. The court has jurisdiction and power to hear and determine any labor dispute, to summon witnesses and to enforce its orders. It is at once a superior court for settlement of all labor controversies. All trade or financial secrets disclosed in evidence are sacredly withheld from public view. No matter may be referred to the court, except on application of a party or a person aggrieved by an order of the court. Proceedings in this court are not removable to any other tribunal, and no order or decree of the court shall be subject to a fine not exceeding 20 shillings or imprisonment not exceeding two months. An employer who dismisses a workman for membership in a union may be fined not more than \$50 for each such dismissal. The court may prescribe a minimum rate of wages, but provision is made for a tribunal to award a lower rate in the case of employees who are unable to earn the prescribed minimum. Among the other powers of the court are the following: To declare any rule for the industry in question; to direct what shall be done in any particular case; to grant an injunction against non-observance of any order of the court; to order the cancellation of the registration of a union; to impose penalties for failure to observe an order.

CONFERENCE ON CHARITIES

State Meeting Will Be Held Here February 18-19.
The programme committee of the Oregon State Conference of Charities and Correction has completed its preliminary consideration of several subjects to be discussed at the coming conference, which will be held at the First Baptist Church. It is the purpose to hold the first session Tuesday morning, February 18, and to hold three sessions that day and two on the following day, February 19. The programme has not been definitely decided on as yet, or the subjects or speakers groups; but so far some of the papers will be as follows: "Welcome Greeting," by Mayor Rowe. Opening address, Dr. A. Blackburn. "Objects of the Conference," Thomas N. Strong. "Women in Charitable Work," Mrs. Belle C. Ferguson, of The Dalles. "What Shall Be Done With Our Feeble-Minded Children?" Clayton Wenz, M. A., superintendent Oregon School for the Deaf. "Duty of the State to Its Dependent Children," Mrs. George C. Brownell, of Oregon City. "Care of Homeless, Neglected, Abused or Delinquent Children of the State," W. T. Gardner, superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Dr. Samuel G. Smith, of St. Paul, Minn., will give an address on "The State Board of Charities," and Dr. J. D. Lee, superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary. "Care of the Insane," Dr. Williamson, of the Oregon State Insane Asylum. It is true that there are some difficulties growing out of the different mortgages and different corporations, but these difficulties are not insuperable. The subject has been under long examination for some time, and a way to get the effects of refunding into a unifying bond will be presented at the proper time. The effect of refunding will be a saving in the cost of considerably more than a million dollars a year. To this will be added a material reduction in operating expenses as a result of the betterment under way. A change in the ratio of expense from 47 per cent or 68 per cent to perhaps 60 per cent will have a very important effect upon net earnings. The facts bearing upon Southern Pacific and the reasons why other influencing operations in the stock are becoming exceedingly clear.

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