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The well which has gone up from
 sellers of mining stock against the new
 "blue sky" law shows that the law
 has hit the bullseye, says the Oregonian.
 The law was aimed at just such
 operations as those of mining stock
 merchants. There is a broad distinction
 between these men and mining
 men or mining companies. Stock
 merchants mine in other men's pockets
 and little, if at all, in the ground.
 Their game is to get the money, get
 out from under and leave the investor
 holding the bag. The accepted meth-
 od of this class of promoter is to find
 some prospector who is willing to
 give up an interest in his claim to get
 capital to develop it. A district is
 usually selected which has gained a
 reputation through the development of
 a good mine by real mining men. The
 fakers trade on this reputation. They
 induce the prospector, on whose claim
 little, sometimes no work has been
 done, to sell his claim to the corporation
 which they will organize in con-
 sideration of so much stock. Or they
 send him claim, by agreeing to relinquish
 it to them at a future date in
 consideration of a certain amount of
 development work and certain cash
 payments to be made at stipulated
 times. Such a company owns nothing
 except its charter, stock certificate
 book and a slender string of the prior
 right of the prospector to acquire title
 to his claim. The very worst enemies
 of the mining industry are these wild-
 out promoters. Their operations cast
 suspicion on legitimate mining com-
 panies and obstruct the sale of stock.
 Raising of money for real mining is
 thus hindered. But for the wildcats
 the mineral output of Oregon might
 have been many times as great as it
 is now, and the United States might
 not have been surpassed by the Trans-
 vaal as the chief gold producing coun-
 try of the world.

An exchange funds that producers of
 the northwest are taking active steps
 to get in closer touch with the con-
 sumers of their products. A compar-
 ison of the prices at which they sell
 with those at which the consumers
 buy, has made complete demonstra-
 tion of the truth that the high cost in
 living is due to exorbitant tolls for
 mere handling, collected by houses or-
 ganized in associations, or combines,
 at points of destination. The cost of
 railway transportation in large bulk is
 found to be almost negligible, and
 wholly out of proportion with the
 costs of distribution after the products
 are delivered to first consignees. The
 farmers are showing a practical busi-
 ness sense which promises results.
 They have hit upon a vital fact in the
 situation which is, strange as it may
 seem, that city consumers prefer small-
 er sales at extortionate profits to large
 sales at smaller profits. Unable to see
 how this policy can pay anybody they
 are wasting no time in wondering
 about it, since they understand that
 the heavy falling off in demand which
 extortion compels, leaves vast quanti-
 ties of their food products rotting in
 the fields. They are accordingly mov-
 ing in the way of laying down these
 waste products in many cities at prices
 only a shade above the cost of pro-
 duction and hauling. The average
 price, so reduced, is found to be less
 than half the average price charged
 by city dealers against the more for-
 tunate few who can afford to buy
 whatever they want to eat without
 regard to the prices charged. A
 part of the plan will be the main-
 tenance of supply depots in cities.

Attention is directed to the new reg-
 istration law enacted by the recent
 legislature by an interpretation of it
 made by Attorney General Crawford.
 Under the new law, which becomes
 effective June 1, the attorney general
 points out that the county clerks must
 be prepared at all times to register
 voters, beginning with the day the law
 goes into effect. The county clerk
 must appoint precinct registrars, who
 will be authorized to take registra-
 tions. Then when a voter is once reg-
 istered it will not be necessary for him
 to register again unless he changes
 his address. The law provides that
 the registration shall cease 30 days
 before the primary or general elec-
 tions, and 15 days prior to a special
 election, and that a person who is not
 registered cannot vote. One registra-
 tion is sufficient for both general and
 city elections.

Apart from a race question which
 is unfortunately the impelling and
 governing factor in the proposed land
 legislation in California, the real ob-
 jection to that legislation is that it
 does not go far enough. No alien no
 matter of what nationality, should be
 permitted to own land in any state of
 the Union. It seems to us the Cali-
 fornia question could be easily set-

led by the exclusion of all aliens
 from land ownership; this in con-
 formity with the prescribed federal
 statute regulating the homesteading of
 public lands. To file on a homestead,
 one must be a citizen of the United
 States, and every state should enact
 laws governing ownership of lands
 along the same lines. California does
 not like the Jap, and from a distance
 it looks as though her dislike is to be
 enunciated in her proposed land law,
 in face of the fact that it gives cause
 for embarrassment to the federal gov-
 ernment in connection with treaties
 now in effect.

In a decision of momentous impor-
 tance, especially as to railroads, the
 supreme court has laid down the gen-
 eral principle that a creditor of a cor-
 poration, not a party to its reorganiza-
 tion, may hold its successor for the
 debt. In this specific case the court,
 five to four in a decision which Jus-
 tice Lutton, who dissented declared
 was "alarming," held the Northern
 Pacific railway company responsible for
 \$125,000 judgment against the
 Northern Pacific company which it
 succeeded, despite the fact that the
 court expressly stated that no moral
 wrong doing was to be found in the
 reorganization.

Tomb of Confucius.
 Confucius was buried in the year 478
 B. C. at his birthplace at K'ufu, near
 Yenchowfu. There lives at K'ufu to-
 day the seventy-fifth lineal descend-
 ant of Confucius on a large estate be-
 longing to the descendants of the fam-
 ily of Confucius. The grave of Con-
 fucius, with those of his descendants
 of seventy-four generations, makes
 one of the most picturesque and one
 of the most unique spots in all of Chi-
 na. This family cemetery is enclos-
 ed in a wall eight to ten miles in
 circumference. The interior unakes one
 vast grove, trees having been plant-
 ed there since the burial of Confucius
 twenty-five centuries ago. Within a
 mile from the entrance to the Con-
 fucian cemetery is the Confucian tem-
 ple, a set of beautiful Chinese temple
 buildings, with yellow glazed tile
 roofs amidst a grove of ancient cedars.
 Here we find also the ancestral hall of
 the descendants of Confucius. In close
 proximity to the Confucian temple is
 the home of the only surviving des-
 cendant of Confucius. This gentle-
 man, Duke Kung, lives here in a little
 principality of his own.

Disguised the Smoking Rooms.
 The number of smoking rooms now
 distributed over Windsor castle would
 considerably astonish Queen Victoria
 could she but see them. Her late maj-
 esty could never bring herself to do
 more than tolerate the weed in any
 form, and the smoking room was al-
 ways relegated to a very distant part
 of her various residences. Nor were
 the guests permitted to smoke them-
 selves with a quiet smoke in their own
 apartments, as on their arrival they
 were specially warned not to do so.
 So great was her majesty's disap-
 proval of the habit that when she first
 proposed to visit Sandringham after
 King Edward, who did not share his
 royal mother's objection to tobacco,
 she at the least of it, had practically
 rebuilt the house, a good deal of alarm
 was felt as to what she would say to
 the number of smoking rooms. At last
 some one hit upon the plan of labeling
 them "bathrooms," which ruse suc-
 ceeded admirably in dispelling her
 majesty's suspicions.—Fall Mail Gazette.

Caustic Repartee.
 It was in a city which had risen to
 the dignity of having "fashionable
 suburbs" in which the inhabitants re-
 sented the arrival of people who "did
 not belong." One day there appeared
 in the community a woman who had
 lots of money and a fine and orna-
 mental lack of tact in dealing with her
 neighbors. She called and called and
 called on the women in the suburb
 which was "fashionable," and, strange
 to relate, she could never find them in.
 One woman particularly disliked her
 and was never to be seen. At last the
 newcomer met the one who had avoid-
 ed her in such marked manner.
 "My dear," said the avoider, "it is
 such a pity that when you call I am
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 Popular Magazine.

Fighting Geese.
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 this can be seen today in the geese
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 gree the fighting qualities of their
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 cial structure enables the bird to take
 a firm grip on the neck or back of its
 antagonist.

Preved His Contenten.
 The mother was at the zoo with her
 little boy, and the boy said, "Mother,
 come and see the dangerous."
 The mother corrected him, saying,
 "Not dangerous, dear—kangaroos."
 "No, mother, dear," said the boy;
 "they are dangerous. Come and I'll
 show you."
 He led his mother to where there
 was this notice on the cage of some
 animals, "These Animals Are Danger-
 ous."—London P. I. P.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 In the County Court for Umatilla
 County, State of Oregon.
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 John H. Hiteman, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the
 County Court of Umatilla county,
 Oregon, has appointed Henry Dell,
 of Athena, Oregon, administrator of
 the state of John H. Hiteman, de-
 ceased, and all persons having claims
 against said estate are hereby notified
 to present the same duly verified and
 with proper vouchers to the said ad-
 ministrator, at the office of Homer I.
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SUMMONS.
 In the Circuit Court of the State of
 Oregon for Umatilla County.
 Alma Bowen, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 James Bowen, Defendant.
 To James Bowen, the above-named
 defendant:
 In the name of the State of Oregon,
 you are hereby required to appear and
 answer the complaint filed against you
 in the above entitled suit on or before
 six weeks from the date of the first
 publication of this summons; and you
 will take notice, that if you fail to
 appear and answer or plead within
 said time, the above-named plaintiff
 will apply to the above entitled Court
 for the relief prayed for in her com-
 plaint filed herein, to-wit: For a de-
 cree of divorce forever dissolving the
 bonds of matrimony heretofore and
 now existing between the plaintiff
 and defendant, and for the restoration
 to plaintiff her maiden name, Alma
 Fortier, and for such other and fur-
 ther relief as to the court may seem
 equitable and meet in the premises.
 This summons is published by order
 of the Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps,
 Judge of the above entitled Court,
 duly and regularly made and entered
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