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If some one will develop one of the several good water powers in this district for the generation of electric power, transmit it to the various camps and give good service, he will have a better thing than any mine in the district.

AND now the talk—mere talk—has drifted towards state division. There are no less than six county seat carving and division propositions being discussed in eastern Oregon at this time. This must be some kind of a division epidemic.

"KNOCK the knockers," is becoming the rallying cry, the popular yell, the pass word with those who are interested in building up this country, and THE MINER both coined the expression and led off in the movement, the central idea of which is crystallized in the three words.

BRYAN announces that he will establish a weekly paper at Lincoln, Nebraska, to be called The Commoner, in which he will discuss the political and economic issues of the day. THE MINER is willing to offer The Commoner an advantageous "clubbing" proposition, whereby this paper can be hung up as a premium for subscribers to the Lincoln publication.

SPOKANE mining brokers have petitioned congress to repeal that clause of the revenue law imposing an annual fee of fifty dollars on their business. The average conception of the justice of taxation is to place the burden on the other fellow. What is really done, nine times out of ten, by the law makers is to place it on those least able to stand the burden—because the others are strong enough to shape things that way.

THE Oregonian advises non-resistance on the part of the citizen when held up by a foot pad, and discusses calmly what is best to be done under such circumstances. That is the most useless waste of advice on the long list of the world's gratuitous suggestions. No man can tell what he or any one else will do in the case of a dangerous emergency, until put to the test. But this advice from the Thunderer is right in line with its record. With more diplomacy and less directness it even urges the voter to stand and deliver whenever there is a political holdup being worked, state or national.

THE most skillfully handled proposition for quickly securing an immense circulation for a publication which has yet been presented to the public, is that which the Bernard-Richards company, of Boston, are now manipulating in the interest of their "Brown Book," a monthly magazine of merit. The company is giving large cash prizes, one a \$300 annuity for life, awarded through an enticing system of word puzzles and guessing contests. At present about \$15,000 in cash is being offered, aside from the annuity, and it is stated that a fund of \$100,000 has been set aside for this purpose. The result of this method is said to be an average of 500 subscribers a day.

YESTERDAY Senator Morgan, chairman of the canal committee, to which was referred the report of the Isthmian canal commission, submitted a partial report

from his committee, which closes with these words:

"The passage of the Hepburn bill by an almost unanimous vote in the house must have called for a protest from Great Britain if that government considers that any right of hers is in conflict with that measure. If the passage of that measure through the senate calls forth such a protest, then will be an appropriate time for its consideration and for taking measures to answer it. Until then we can never know the grounds of objections Great Britain may choose to make. The senate, engaged in a negotiation with Great Britain which may or may not result in an agreement, cannot afford to refuse to consider a bill so important to the country as the Hepburn bill, merely to await the pleasure of one-third of that body. The senate as a part of the treaty making power has no more just right to suspend legislation on this subject than the president, who is the other part of that power, has to suspend legislation by his order."

THE house committee on census by a vote of seven to six agreed to report the Hopkins reapportionment bill, leaving the total membership of the house at 357, as at present, and rearranging a number of state delegations. The bill will not be taken up until after the holidays. The only change in the bill was an amendment requiring that the several congressional districts of the several states should be composed of "contiguous and compact" territory. The purpose of the bill is to prevent gerrymandering. Under the bill the following states will lose one representative each: Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, and Virginia. The following will get one each: Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia. Texas will gain two representatives. Based upon present political divisions, neither party will gain advantage in the new reapportionment proposed in the bill. The republicans will gain five and lose five and the democrats will gain three and lose three. The basis of representation will be one representative for each 208,068 inhabitants. By the terms of the agreement made in the committee, the bill will not be taken up until after the holidays.

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12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Canyon City	10:30 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Lv. Canyon City	8:00 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Lv. Canyon City	7:30 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Lv. Austin	Lv. Canyon City	5:00 a. m.

Connecting at Austin with stages for Canyon City and interior points.

1:00 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Bonanza	7:30 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Lv. Bonanza	Lv. Clifford	6:30 a. m.

Connecting at Bonanza with stages for Pys. Robinsonville, Worley, Virginia, Don Juan and Belcher mines.

SUMPTER-GRANITE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Granite	10:00 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	Lv. Granite	Lv. Sumpter	7:00 a. m.

Livery at Granite to North Fork, Red Boy, Bazzette and adjacent mines.

SUMPTER-BOURNE ROUTE.

12:30 p. m.	Lv. Sumpter	Ar. Bourne	9:30 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Lv. Bourne	Lv. Sumpter	8:00 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Lv. Columbia	Lv. Sumpter	7:30 a. m.

Including North Pole, E. & E., Climax, Ohio and adjacent mines.