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Copper.

The market has been very firm and a large business has been doing all through the week at gradually hardening prices. Hardly anything has been heard about the proposed agreement to restrict production, and to our knowledge no definite understanding has been arrived at so far, negotiations still being pending, and most likely will take some time before actually carried through. In the meantime the business which has been done was mainly bona fide consumers' business, and the price for Lake has now advanced to 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4. At this the Calumet and Quincy companies are entirely out of the market, but the smaller companies have freely supplied consumers. The latter are very busy indeed and are eager purchasers of all copper which is offering a little below the market value.

Should this demand continue for some time, a great proportion of the copper which had to be exported during the last eighteen months will be consumed in this country, and the result thus given Europe, which has had to carry the burden of our overproduction for all this time must soon be felt.

We hear that orders for electrical purposes have been rather large lately. Casting copper is in very good demand, and prices keep closely up to those of Lake, the quotation being 11 @ 11 1/2. In Arizona copper about 1,000 tons produced hands at 10c., but since then producers have raised their price to 10 1/2 @ 10 3/4.

An Old Letter from Geneva? Washington.

The Kansas City Gazette of March 12th publishes the following letter from Gen. George Washington to Governor Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut, the firm friend and counselor of Washington during the Revolution. Among other hints, the letter speaks like prophecy to this Government, as to the importance of being "forearmed as well as forewarned against the evil contingencies of European politics," especially in view of possible impending disturbance with England, and in order to maintain its supremacy in the western hemisphere. That part of the letter reads:

MOUNT VERNON, July 29, 1788.

DEAR SIR:—I have received your favor of the 29th of June and thank you heartily for the confidential information contained in it. The character given of a certain great personage, who is remarkable for neither forgetting or forgiving, I believe to be just. What effect the addition of such an extraordinary weight of power and influence to the arrangement of the East India affairs gives to one branch of the British government cannot be certainly foretold; but one thing is certain, that is to say, it will always be wise for America to be prepared for events. Nor can I refrain from indulging the expectation that the time is not very far distant when it shall be more in the power of the United States than it has hitherto been, to be forearmed as well as forewarned against the evil contingencies of European politics.

L. V. GRADE ORES.

It has always been a query why mining men often lay claim to a higher grade of ore than their mill run shows, as it is a noted fact that in all the great mines of the world the assay value of all materials reduced, is less than \$50 per ton.

Capitalists have a natural distrust of unresponsible funds, and the best recommendation for a mine is the quantity of ore possible, together with easy mining, milling and transporting. High grade ores are seldom found in large quantities, and if so only in pockets; consequently the mine's value can only be estimated by what is in sight while with regular leads of low grade ore you have almost a positive assurance that the supply is inexhaustible. There is the same relation between high grade and low grade ores that exists between speculation and legitimate business.—Arizona Mining Report.

The Ohio Legislature has passed a law redistricting the State for Congressional purposes. It gives the Republicans fifteen districts and the Democrats six, just reversing the present apportionment. This action is defensible only under the lex talionis, which is not the best rule of action. It is evident that gerrymandering ought to be put an end to, whether practiced by one party or the other, and this should be effected at once by an act of Congress regulating the districting of the several States for Congressional purposes.—S. F. Chronicle.

Rev. Mr. Extropore—My hearers, I shall have to ask your indulgence for a few minutes. I forgot my manuscript, and have sent my little boy for it. His son, mounting pulpit (in loud tone)—"Mamma couldn't find the writin', but here's the book you copied it from."—Tid-Bits.

Carrying Deadly Weapons.

(The Portland Oregonian.)
Those who habitually carry deadly weapons upon their persons are officers of the law, who need them to enforce their authority; criminals, who need their aid in perpetrating outrages upon society; bullies, who require them to give them the courage nature has denied, and fools, either of tender years or those unable to profit by experience, who think it smart to go armed. A revolver is a dangerous possession, both to the owner and those with whom he comes in contact. Left at home under the pillow, on the mantel or in the bureau drawer, it threatens the lives of those of the household, and carried in the pocket it threatens the life of the possessor. A revolver and a few drinks of whiskey make a dangerous combination, as well to the holder of the combination as to all who may be so unfortunate as to be near him. It is a perennial source of danger to others and a fountain of trouble to its owner. For every person who uses a revolver in a good cause, or is protected by it in the enjoyment of his legitimate rights, ninety-nine persons get themselves into needless trouble with it. No man of honorable instincts, intending to do right by his fellow men and holding human life more sacred than notions of honor evolved from a whiskey-soaked brain, will carry a revolver about in his pocket, and no one else should be permitted to do so. The carrying of concealed weapons by "respectable" men is one of the chief obstacles in the way of the prevention of their being carried by criminals. In this way they create the very danger they claim renders it necessary to go armed. If no man carried a revolver unless he had criminal intentions, or were duly licensed to do so by the police authorities, the police could deal with the possessors of weapons more vigorously, and better enforce the law against carrying them. Not only in this, but in many other things, respectability is responsible for much that is not respectable by failure to draw a sufficiently distinct line of division.

Some very gratifying results have been obtained with a hand-made sample of smokeless powder at the naval ordnance proving grounds at Indian Head. The tests with the powder made by the Ordnance Bureau chemist at Newport have hitherto been confined to small arms, including the 1, 3 and 6 pound guns and the 4-inch rapid-fire gun, promising results having been obtained in all cases. With its charges, about half those used with ordinary powder, the velocities were increased from 150 to 200 feet per second, with no increase of chamber pressure. The Naval Chief of Ordnance at the time expressed the hope that smokeless powder might come into exclusive use in all guns of 6-inch caliber and below it.

The test which has just taken place was with a 4-inch gun and an 8-inch gun. In the former weapon a 33-pound projectile was used, with a powder charge of 5 1/2 pounds. The velocity obtained was 2160 feet per second at a pressure of 14.6 tons. In the case of the 8-inch gun an 80-pound projectile was used, as is done in the foreign services. The powder charge was 16 pounds, and there was developed a velocity of 2415 feet per second at a pressure of 13.5 tons. These results compare favorably with those obtained abroad under much better conditions.

Michigan this year chooses the twelve presidential electors corresponding to its representatives by Congressional districts and the two corresponding to its senators by the State at large. Thus the electors of that State will necessarily be divided among the parties. Probably the Democrats will have four or five of the delegation of fourteen. No other State has a law of this sort. The electoral vote of States, however, has been divided under the ordinary regulation of choosing the electors by the aggregate vote of the State. Individual electors have been cut by men voting the victorious ticket, and in some cases, certain of the electors of the minority ticket have been chosen. In 1881 California gave more of her popular vote to Hancock than to Garfield, but one of the Hancock electors, owing to his personal unpopularity, fell so far behind his colleagues that an elector on the Garfield ticket beat him and was chosen. Thus Garfield obtained one of the six electoral votes of the Golden State and Hancock the other five. There have been other instances of divided State delegations in the Electoral College.—Globe-Democrat.

Miss Flynn—"If we girls had this nominating power I know who would be the Democratic candidate for President." Miss Elder—"Who?" Miss Flynn—"Boies."—Life.

No bank failure has occurred in China for 900 years. For a failure the officers must be heads.

Silver Clubs.

(Ore & Metal Review, Pueblo, Colo.)
The silver club movement which is rapidly spreading throughout Colorado is bound to have a telling effect. When the voting population of a state pledges itself to vote for a certain thing it means something. If this movement means anything it means that the free coinage idea is deeply rooted and the people will never rest until the demand is satisfied.

Silver miners throughout the mining districts of New Mexico, Arizona and Western Texas would do well to imitate the example of their Colorado brethren. The situation is gloomy if it is true, but it is when the danger is the greatest that brave men gather their courage and redouble their resistance. The cause of silver is a good one, and it is the duty of the friends of silver to rally en masse to the support of Bland, Teller, Stewart and other advocates of silver.

War to-day is generally a short, decisive clash. The world will never again witness a thirty years' war, or even four years of war, as from 1861 to 1865. Capt. D. M. Taylor, of the United States army, says: "With the introduction of steam, electricity and arms of precision, the 'pomp and circumstance of glorious war' went out, and with them departed the dignified slowness which characterized military operations of the period when combatants took their time about wars, and their duration was from seven to thirty years. Modern wars are short and sharp." In many instances the fate of war has been decided and its decisive battles fought in fewer days than the declaration of war than it needed in ship-building England to prepare the plans and let the bids for one class of unarmored vessels. Is a stronger lesson needed to teach the use of a first-class military system?—Globe-Democrat.

Silver Mines Shuttling Down.

The Denver Times says that Dr. Henry Paul, manager of the Aspen Consolidated Mining Company, and J. H. Earnest Waters, who manages several rich silver mines at Telluride, Col., have received orders to shut down work on these properties inside of a week from now. This action will throw about 1600 men out of employment. The cause of the closing down is the very low price being paid for silver. These gentlemen claim that in order to receive any profit from their mines it is necessary that they should receive at least 90 cents per ounce. Other mines will probably be forced to shut down if the depression of the metal continues.

The total number of men and women employed in the Government departments in Washington is 4,832, distributed as follows: Superintendents charged to the District—Congressional Library and Executive Mansion, eight; State Department and diplomatic service, 42; Treasury Department, 1,152; War Department, 388; Commissioner of Public Buildings, 189; Navy Department, 108; Navy Yard, 653; Post-office Department and local post-office, 414; Interior Department, 815; Department of Agriculture, 128; Departments of Justice and Labor and miscellaneous offices, 198, and Government Printing Office, 750. Of this number 1,921 are women.

General Miles makes a strong point against the Indian as a soldier, says the Star. He says, "The regular army of the United States is not a kindergarten or a school, and I do not believe it wise to enlist in the service Indians who have little knowledge of the civilization of the whites, for the purpose of civilizing them. We might just as well introduce Chinamen into the service or any other element that does not readily assimilate with us. The strong point of the army is that every man is a patriot who loves the flag and will fight for it under all circumstances."

The Colorado State Silver League is now fully organized. Its most important work is to take the lead in favoring all the West and South in favor of free silver coinage. Its object is to have silver men everywhere labor to see that no man is nominated for office on any ticket who is not declared in favor of free silver. This can be accomplished only by organization. It asks the silver coinage men of all the Western States in particular to organize at once.—Mining Industry.

The cruiser Raleigh was successfully launched at the Norfolk Navy Yard March 31st. The Raleigh is a twin-screw, protected steel cruiser, having a length on load line of 300 feet, an extreme breadth of 42 feet and a main draft of 18 feet. Her displacement is 3188 tons. The aggregate indicated horse-power of her engines is to be 10,000 and this is to be her speed of 19 knots, while it is to be her range of 4,000 miles.

The largest stationary engine in the United States, and among the largest in the world, is at Friedensburg, Pa. It is called the "President." Its driving-wheel is 35 feet in diameter and weighs forty tons; its sweep-rod is 40 feet long; its cylinder is 110 inches in diameter; its piston-rod 10 inches in diameter and of a 10-foot stroke, and it raises 17,500 gallons of water in a minute.

Herrmann Zeitung, who makes his living by travelling in trunks and then exhibiting himself in variety shows on the continent, made his last trip from Antwerp to Christians in a wooden box, which stood on the ship's deck four days and four nights without anybody's knowing that it contained a man. The voyage was stormy, but Zeitung kept his nose to a crack in the boards, ate his sandwiches, and kept well.

Sister Rose Gertrude, who went to the Hawaiian Islands to live and labor in the leper settlement, and married Dr. Lutz in that far-off country, writes that she is happy in her island home. She says that a reading room, provided with games, books, and so on, has been built for the unfortunate, and she adds that the best that can be done for them is to amuse them and cultivate their minds.

The lower house of the Iowa legislature has passed a bill making silver a full legal tender, and according to the dispatches, makes gold contracts illegal. Every State under the constitution has the right to make silver a legal tender, though the right to coin it is reserved to the Federal Government. It is a pity that every Western State has not passed an act making gold contracts illegal. The line will yet come when the debtors who have made such contracts will see their folly. They will be in the position of the man who sells sheep which he does not own, and who has cornered the market.

There will be nearly seven thousand steers shipped out of Apache county in May and June for Montana.

Over forty thousand sheep have been returned and listed for taxation in this county this year, of the value of seventy thousand dollars. On one half of this amount the taxes have already been paid, and the remainder secured.—Phoenix Gazette.

The editor of the Prospector says "it looks as though the funding of Arizona's indebtedness is a dead issue." No very dead, brother Bagg. The bond have been sold, the contract has been executed with the parties asking them and the bonds are now being engraved, and inside of a few weeks the money for them will be in the pockets of people holding claims against the Territory and the counties, school districts and municipal corporations of the Territory.—Phoenix Herald.

All but three or four of the sixty-four delegates which Pennsylvania will send to the National Convention will vote for Cleveland. Thus far in the race the ex-President in several laps ahead of the ex-Governor.

Reports from Southern California announce a very cold snap and frost which has nipped the fruit badly. In the northern portion of that State snow has fallen and for this season the weather is remarkably cold there.

The Scientific American thinks that it is feasible to provide small electric boats on the electric torpedoes plan, that may be carried on ships or used from the shore in sending assistance to vessels and mariners in distress.

Bismarck once said of Lord Salisbury: "He is made of lath painted to look like iron." The aptness of this definition will be appreciated by those who have read the diplomatic correspondence in the Behring Sea case.

The prices of five leading commodities have been reduced to very low levels. Iron, silver and silk are now selling for less than at any time in the history of the world since records have been kept, cotton is lower than in almost half a century, and wool is also lower than for years.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A female salvationist met a young man in the street the other day and said to him, "My brother, I am on a mission to save young men like you." "Well," said the young man, "do you save young women, too?" "Yes," was the reply. "Then," said the young man, "save one for me and I will call for her in a day or two."—Freebinker.

Jerry Simpson used, in his earlier days, to be an expert in sawing logs, and a story, told in Washington of the sockless statesman, relates that while he was doing in a chair at the Riggs House, the passing of an electric car, with its din and buzzing, recalled to his somnolent senses his old-time trade, whereupon he jumped up, shouting: "Back her; she's struck a knot!"

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