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If you see it in THE MINER, you can wager your last white chip that it is not an attempt to "knock" this town or district.

NOW the favorite occupation of partisan newspapers is figuring out impossible majorities for their candidates in the electoral college. None of these estimates approach reliability and anything like accurate estimates can't be made.

THE Portland Telegram is getting up a vacation contest among the wage earners of the female persuasion in that city. Among the many names being voted for are two girls bearing the euphonious names of Agnes Damm and Florence Hell.

THAT letter from the Filipino general to Hoar and Pettigrew, giving the details of the interview with Admiral Dewey, at which time he promised independence to the Philippine Islands, looks fishy on the face of it. The only witness to the interview, the interpreter, Lieutenant Brundage, is dead. So, as it stands, it is Dewey's word against that of Alejandro. Americans, whether they want these far away islands retained or not, will believe the great sea captain in preference to his accuser.

FALSEHOOD and deception being the keynote of diplomacy, the heathen Chinese have at their command the accumulated wisdom and experience of ages, and are keeping the diplomats of the alleged civilized and Christian nations guessing and "jumping sideways" to divine what they are really driving at. Even none of the Occidentals know whether or not their ministers at Peking have been murdered. The Chinese representatives in the various capitals are playing the game shrewdly and "making monkeys" of all Christendom.

FROM every quarter come condemnations of the Seattle newspapers, outitters and steamship companies for the cruel confidence game they have worked in inducing thousands of men to invest their last dollar to get to Cape Nome, where they are now stranded, penniless and utterly helpless and hopeless. Of course the steamship companies are not bringing them back to the states. It is a part of their game to have the United States government pay for their return passage. And yet all this exposure of a transparent fake is having no effect on the crooks who engineered the conspiracy. They are already arranging to spring another fabulously rich strike at some other unheard-of, inaccessible place, that they may again fleece the gulleless ones. This Cape Nome deal is their second successful effort at turning this kind of a trick, and they are not through with the game yet.

A RECENT press dispatch from Washington says that as a result of consideration of data supplied by its own invitation and that of the exploring parties in the field, the Isthmian Canal commission has practically reached the conclusion that there are but two available canal routes across the Isthmus of Panama. These

are the Nicaragua route and the Panama route. Though final information has not been received relative to the advantages of the Darien route, which was recently described as the best low-level route yet discovered, it is the belief of Rear Admiral Walker and members of the commission that it is not practicable, and in their consideration of the canal subject they are not paying much attention to the project. Owing to the great displacement merchant ships are now attaining it, is probable the commission will recommend a canal of greater width and depth than was hitherto regarded as necessary. There will consequently be an increase in cost.

DURING the past two weeks the Blue Mountain American has devoted very much the larger portion of its home print space to municipal finances, endeavoring by cowardly insinuation and contemptible innuendo to create the impression that "grafting" has been the recent order of the day. Last week THE MINER published the recorder's regular quarterly report, and pointed out the malice inspired injustice and utter falsity of these insinuations, made by the American. In its last issue the paper prints a full page of senseless rot about this matter, admitting that the money is all accounted for, but makes numerous, idiotic, hair splitting criticisms on the method adopted in keeping the records. It makes no charges of fraud against any official, and dares not. It seems to think there is something infinitely smart in calling E. L. Manning "Easy Living." The American is merely malicious and tiresome. THE MINER will waste no more time and space upon it than is necessary to protect this town and its worthy citizens from its slander.

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