BUTTE NEWS.

HAS STOLEN THE PATENT

Salt Lake Has Now Some Gold Nugget Chickens.

THE METAL IN THE CROPS

A Good Sized Nugget Found in a Utah Chicken—Poultry Utilized as Prospectors—May Lead to Rich Placer Discoveries.

An imitator of J. A. McConville has appeared near Salt Lake. It is generally known that Mr. McConville is the old original breeder of gold nugget chickens, and he has a patent on them. He has sold Colonel Doyle the right for the Klondyke district and Doyle will take a brood of the gold nugget chickens to Klondyke in the spring to pick up nuggets.

It seems, however, that somebody down in Utah is starting up an opposition farm. The Herald of that city says:

"A few days ago the Herald made mention of the finding of a gold nugget in the crop of a chicken by a man by the name of Brown, and the news of the discovery has evidently had a stimulating effect on the owners of poultry, as now every time that a chicken is sacrificed on the chopping block its interior workings are carefully examined in the hope of finding a clean-up of gold, ready for the retort or the mint.

"It is an old saying that 'labor will have its own reward,' or words to that effect, and word was received yesterday that a resident of Sugar House ward had not made investigations in this direction in vain, as he is able to show a piece of quartz three-eighths of an inch long and an eighth of an inch thick, one-third of which is pure gold, and this he took out of the craw of a chicken which graced his table for Sunday's dinner.

"The gentleman in question has been hauling gravel from two places, and he is satisfied that he knows where the auriferous stuff comes from, and he will not rest until satisfied as to the source of the gold.

"Part of the gravel came from Emigration canyon, and it is believed that the formation there is not only favorable to gold, but that extensive placer deposits will eventually be found there, and it is also stated on good authority that colors can be found all the way from the canyon as far south as Draper.

"It is barely more than a year ago since there was considerable excitement over the alleged discovery of gold and silver placer diggings in Mill Creek canyon, several miles south of Salt Lake, and while investigations in that direction were not pushed as they should have been, the impression prevails that with more thorough examination and the expenditure of a little labor and money a second Klondyke would be disclosed almost at 'our very doors.'

"In the crops of other chickens examined by the resident of Sugar House ward above referred to, pieces of the same character of quartz were found, but no gold."

Newbro's grand holiday opening takes place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

WONG LING AH GAVE A FEAST.

Boston's Americanized Chinaman Introduces His Bride from the Orient.

From the Boston Herald.

Wong Ling Ah was married in Montreal two weeks ago. He went there to await the arrival of his bride from China. The knot was tied, but it was not until yesterday that the festivities began in Boston. Then Wong Ling Ah had a big dinner in all the restaurants and he, with members of his family, received the guests with smiles and bows and handshakes. That is, each man shook his own hands as he bowed.

The groom is an Americanized Chinaman. He wears American clothes, and has done so for many years. He does not like to dress in the flowing gowns of China. He was a happy man yesterday and had a good time.

He spent nearly all day at his new home, 21 Oxford street, and there friends called on him and saw the blushing bride. Late in the evening, when the merriment was at its height, there was an explosion of firecrackers, but Wong Ling Ah did not awake the neighborhood as Chinamen are wont to do when they have fun.

The great time was in the restaurants, which were all thrown open to the friends of Wong Ling Ah about 5 o'clock. The tables were laid out with white cloths, and the daintiest dishes were prepared. In the big Oriental restaurant, where covers were laid for 100 Chinamen, elaborate preparations had been made, and the ivory chopsticks, which are only brought out on state occasions, were beside each plate. There were all sorts of choice Chinese dishes, and that pigeons played a prominent part in the feast will be readily understood when it is known that there were over 100 live pigeons in that restaurant Tuesday evening.

Wong Ling Ah left his home on Oxford street a little before 5 o'clock. He was accompanied by his brother, and they were dressed alike. Both wore loose coats of dark red, which came to about the knee. Under this were skirts of blue, and white stockings, full at the knees. The hats were of black silk, of the shape you see on tea caddies, the crown being of red.

In Wong Ling Ah's party were two young cousins. These were dressed in long white stockings. They also wore tea caddy hats, and the sleeves of their jackets were so long that they had to be turned up at the wrists so that they could carry their fans.

These four made a tour of the restaurants, walking the streets in single file, while the people wondered. Wong Ling Ah was particularly happy, and by the time the guests began to come around he was in a handshking mood. The party of four lined up before the door of the restaurant and there received the guests. There was lots of bowing, but the George Francis Train style was adopted, and there was no shaking hands.

As a guest appeared Wong Ling Ah and his party bowed low, each man clasping his own hands and shaking them vigorously. Then there was a chatter of Chinese congratulations. This was kept up until all the tables were filled, and the same programme was carried out in each restaurant.

The dinner was a long one, and there was rice wine in plenty. The guests ate until they had to let their belts out. Then they left the restaurants in small parties, walked around the block, or stood at the street corners for a time. Then they went back and ate again.

When the dinner was about half over Wong Ling Ah made another tour of the restaurants, and the guests drank his health. After the dinner there was another reception at the house on Oxford street. The guests were introduced to the bride, and she blushed behind her fan. Some of the Chinamen tried to steal the fan, and when they succeeded the bride had to give a souvenir before she could get it back. The presents were numerous and costly, in all that stereotyped phrase implies. Mrs. Wong Ling Ah showed them to her friends.

Wong Yick, an aged relative of the groom, was the big man of the occasion. If the ceremony had taken place in China Wonk Yick would have had great responsibility on his shoulders. As it was, he had to Americanize a good deal. It was Wong Yick who placed the hat on Wong Ling Ah's head and that means a great deal.

Lost in the Clouds.

F. L. Stanton in the Atlanta Constitution.

The story of the popular vice president of the Central railway coming in contact with a Georgia cow recalls another—that of a sheriff in the rural districts, who attempted to levy on what is known as a "scrub" cow, the property of a Georgia negro, who told the story as follows:

"Yes, suh, dat cow wuz the mos' gentlest cow I ever did see, tell dat day de sheriff come for to foreclose her. Dat 'peared to upset her complete.

"De sheriff walk up, bery polite, wid de rope in his han', sayin', 'So, now—so, now!' de cow backin' down fum him all de time.

"She didn't run—she des backed, en sorter shake her head, ez much ez ter say: 'Look here, man; you'd better not fool 'roun' me!'

"Den de fust t'ing de sheriff know he didn't know nuthin,' but him en de rope went up in de elements at one en de same time!"

"Was he badly hurt?"

"We never did know, suh, kase he never did come down any mo'!"

"And the cow?"

"Oh, she 'roun' heah yit, suh. She in her ol' age now, but she 'pears to be enj'ying er good health, en des ez gentle ez kin be ter dem what knows her!"

The Tipping Nuisance.

From the London Truth.

To "tip" or not to "tip," that is the question, and like a good many more of the public, I have been somewhat startled by the announcement that the waiter of to-day is dead against the practice. It appears that he is more in favor of a regular wage, which would render him free of the caprice or meanness of those upon whom he has to wait. But, as far as can be gathered, this is a view which does not commend itself to the employer, because, in the event of his being called upon to pay regular wages, he will be compelled to demand higher prices for his dinners. I suspect that, whichever way the question is eventually settled, it will be the public who will have to pay the piper. Many years ago "attendance" was not charged in the hotel bills, but travelers objected to being laid in wait for on departure by waiter, chambermaid, boots, etc., and the system of making a charge for servants was adopted, with the result that nowadays one first pays the proprietor for the use of his servants and then tips those expectant individuals themselves.

Rude.

Arry—Your father slammed the—ah—door in my face, and I—ah—told him he was rude.

Carry—What did he say?

Arry—Said I—ah—had such a hard face it—ah—shouldn't have hurt me—ah.

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Attorney General Nolan Makes His Annual Report.

SOME OF THE WORK DONE

The Extent of the Duties Devolving Upon the Office—About 250 Opinions Have Been Rendered—The Northern Pacific Tax Case.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Helena, Dec. 10.—The first annual report of Attorney General Nolan was filed to-day with the governor. It covers the same period of time as the reports of other state officers that are being issued, Dec. 1, 1896, to Dec. 1, 1897. The attorney general furnishes the executive with a detailed account of the transactions during the year in the office of the state's legal advisor, the number and history of state cases attended to, as well as a digest of the opinions that have been prepared by the office at the request of state officers, state boards and various county officers throughout the state.

The attorney general prefaces his detailed report with a few comments upon the duties devolving upon the office, from the tenor of which it is evident that he considers the office anything but a sinecure. He says:

"In obedience to the laws of this state, I herewith transmit to you the annual report for this office. You will notice that it is exceedingly condensed, but not so much so but that the conclusion is inevitable that the office is not a sinecure. The list of cases pending and disposed of without any other work, under ordinary circumstances, would engage one man's entire time. The list of cases supplemented by the list of decisions is more than convincing that the incumbent of this office cannot justly complain on the score of lack of employment. I do not believe that the legislature or the public generally has ever realized the amount or scope of the work of this office. As it possibly might exercise a deterring influence on the legislature, which, at each recurring session, evidences a disposition to amplify and diversify the duties of this office, I will burden you for a moment with the consideration of those duties in detail. The attorney general is the legal adviser of the governor, the secretary of the state, the treasurer, the superintendent of public instruction, the auditor of the state, the state land agent, the register of the land office, the state examiner, the board of pardons, the board of prison commissioners, the board of examiners, the board of county commissioners, the state board of education, the board of equalization, the inspector of boilers, the inspector of mines, the board of medical examiners, the board of capitol commissioners, the board of arid land commissioners and several other boards and bodies and officers whose designation I cannot now recall, and whose existence is made manifest by application to this office for advice.

"It is rather fortunate for the incumbent of this office that the executive is by profession a lawyer, so that the labor from that source is reduced to a minimum. Lest that, opportunity for too much recreation might exist were the sources of labor confined to those agencies already named, the legislature makes the attorney general the adviser of the county attorneys of the different counties in the state, and expressly requires this officer, whenever called upon, to give advice in writing respecting any matter about which inquiry is made to the board of county commissioners of the different counties. He is also expressly designated as the legal adviser of both branches of the legislative assembly, and no inconsiderable portion of his work consists in the vain endeavor to satisfy the general public and the county officers of the different counties that it is not a source of great pleasure to him to answer communications emanating thus, and the more numerous those communications are the more intense the satisfaction to him.

"In addition to all of this he is a member of the board of land commissioners, whose duty it is to exercise supervision over the landed interests of the state, and is required to attend all of the sessions of that board whenever questions are considered affecting those landed interests. He is a member of the board of examiners whose duty it is to audit all of the accounts which involve the expenditure of the entire revenue of the state. He is a member of the board of equalization whose duty it is to assess the railroad property of the state and equalize assessments between the different counties. He is a member of the board of prison commissioners upon whom devolve the management of the penal institutions of the state. He is a member of the board of commissioners for the insane to whom is assigned the task of exercising supervision over the insane asylum, and there may be possibly other boards, but the enumeration above made is sufficiently comprehensive to indicate the nature and extent of the duties devolving upon this office.

"This reference is made in no querulous vein, but is simply adverted to so that the legislative assembly may be informed as to the extent of the duties which devolve upon this office, during the current year, as will be shown by the condensed list attached, which contains about 250 opinions rendered, and in nearly every instance, with one or two notable exceptions, I was required under the law to furnish this information. This list, formidable as it is, does not represent the applications made. I think that possibly I have declined to give advice in as many cases as I have given advice during the current year, and have referred the parties seeking information to local attorneys or to the county attorneys of their respective counties.

"Upon my advent into office a case of much importance to the state was pending determination in the circuit court of appeals. I have reference to the case of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. vs. Myers, involving the right of the state to tax the unpatented lands within the original grant of the Northern Pacific Railroad company. Judge Beattie, on a demurrer, and Judge Knowles, upon the final hearing, had decided adversely to the contention of the state, and held that those lands were not taxable. The circuit court of appeals, in a decision recently made, reversed the holding of the lower court, and unqualifiedly announced the doctrine that these lands were taxable. The case is now pending in the supreme court of the United States, and I expect to have the question speedily settled by that tribunal, which when done all doubts respecting this important question will be removed. I take occasion to bear testimony to the valuable aid and assistance secured through the exhaustive briefs prepared by my predecessor in this controversy."

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MASHER COMES TO GRIEF.

One Is Publicly Thrashed in Milwaukee by a Young Woman.

On one of the principal downtown streets of Milwaukee a woman was seen one evening last week roundly chastising a man with an umbrella. After severely belaboring him about the head with it for several seconds she went on her way, not stopping to enjoy the cheers of the spectators. The subject of wrath was one of those creatures who are known as "mashers." The story as told by a friend of the woman is that while she was walking along Broadway, on her way to the newsboy's art exhibit, of which she was one of the patronesses, a man wearing a polished beaver and otherwise neatly attired, approached her and said: "Good evening." The man appeared to be about 35 or 40 years of age and was apparently respectable, and the woman thought he had made a mistake. She walked to Wisconsin street, and then west. She discovered that the man was following her. He approached her for the second time and repeated his remark. Here it was light, and she thought he must have seen his mistake this time.

The man dropped behind, and the now somewhat frightened woman went on quickly. She hurried over the bridge, hoping she would now be unmolested. The man was following, however, and finally he placed himself directly in front of her just opposite Gimbel's. People walking by noticed the occurrence. For an instant the two stood facing each other. Then the woman's little figure stiffened. The hand in which she was holding an umbrella was suddenly raised, and as suddenly descended, the umbrella striking squarely upon the polished beaver, which was knocked from the man's head, and went spinning down the stairs leading to the barber shop underneath the Empire hall. An approving yell went up from several boys on the street, and everyone else shouted with laughter as the "masher," who wholly surprised, stood amazed, with eyes and mouth wide open in astonishment, receiving the punishment he justly deserved.

The Policy of Annexation for America.

Rt. Hon. James Bryce in the December Forum.

The fact is that American institutions are quite unsuited to the government of dependencies. Those institutions are pervaded all through by the principles of equality and the habits of self-government. They do not adapt themselves to countries where the population consists of elements utterly unequal and dissimilar, as in the case of Hawaii, nor to cases where the American element ought not to be expected to forego its right to self-government, but where, nevertheless, the overwhelming majority of the inhabitants, whether negroes or Asiatics, ought not to be trusted to govern even themselves, much less their white neighbors.

Britain has had painful experience of these difficulties in her own colonies; yet in her monarchical system and her colonial service she possesses machinery much more flexible and more adaptable to these conditions than the far more consistently democratic system of the United States has ever possessed or seemed capable of constructing. In other words, the problems which the United States would have to solve in Cuba or in Hawaii, were either of them to be annexed, would be, for the United States, perfectly new and extremely perplexing problems. He must be a sanguine man who thinks that a democratic government, intended to be worked by educated men of the best European stock, whose ancestors have enjoyed freedom and been accustomed to self-government for centuries, can without danger to its new subjects and injury to itself, either set up among an inferior and dissimilar population its own democratic institutions or so far depart from all its own traditions as to attempt to govern that population and its own citizens abroad by despotic methods. * * *

The United States has already a great and splendid mission in building up between the oceans a free, happy, and prosperous nation of 200,000,000 of people. And one of the noblest parts of her mission in the world has been to show to the older peoples and states an example of abstention from the quarrels and wars and conquests that make up so large and so lamentable a part of the annals of Europe. Her remote position and her immense power have delivered her from that burden of military and naval armaments which presses with crushing weight upon the peoples of Europe. It would be, for her, a descent from what may be called the pedestal of wise and pacific detachment on which she now stands, were she to yield to that earth-hunger which has been raging among the European states, and to imitate the aggressive methods which some of them have pursued. The policy of creating great armaments and of annexing territories beyond the sea would be, if a stranger may venture to say so, an un-American policy, and a complete departure from the maxims—approved by long experience—of the illustrious founders of the republic.

A Terrible Adventure.

From the Youth's Companion.

A young lady who lately journeyed from Wimbleton to London had a very uncomfortable adventure. She reached the station just as the train was starting, and had only time to jump into the first compartment, where she dropped upon a seat. Not until the train was in motion did she notice that she had a single fellow passenger, a man, young, well dressed, but of a somewhat forbidding aspect.

The young lady unfolded a newspaper and began to read, but as the first station was passed she chanced to glance again toward the other end of the carriage. The man was there, but his face was no longer serene. He appeared to be greatly agitated, and was gazing in the direction of the young lady.

A sudden overwhelming fear took possession of her. All the wild stories of railway murders to which she had ever listened rushed through her mind. She felt herself doomed. She thought of shrieking for help, but her tongue refused to move.

The monster—for so he seemed to her—looked anxiously about him, apparently to assure himself that the time was ripe for his murderous design. Then he advanced quite close to his panic-stricken fellow passenger, and put his right hand in his overcoat pocket. Was he feeling for a knife or a revolver? Springing to her feet the frightened traveler faced him in despair.

"What do you mean?" she cried, half fainting with fear.

He bent toward her, smiled grimly, and said:

"Excuse me, madam. I offer you 10,000 apologies if I have alarmed you. Such a thing was farthest from my thoughts, but the fact is, I have to alight at the next station, and since you entered the train you have been sitting on my hat."

The revulsion of feeling on the lady's part can be better imagined than described. Blushes took the place of panic. Fortunately the hat was a soft one.

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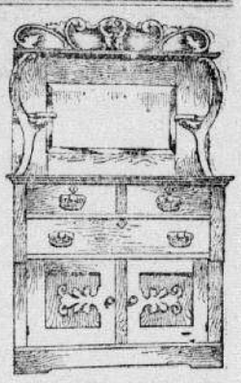

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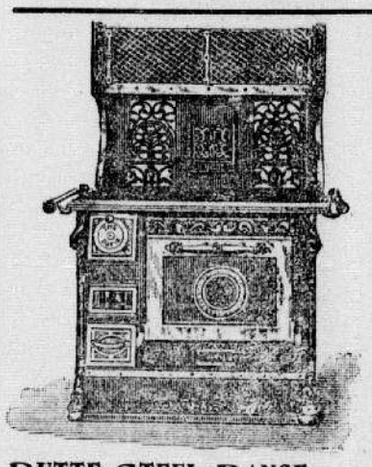

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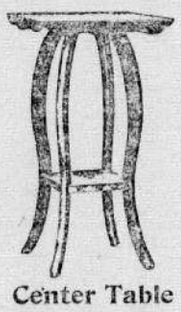

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