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## ATTENTION, PROSPECTORS.

In another column of THE MINER to day is published a full text of the Barrett mining law, passed by the state legislature at its recent session. Some radical changes are made in the method of filing on claims, which prospectors should comply with immediately, as an emergency clause is attached making the measure effective from the date of its approval by the governor.

The most important change made is the extension of time to sixty days allowed for the filing of location certificates with the county recorder, when an affidavit must also be filed setting forth that certain work has been done on the claim. THE MINER now has in press location blanks containing this affidavit and otherwise complying with the provisions of this new law, a copy of which is given with every dozen blanks sold.

IT IS announced that the Pan American exposition commissioners for this state have grudgingly granted an additional \$500 for the mining exhibit.

THE Oregonian is asking for suggestions as to what name shall be given to the exposition which Portland is talking about giving in 1905. THE MINER offers this, Portland's Grand Centennial Gift.

THE MINER is in receipt of a prospectus, issued by that nest of mining fakirs in Minneapolis, of a consolidated company capitalized at \$500,000,000, an even half billion. It costs not a cent more to add a half dozen figures to the capital stock of a company.

THE usual tactics employed by the American when proven to be guilty of some dishonorable act is to "maintain a dignified silence," the resort of many crooks who pretend to respectability. Last week, however, that paper unwisely deviated from this rule and made an indirect reply to MINER charges, by publishing a job lot of stilted, wangled generalities on the ethics of journalism; a la Grover Cleveland. Here is the opening sentence: "Journalism can never expect to reach the high standard its founders intended, nor command the respect and confidence of the public so long as there are those in its ranks who, like common bawds, stand ready to sell themselves to any one who has the price."

The reason the American has not sold itself is because no one has been fool enough to buy. It therefore gives itself away on every possible occasion, as in the above, for instance. Its editor is an expert on "bawds," apparently has bawds on the brain and can write on no subject without ringing in something of that nature. Such stuff as the above is entirely characteristic of the man, a characterless snob whose every effort in life is to deceive the public into believing that he is the embodiment of monopolized virtue. This is the enactment of a lie and all varieties of liars are cowards. And this is why the American never meets an issue

squarely, but dodges and sprints, turns around, utters another falsehood and runs again.

Edward Everett Young must either stand up and face the accusation of being a chronic liar and the hired man of Red Boy Godfrey, whose dirty task it is to injure this district through cowardly misrepresentation of its citizens in the columns of the American, which accusation is based on specific charges, or else stand convicted in the high court of public opinion.

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