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AND now Hanna is refusing to accept the presidential nomination four years hence—thrusting aside a crown. He will not do it the historic three times.

IT IS announced from Washington that United States Attorney General Griggs holds that every lease and sale of public lands in the Hawaiian islands made since September 28, 1899, is illegal and void. Suits will be instituted at once to set aside every such sale.

PRESS reports say that Secretary Long announces that an agreement has been reached whereby the armor plate companies agree to furnish armor at a substantial reduction of the price mentioned in their bids, which was \$400 per ton for the very best Krupp. The details of the agreement have been refused.

THE total vote in Baker county at the national election last week was 3125, registration being 4124. Bryan received 1516, McKinley 1458, and the other candidates enough to make up the total, giving the democratic candidate a majority of 143 over all. Four years ago he had a clear majority of 909, with a much smaller vote.

IN another column of THE MINER today is published an item about the "Booster" club recently organized in Chicago. Its purpose is to knock the knockers. Such a society ought to be organized in eastern Oregon, with branches in every mining camp, with a club as its emblem, and a declaration of war on the hammer welders as its organic law.

MONDAY Governor Geer appointed R. Alexander, of Pendleton, a member of the commission to represent Oregon at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, and F. H. Sterns, of Portland, a delegate to represent this state at the Irrigation congress to be held in Chicago, November 21-24. Six other delegates will be appointed on the latter commission, if suitable persons can be found who will attend.

ONE of the most sensible contributed editorials which the Portland Telegram has published appeared in its issue of last Saturday, written by C. W. Egan, evidently at some time in his life a newspaper man. It was on "the tremendous responsibility of the republican party." He points out in a concise, unbiased, patriotic manner the grave issues which confront the administration, issues which thoughtful men know to be pregnant with danger to this republic.

IT IS reported that Colonel Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N., is formulating a plan to domesticate the indolent coyote, with a view to having its flesh supplant mutton as food for meat eating man. A recently published interview credited to the Colonel points out many superiorities of the hot footed night prowler over sheep, the principal one being its ability to hustle for provisions, owing to its undisputed possession of the championship sprinting belt. And so, the gentle, bleating lambs and rams are to be demonetized, along with the meek and

lowly cayuse and basely libeled silver—the crime of 1900, the great conspiracy of the dying century.

PRESS dispatches of yesterday announced the death in New York of Marcus Daly and Henry Villard, both of whom were giant figures in the history of the development of the new Northwest; the former as a mining operator in Montana and the latter as the master spirit in the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad, after the fall of Jay Cook. Mr. Daly's death was caused by breathing for years the poisonous fumes from his smelters at Butte—"Winged the dart that quivered in his heart."

THIS is the way it happened. Several weeks ago THE MINER gave the names of some gentlemen mentioned in connection with the various municipal offices at the approaching election, casually remarking that they had gotten off wrong by being identified in the public mind with the Cato Johns-American push. They hastened to this office to correct that impression, seemingly recognizing the truth of THE MINER'S observation. They apparently also interviewed Johns and persuaded that professional hoodoo to publicly disavow any interest in their political welfare. So it was that he took his seat with pen in hand to write a piece for the paper. But instead of coming out strong in denial of the rumor, he devoted most of his "card" to uncomplimentary insinuations against THE MINER. This man Johns is manager of the Red Boy store here, who does his banking business in Baker City, takes a special delight in crying down the integrity and ability of local attorneys, who got into a deal with J. G. Fritz last winter and caused that gentleman to leave the town in disgust, taking away the \$30,000 which he had brought here to invest. These facts—and there are others—doubtless explain why candidates for municipal honors are so emphatic in their repudiation of Cato Johns as their political manager.

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