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THE STATE'S MONEY.

THE REPORT of the state treasurer at the end of the first half of the fiscal year, shows a very gratifying condition of affairs existing in the state's finances.

Not only in the large view presented by the treasury balance does the state appear well to do, but from each of the counties of the state come encouraging reports.

THEY SPEND IT ABROAD.

CAUTIOUS FINANCIAL operators have sounded an alarm that is calculated to direct attention to the huge expenditures of American money abroad.

Hard-headed men of business have little patience with the scolds of wealthy families who squander fortunes in foreign lands.

IT MAY BE A FALSE ALARM.

IT IS PLAIN that the professors of the universities of the United States are getting no better fast.

Prof. Frederick Starr of Chicago, is said to have announced to his class of students a few days ago, in one of the leading universities, that the practice of parting the hair in the middle is one of the many signs of degeneracy visible to his observing eye.

It is a safe bet that Prof. Frederick Starr, whoever he is, is guiltless of the statement with which he is charged.

Recently a story came out of Chicago to the effect that one of the professors in one of the colleges of that city made the statement that he had never kissed a woman.

most extraordinary statement, the professor denied point-blank that he ever made the statement attributed to him.

A DRAMATIC CONTEST.

OCCASIONALLY one of the great magnates of the circles in which schemes for controlling the transportation lines of the world are hatched, opens his heart and his mouth and takes the public into his confidence to the extent of imparting cautious information respecting the inside history of the extensive deals of which the public has but a slight understanding.

Recently J. J. Hill, in a burst of confidence with an interviewer in St. Paul, gave out the information that the mighty battles now being fought between rival transportation lines have for their object the control of the high seas.

The internal commercial business of the county appears to have reached a point where it no longer affords a field extensive enough for the operations of the kings of finance.

Traffic development, according to Mr. Hill's statement, has reached a stage at which we must either go forward or recede.

OPENING THE PARK.

A PARTY of Ohio congressmen arrived in the city of Livingston a few days ago and departed for the National park. The party had been across the continent to attend the launching of the battleship Ohio at San Francisco, and, enroute home, had taken advantage of the opportunity to visit the nation's preserves at the head waters of Yellowstone river.

The Ohio congressmen traveled on the scheduled prepared for the presidential party when the route through the park was laid down.

HAS A STING TO IT.

THE CUBAN constitutional convention appears to have the faults that beset all bodies of amateur lawmakers. The constitution makers lack the knack of brevity and their deliberations are hampered by a tendency to overdo nearly everything they undertake.

The Cubans recognize and admit the right of intervention by the United States, but proceed to elaborate upon the admission, and set forth their understanding of the term in explicit statement.

BITS OF WIT.

Save your coupons.

Mistress—How shall I word your recommendation? Maid (just leaving)—Suppose you say I stood this place for six weeks. That will be sufficient, thank you.—London Cigarette.

Angelina—That was a lovely engagement ring you gave me last night, dear; but what do these initials C. E. mean on the inside? Edwin—Why—er—that is—don't you know? That's the new way of stamping eighteen carats.—Tid-Bits.

"Miss Vingaree, they don't haze the freshies at Vassar college, do they?" "Don't they, though? They made me buy pound after pound of almond buttercups and stand and watch them while they ate them!"—Sioux City Tribune.

Turning to the picturesque resident, the man from the east, with a praise-worthy desire to be pleasant, asked: "Have you lived here long?" "Naw," replied Lariat Lem, carelessly shifting his gun from one hand to the other; "nobody lives here long."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Chollie—My dear boy, what is worse than to notice a wrinkle in the face of one's sweetheart? Willie—A wrinkle in one's trousers, daeh boy. Fellow can get a new sweetheart, don't you know, any time.—Indianapolis Press.

When a woman loses her hired girl she becomes a wolf, and you should look out for yours. A woman who has a good hired girl may be a lovely character, but let her girl leave and the lovely character should be watched.—Aitchison Globe.

"Gracious! You don't mean to say you are going to move to Alsburn?" "Indeed I am. I consider it an ideal place."

"Eh! You want to read the papers. There's more sickness there than in any other town in this vicinity." "I know it. I am a physician."—Catholic Standard and Times.

SINCE DAD STRUCK OIL.

Folks around this oil' plantation raise'n' cotton, co'n an' rice, In aristocratic circles didn't nevah cut no ice;

We have sold out' poky mule team that has wagged its lazy ears 'Round about this oil' plantation fo' a hefty string o' years,

Or to see the high-toned roosters come a crow'n' round this chick, Them that thought I was a lobster when I didn't have a nick—

One I had a sort of notion I would marry any He That could make a half-way livin' fo' a savin' gal like me,

BRIGHT IDEAS OF MONTANA EDITORS

The Girl Problem. Present industrial and social conditions invite much serious thought on the question of what a young girl shall do "to win success."

It is interesting to note the opinion of some of the brightest women upon this question as disclosed in a recent symposium. "No matter how wrapped up a girl may be in her ambitions, let her by all means marry anyway," says Dr. Julia Holmes Smith.

It is very clear from all this expert opinion that it is the plain duty of the girls to get married. At least they cannot hope to manage a husband and a business successfully at the same time.

Under these conditions the great field of industrial and professional opportunity becomes alluring to ambitious young women. It is futile to present to them the duty of marriage when there is a dearth of matrimonial offers.

These stern facts are not conclusively answered by the beautiful theories about "woman's sphere" and "woman's duty."—Wh.tehall Zephyr.

Montana Lambs.

The lambing season in Montana has already advanced far enough to assure almost a record heavy lamb crop for 1901. The facts of a big lamb crop and an extra heavy wool clip had been confidently discounted here, but the outcome rather more than verifies the prediction.

\$140,000 IN ONE LUMP OF GOLD.

AMAZING INSTANCES OF SUDDEN FORTUNE IN "NUGGETS" OF THE PRECIOUS METAL. Seeking gold nuggets is sometimes exciting work; not infrequently it is more work than excitement; it is only to the

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avored few that nuggets of any size reveal themselves.

The largest gold nugget in the world was found in New South Wales. It was worth \$148,000. It was 4 feet 9 inches long, 3 feet 3 inches wide and 4 inches in thickness throughout.

This great "find" was unearthed at a small mining camp called Hill End. Two men, Byer and Haltman, were the discoverers. Strange to say, they had lost all their money seeking for gold, and at the time of their discovery were without a penny, deeply in debt and almost on the verge of despair.

Another famous discovery of gold in the solid lump was made at Bakery Hill, near Ballarat, Australia, on June 15, 1858. It was discovered by two or three men of a prospecting party of twenty-four. These men had decided to share, pro rata, everything that was discovered.

Three years earlier other nuggets of considerable size had been found near the same spot. Indeed, the pick of a workman had struck within forty-eight inches of this very nugget. It had then remained in the earth for three years, hundreds of gold-seekers passing it by.

The largest nugget ever found in California is known as the "Oliver Martin," which was valued at \$22,700 and earned \$10,000 more through being exhibited.

One stormy night, while making his way from Benton's Bar to Camp Corona, over the Grizzly mountains, Martin and his companion, John Fowler, were caught in a storm and sought refuge in an old cabin. This hut was so situated that the mountain torrents soon made it insecure.

The next day Martin, with pick and shovel began digging a grave for his companion. He had not turned up many spadefuls of earth before he struck something hard. On washing the mud off this object, which was larger than a man's head, he found it to be full of glittering particles. It weighed about 80 pounds.

Martin, with the assistance of another miner, had the nugget weighed and valued. He made \$32,700 from this lucky stroke. Victoria, B. C., has been a great field for nuggets, though few have been found there within recent years.

This big find was made by two poor puddlers, John Deacon and Richard Oates. They had not gone seriously into mining, owing to their poverty, and

they never expected to make more than a bare living.

The finding of the "Welcome Stranger" was a matter of accident. It was imbedded in stiff red clay just below the surface, so near a road that wagons were constantly passing over it.

Not long after the finding of this nugget near Dunolly several other discoveries of gold were made near the same spot. One weighed 114 ounces.

The famous "Blanch Barkley" nugget, valued at \$34,525, weighing 1,748 ounces, was found by four prospectors at Kingover, Australia. It was thirteen feet below the surface and was found in land which had been worked over the year before.

One evening, while washing out the boxes, he noticed a yellow rock in the stream where the washing was carried on. He had never seen gold save in the sand state and did not recognize the nugget, but he called the foreman to examine the "strange rock."

It turned out to be pure gold, weighed 65 pounds, and was worth \$17,500. The Indian received from the company \$300 for the nugget. The "find" did not belong to him, as he was an employee on a claim owned by a company.

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