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A JUDGE over in Idaho has decided that the patent on the cyanide process is invalid, which decision is of interest—if sustained.

THAT Northport-Le Roi contract, said to have been let last week to Albert Geiser, of Baker City, looks like a ruse to beat the strikers.

AND now the Navy department has gravely decided to rebuke Captain Forsythe, a veteran with a splendid record of forty years in the service, for telling the truth regarding the Schley-Sampson controversy. He put the blame for starting the row on Long and McKinley, in placing Sampson over his senior officer, and that is where the blame belongs.

OVER near Fossil, this state, a half-breed Indian criminally assaulted a white woman last week, and press reports state that the people of that vicinity are hunting the base beast, with the avowed purpose of lynching him. He ought to be caught. If so, what will those monomaniacs on the subject of negro lynching in the South, the editor of the Spokesman-Review, for instance, have to say about this case?

IN THE August number of the Metal Miner, published at Minneapolis, there is an article relative to an eastern Oregon mine, credited to THE SUMPTER MINER, that never appeared in these columns. This Minneapolis paper has taken the story from THE MINER, used a few sentences contained therein and inserted various false statements of its own manufacture. There is nothing the matter with the property involved, and there is no use lying about it. Minneapolis seems to be the breeding ground, the general headquarters, for fake mining schemes.

AGAIN Baker City mining operators are complaining that the knockers of that town are doing business at the same old stand. The only remedy for this state of affairs is to "knock the knockers," expose both the methods and the men who are engaged in this dirty work. The plan adopted by the papers there, of roasting the act and shielding the guilty parties, is entirely futile; it is like firing blank cartridges at a mob—tips off the fact that the play is a bluff.

AND now a newspaper agency is selling a series of "syndicate" stories on "etiquette on all occasions," written by some New York woman who claims to be a member of the "inner social circle." This stuff and all of its kind is the veriest tommy rot, arbitrary, cast iron, often silly, rules of conduct. Any one with common sense, who has lived among people of culture and refinement, knows instinctively what is the correct thing to do under all ordinary social circumstances, and would as soon think of consulting a work on physiology to learn how to swallow, as to look to some of these self-constituted authorities on etiquette for guidance in social conventionalities. The mere fact, however, that numerous papers are now publishing these articles is evidence that many people of no breeding at all are trying

to break into what is popularly considered the "charmed," exclusive set—in reality the stupid, vulgar "push." And a whole lot of such bores have succeeded in the effort.

THAT Portland town is a nine spot, for a verity. In last evening's Baker City Republican is a column communication from the secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, explaining that that august body did endeavor to secure the next meeting of the International Mining congress—that he telegraphed an invitation, which was never delivered. But the Webfooters were shy on that \$3000 guarantee and were never in the running.

In the Democrat of this morning is published a story from Portland to the effect that the noisily heralded, Lewis and Clark centennial exposition proposition is slumbering; that the gigantic enterprise has struck a snag. And what does the gentle reader suppose has put it to sleep? Why, those soulless corporations, the unaccommodating railroads, have refused to issue passes to the commissioners from Oregon, Washington and Idaho from their respective homes to Portland, so that they can meet there, join in a surloin beefsteak supper at 6 p. m., and fix the whole business, put the show on its feet.

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