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LAST week the Granite Gem, on instructions from Edward Everett Young, for which fakir that paper plays the sucker act as touter, gave THE MINER a hot roast; in a general way, scolding specifications. The next paragraph in the Gem was an editorial from THE MINER, for which no credit was given. And that's S. Heel Shutt's size.

STATE exchanges are having much to say during recent days about the \$5000 appropriated for an exhibit at the Charleston exposition, which they delight to refer to as the "Far Heel Show." Charleston is in South Carolina, the "Palmetto" state. It was the governor of the other Carolina, the "Far Heel" state, who is alleged to have made the widely quoted remark.

PRESS dispatches of this morning announce that the republican members of the Nebraska legislature caucused again last night, adjourning at 12 o'clock without accomplishing anything. A communication was received from the nine "bolters," stating that they would abide by the decision of the caucus if the name of D. E. Thompson would be eliminated from the list of candidates. The communication was unanswered and the mavericks were denounced as traitors.

LAST week in an interview with General Warren, THE MINER stated that the affairs of the Sumpter Townsite company were in a chaotic condition, which was the occasion of some biased unfavorable comment. The language was that of the writer of the interview, not of the General. The effort made to misconstrue the meaning and create dissension was abortive. Sumpter and General Warren are both all right and will come out on top—where they both are, even at this present writing.

AND now Scranton, Penn., has looked the gift horse in the mouth and refused to accept Carnegie's proffered public library; which is altogether the proper thing to do. People with pride and honor will always scorn to accept charity from men who have acquired their millions through the dishonest methods employed by the Carnegies and Rockefellers. Given an equal show with these favored ones, the public would not have to rely on these alleged "philanthropists" for such donations. It is a fact that today, in the mining industry alone the race for wealth is a free for all, without a handicap.

THE Sumpter correspondent of the Portland Telegram says that \$1000 a day is received here from the east to pay for mining stocks in this district. Of course, it is impossible to make an accurate estimate as to the amount of money coming in for that purpose, because mining companies are as close mouthed about the amount of stock sold as they are about the amount of gold taken out of the ground. It is a fact, however, that considerable money is being received here from the east in payment for stocks; many times as much as ever before, and the thousand dollars a day guess is perhaps as good as any.

THOSE rustlers over in Washington have captured our own Captain C. H.

Thompson for Pan American exposition purposes. He has been appointed chairman of the committee to collect and present a mineral display, and a better man for the purpose can't be found in the Northwest. It will be remembered that he was appointed one of the exposition commissioners for this state and entered upon the work with his customary intelligent enterprise, but quit in disgust after his first meeting with the Portland brand of hogs, which formed a combination against the mining interests of eastern Oregon. That work was so coarse, that it has since been revised.

ACCORDING to the biennial report of the Secretary of State for Oregon, 678 corporations filed articles in his office at Salem in the two years ending January 31, 1900, with total capital stocks amounting to \$127,283,450. Compared with four years ago, this shows an increase of nearly 100 in the number of corporations formed, and much more than a doubling of the amount of capital invested. The O. R. & N. was incorporated in July, 1896, for \$35,000,000, but if we leave this single item out of the calculation, Secretary Kincaid's report for 1895 and 1896 shows a total of 392 corporations with a capital stock of \$53,000,000. This is an excellent illustration of the way in which capital is going into corporations. Many of these corporations have no tangible real or personal property at all commensurate with their income from the community or with their profits. Other states are finding ways to reach these activities and make them bear their just proportion of the public burdens, but no such effort is being made in Oregon.—Oregonian.

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