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CONDITIONS must be improving in Baker City. Robbers have resumed business there and are reported to be making good wages.

AND now the Sampsonites say that Schley was drunk during the San Diego naval battle, and they will attempt to prove it. It must have been a peach of a brand of "fighting whiskey" that he drank. The navy department ought to buy the entire output of that distillery and feed it to the officers and men regularly. Sampson, himself, could substitute it for his five o'clock tea and profit thereby.

Rev. Frederick Bruce Russell, of the New York Law and Order league was arrested a day or two since, on a charge of extortion, preferred by James H. Lawrence, a reporter for a morning paper. The complaint charges that Lawrence, under an assumed name, approached Russell and agreed to a payment of money for protection from raids by agents of the Law and Order league. Lawrence pretending that he was about to place a number of slot machines in resorts in that city. Russell denies the charge, of course. He is in the law and order business for what there is in it and doesn't want to lose his graft.

The East Oregonian, an excellent paper with a few impractical hobbies—which we all ought to have, to be used as safety valves, as it were—a few days since made its annual roar because Baker county mines are not assessed their proportional share of taxation. There is no equity in taxation; that conception is an iridescent dream. But the subject of mining taxation is a reality in the shape of a knotty problem, in the same category with the taxation of mortgages and other such "invisible" wealth, which statesmen of the ages have wrestled with; always to be thrown, the best five out of three. Will the E. O. kindly devote a spare moment to the subject and solve the problem?

SOME small, envious soul has prompted its owner to go to considerable trouble to "knock" Colonel P. Donan. In a recent issue of the Omaha World-Herald is published the false statement, credited to an anonymous liar, designated as an "old timer," that the Colonel claims to be the author of the famous Union Pacific Pathfinder. The short article is a mean, cowardly slur on that gentleman, every statement contained therein being entirely false; some evidently through ignorance, others malice. Marked copies of the World-Herald have been mailed to a number of editors throughout the Northwest, on the wrappers of which is written "private." Recently the Pathfinder, issued by the Vanderbilt-Harriman system of railroads, has extended its descriptive matter so as to include territory tributary to the Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway & Navigation companies' lines. Colonel Donan wrote the matter pertaining to the latter, as he does all of its advertising—the best in that folder, or that published by any railroad in the world. If he has made any claim re-

garding the Pathfinder contents, it surely was limited to this fact, for that is the way he is built. He has also written an article on the gold fields of eastern Oregon for the U. P. mining pamphlet, a new edition of which will soon be issued, and will cover this territory for the first time.

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