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POPULATION OF SUMPTER 4,500.

THE Oregon Mining stock exchange now occupies the field in Portland alone. Secretary Hard writes THE MINER inviting the co-operation of the mine owners in eastern Oregon, declaring that with this aid the Exchange will surely be a success, and will do more towards developing these gold fields than any other one influence. The success of the Exchange certainly means great good to the mines, one necessarily follows the other.

BRYAN is quoted as saying Monday night: "The evidence is in; the arguments have been made and the case is now submitted to the jury. If the jury will accept the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States as the instructions of the court, there will be no doubt about the verdict." The instructions of the court were as enthusiastically disregarded as have been the Constitution and the Declaration.

THE first act passed for the election of presidential electors provided that they should be appointed "within 34 days before the first Wednesday in December." Under this law the states held their elections on different days. When Harrison was elected in 1849 the democrats asserted that his success was due partly to fraudulent voting made possible by difference in dates. Accordingly the law was passed fixing one date for the election in all states, the first Tuesday after the first Monday.

THE election of Charles M. Hays to the presidency of the Southern Pacific company is taken by far seeing railroad men to mean that a radical change in the policy of that corporation is about to be carried into effect. The essence of this change is that the Southern Pacific is hereafter to be exclusively a business enterprise, and not largely a political machine. It is understood that Mr. Huntington's plan of going to congress or state legislatures for favors that would yield pecuniary results to his company is to be discontinued. This means that the Southern Pacific will not be the factor in California or other elections that it has been; that it will avoid the criticism and antipathy that its political action has brought upon it; that it will, in short, confine its activities to the legitimate field of transportation.

AT THIS writing, eleven o'clock today, it is apparent that McKinley has been elected. He will perhaps have even more electoral votes than he had four years ago. His majorities are cut down in the eastern states, but this wave didn't reach the tidal intensity necessary to sweep Bryan into the White house. The full dinner pail argument is evidently what did the business. The laboring classes, where wages are cut down to the lowest living notch, have ever been influenced through their stomachs, and are incapable of appreciating the higher ideals which the democratic party has appealed to in this campaign. In fact, it is an old truism that all men must be reached through their stomachs, and it is intimated that even in the home of the well to do citizen, this theory is the foundation of the diplomatic wife's policy.

The republican party can now afford to

rectify the glaring errors in its method of handling foreign affairs and will doubtless do this very thing, reversing its policy.

With Bryan it looks as if it is another case of Clay and Blaine, an utter impossibility to elect to the presidency a man known to be of strong character, brilliant intellect and courageously honest. He will doubtless never be a presidential candidate again, but his public course is not yet over. Only about forty years of age, he is in the prime of strong manhood, and will continue to be a commanding figure in American politics for many years to come.

McKinley will not declare himself dictator and the country will wag along about as heretofore. As THE MINER said a few weeks since, the election will effect the gold fields of eastern Oregon but little either way. The people here, realizing this to be a fact, is why so little personal interest has been taken in the conflict.

RUSSIA seems to be out of the railroad building business. Prince Khiloff, Russian minister of railroads, has authorized the Associated Press to deny categorically the assertion of a leading German newspaper that Russia is planning to construct a railroad from Samarkand to Hankow via the Kashgar valley, Lake Kukuror and the Wei-ho and Ho-ang-ho valleys, or any other route. He asserts that the intervening mountains are all but impassable, and that such a line would cost billions of dollars; though it may possibly be built one hundred years hence. "Russia," said the prince, "formerly contemplated a line from Samarkand to Eumsk, but she gave up the project when the Chinese troubles began. The direct branch line from St. Petersburg to the Siberian railroad has also been abandoned for the present."

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