

**THE PHILIPSBURG MAIL.**

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**Notice.**

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To Mine Owners and Mining Attorneys: In notices for application of patent you will in all cases make agreement to publish with the newspaper published nearest to the land geographically measured. This instruction must be fully complied with, else new publication will be ordered. S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

We have scanned our exchanges in vain for an explanation of the fluctuations in silver, though most of them refer to it.

The law preventing aliens from locating mineral or other lands is undoubtedly a good one and one of two enforcement of this law will go far towards demolishing the idea too common with aliens that the process of naturalization is a mere useless formality. The authority of the United States is enforced but little abroad; let it at least be supreme at home.

The London Times is at it again in its efforts to show a connection between "Parnellism and crime." In view of all the strictures of the English people and press on the petty faults of American newspapers in methods of interviewing and reporting, we are, when we remember the Pall Mall Gazette exposure and the Times' Parnell letter, inevitably reminded of the parable of the Moat and the Beam.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of Illinois seems to have hit upon a scheme by which convict labor will be prevented from coming into competition with free labor. The plan consists in discarding machinery and to employ convicts on such hand labor as will not compete with hand labor outside of the prisons. An advantage of this arrangement would be that when the convict had served his time he will be a thorough workman, knowing his trade in all its points, and not merely a manager or runner of a machine.

A universal surprise exists throughout the whole country as from day to day no news arrives from France of anything pointing strongly to an opening of hostilities on the part of the excitable French people with Germany. Never since their last struggle with Germany have the French been able to cope with her with better chances of victory, yet never have they been more moderate in their demeanor under provocation than now—during the recent Schnaebelle affair. How long this state of affairs may last is at present the interesting question.

have never been to Texas may have conceived of the morality of that state will doubtless receive a shock in hearing of the prohibition campaign which has been started there to decide whether the constitution shall be amended so as to forbid the manufacture or sale of intoxicants. In the same way people outside of Montana will hear with surprise that a temperance paper has been started in Bozeman. Prohibition is all very well as a source of employment to those whose time hangs heavy on their hands, but we do not believe in it or think it will ever become generally popular. Temperance and high license is one thing, total abstinence and prohibition another.

We have recently seen mention somewhere of the fact that England has her eye on Alaska, with ideas of acquiring or absorbing the same. We doubt the truth of the report, and if it should be true we doubt the intention of our national government of entertaining any such proposition. Anyone who has read Bancroft's History of Alaska will see why we want to hold on to it, and anyone who has not will see in the daily reports of Alaska's rich gold mines equally good reasons for not relaxing our grip. The amount of blood and muscle which we have so far expended in holding and civilizing the country is not perhaps very large in comparison with its value, but this is all the more reason for retaining that which so far has cost so little and promises so much. As a final argument for its retention we suggest the good service it performs in necessitating for its protection the increase and better equipment of that nondescript collection of leaky hulks and idle seamen which is called, by courtesy, the U. S. Navy.

Unless local energy bestirs itself it will be left to outside capital and enterprise to take advantage of the numerous facilities afforded by the town of Philipsburg as a site for a custom smelting works. Now that the Livingston Coal and Coke company has at last successfully solved the problem of cheap fuel as the railroad will solve the problem of cheap transportation, reduction works on an extensive scale would most certainly be remunerative. Should it be found that there was not sufficient lead ores produced to meet the increased supply of dry ores which a home smelter would cause, ores from the rich lead-producing region of the Cœur d'Alenes could be brought in to Philipsburg quite as cheaply as they are to Wickes, possibly cheaper, and judging from the character of the formations in the Flint Creek mining District the chances are entirely favorable to the discovery, in the only half prospected country in the immediate vicinity of as rich and extensive deposits of lead bearing ores as are to be found anywhere in Montana.

**THE COMING SENSATION.**

At last the MAIL has cast aside its swaddling clothes and becomes a full-fledged newspaper; the one thing that was lacking to place it in the front rank of journalism being about to be supplied in the shape of a suit for libel. This will be good news to our numerous subscribers who will naturally be interested in the full details of the trial as it is carried from court to court up to the highest tribunal, and we seize with avidity this opportunity of saying to those few benighted individuals who are not subscribers that our report of this great trial will be minute in detail, including numerous developments of a highly sensational character, which, through inadvertency on the part of the prosecution, will not be cited in the original complaint. The subscription to the MAIL will be kept at its ridiculous low price of \$3 per annum or \$2 for six months. Now is the time to subscribe.

**"BEAUTIFUL SNOW."**

A report has been circulated with an industry that would hardly be exerted in some better cause to the effect that on Sunday, May 1st, seventeen inches of snow fell in the town of Philipsburg, and as this news becomes more widely circulated we see it in our exchanges from more and more remote quarters. We do not know what empty-headed idiot is the father of this report nor do we much care as the parties most interested probably know it to be untrue and that the fall of snow did not exceed half an inch which was dissipated by the sun before the end of the day. Nor, since we are here to profit by the Philipsburg boom instead of manufacturing it, after the manner of certain Montana papers which we might name, do we care to brand the author as "an infamous liar," "addled sore-head subsidized by some jealous rival," etc., etc. We are, however, strongly tempted to indulge in a five or six column effort to point out the worthlessness of careless and hastily gathered news even when sorely needed to stop a gap in the forms, or hush a moan for copy, and further take advantage of the occasion by pointing to our mildness in this matter as proof that we are not one of the previously mentioned class of booming newspapers. But we refrain; simply contenting ourselves for the present with saying that we are not here for booming purposes but for "stuff" and as much of it as we can conveniently carry off and to acquire which in the largest possible quantities we propose to be a live newspaper. Finally we wish to assure a naturally anxious public that when seventeen inches of anything falls in Philipsburg we will let them know it.

**A FAMOUS COW.**

Among the Holsteins to be exhibited at the dairy and cattle show in New York this month is the famous cow, Clothilde, of the herd of Messrs. Smith, Powell & Lamb, Syracuse, New York. She was imported from Holland. On the 17th of August last she completed a milk test of one year, during which the yield was 26,061 pounds, eleven ounces. She was dropped in March, 1879, and her three-year-old record was 15,622 pounds, two ounces; her four-year-old record was 17,930 pounds, three ounces, and her latest record is the greatest in the world. She has had five daughters, and one of them, Clothilde II, has a greater record than her mother at four years, her yield of milk having been 23,602 pounds, ten ounces.—Virginia (Nev.) Enterprise.

**A Novel Clock.**

New York World: A watchmaking firm on Fulton street, Brooklyn, has now in course of construction a clock that promises to be as wonderful in its ways as the great clock of Strasburg, about which such stories are told. The face of the clock will be on a level with the ground, while the machinery which works it will be under ground out of sight, but so arranged that everything will run smoothly for eight days. The figures on the dial plate will be of flowers of various species and colors, but each figure differing from the others. The pivot in the center of the dial on which the hands turn is to be a water jet, throwing a spray all around and over the flowers, to keep them fresh. The mechanism of the clock is now being constructed at Boston, and is expected to be completed in a month from now. The clock will be fifty feet in diameter.

W. Tate Taylor, of Spring Mountain Idaho, and L. C. Fyhrle, of Dillon, have given the Viola Mining Company an extension of one week on their bond on the Westmoreland mine at Nicholia, and it is anticipated that the sale will be consummated in the mean time. The Westmoreland adjoins the company's property and is being developed through its workings.

Advices from the new mining camp of Lake Valley, N. M., state that David Burke and Con Ryan, having quarreled over a mining claim, agreed to settle the difficulty by a resort to pistols. Each party fired two shots, which resulted in the killing of Burke. Ryan was placed under arrest.

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