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The West Shore, of Portland, will illustrate Butte, soon.

The grateful rain is welcome to the cattle and the ranchmen.

Copper works at Chicago should prove a paying investment.

The funeral of Victor Hugo will be the largest ever seen in France.

Some of the city's revenues should be spent upon the city's streets.

No more frame or veneered buildings should be erected within the fire limits.

There have been nothing but compliments on the improved appearance of THE MINER.

The idle money of Eastern capitalists could find profitable channels of investments in this city.

The New York Herald advocates the erection of furnaces by cities for the incineration of garbage.

The Council should give City Marshal Storer ample powers to cope with the bunco men, thieves and pimps that infest the city.

CALIFORNIA will not get the Chinese mission, because of the feeling of this country against the Chinese. This is as heretofore to Kearney.

INSTEAD of a year the trip between Butte and Helena will be made in four hours. It now consumes nearly nine hours. This is an outrage.

DISSENTERS who undergo a change of religious views can now, by action of the General Assembly, honorably withdraw from the church.

WHAT Butte wants is a second railroad. It is better to have two roads, even if they do pool. They will be a check on each other continually.

The communists of France are seeking an opportunity to cause trouble. These hard-boiled fellows are ever ready to seek the handle, and reputation, even at the cannon's mouth.

The Union Pacific Railway Company probably got its idea of the depot fence from the early example of the Chinese. Their "great wall" was the first great monopoly scheme in the world.

The Mayor of Helena, in a card to the residents of that city, says: "The spring time has always been deemed a propitious season of the year for a general cleaning." It is needless to remark that the Mayor keeps baths.

SECRETARY BAYARD will visit Kansas in June. He will deliver the annual address before the literary societies of the University of Kansas. The great statesman should visit the great West while he is on the journey.

ALL sorts of sure-thing men are now working the city. A few of their schemes are exposed in today's issue of THE MINER. Those who accompanied with the "sure-thing" men and tricks that are "cain," should read and take heed.

SKATING rink scandals are too numerous. They are assuming very unpleasant phases and threaten to involve several heretofore happy and respected families. If these scandals are inevitable accompaniments of the rinks, the rinks will have to go.

ANACONDA, a few days ago, drove out between 200 and 300 tramps and bunco men. A gentleman residing in Anaconda and who visited Butte yesterday, counted forty of these outcasts on Main street. Butte has no use for this offscouring; for this scum of the cities and towns of the Territory. They should be driven out.

The Anaconda Review will, it is said, soon pass into the hands of a stock company, and be all published at home. The Review is now the property of the Inter-Montana and the people of Anaconda do not take to it kindly in consequence. The new owners will probably represent the Anaconda Mining Company.

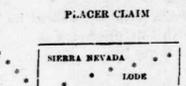
The copper men have now been given a freight rate to Chicago by the Union Pacific Railway Company. Heretofore there has been a rate only to New York. The Union Pacific has been making very important concessions to the producers of Butte lately, and they are duly appreciated. General Agent Atkins is deserving of considerable credit for these changes.

The readers of THE MINER can rest assured of one thing, that no business combination will sway its editorial utterances, or control its news columns. The editorial end of THE MINER is not inspired by the business office, and will have no knowledge of the job-printing or advertising in sight, prospect or otherwise. News is news, and legitimate comment can never be independent upon other than honest bases, predicated upon merely commercial considerations.

The highest tribute ever paid to an American lawyer is that implicit in the summons to Seymour Edmunds, of Vermont, to appear before the British House of Lords to testify on points of American law. Senator Edmunds probably has no peer in the land as a Constitutional lawyer, unless it be Attorney General Garland, and the recognition by the English Government of his standing in this respect is a very great compliment to the distinguished statesman from Vermont.

LODE AGAINST PLACER.

Court Hallett, of the United States Courts at Denver, has just decided a very important point of mineral law. The case was known as Peter Campbell et al. versus the Iron Silver Mining Company, or the Sierra Nevada Lode vs. the Moyer Placer. The main point in the controversy was between two patents to mining claims both granted by the Government on conflicting grants to placer claim, and the second, or junior, patent to a lode claim. The placer claim consisted of about ten acres of ground, and the lode claim was of the usual size, both located near Leadville. How the claims conflicted will be seen by the following diagram:



The facts leading up to the litigation are as follows. In 1877 William Moyer located what was known as the Moyer Placer claim in the California gulch mining district. Subsequently this placer fell to the ownership of the Iron Silver Mining Company, and on it are now located the important mines of that company. In 1878 a patent to the placer ground was applied for, and it was granted by the Government in January, 1879. When it was found that mineral in place existed under the placer ground, the Sierra Nevada lode claim was located, and the placer and lode conflicting as shown above. In 1883 the Government also granted a patent to the lode claim. Last summer the litigation was begun by the Iron Silver Mining Company against the Moyer Placer. The plaintiff introduced the Sierra Nevada lode patent and deeds showing title in them, and introduced testimony tending to show that it was generally known before the application was made for the placer patent, in 1878, that there was a lode or mineral deposit under the surface of the placer ground, and that the applicants for the placer patent thought so, and applied for the placer patent for the purpose of obtaining title to the lode deposits in rock-in-place beneath. The defendants, to sustain their case, introduced the patent to the Moyer Placer claim and deeds showing title in them, and the Sierra Nevada lode patent. Plaintiff's counsel contended that by virtue of an exception in the placer mining patent, "of known lodes," etc., the Sierra Nevada lode patent conveyed a strip of ground described in it, together with the mineral deposits underneath, notwithstanding the same ground had before been conveyed by the Government to the Moyer Placer patent. Defendant's counsel contended that the junior patent for the so-called lode claim was void because it attempted to convey a piece of land which had before been granted by the Government by a senior placer patent; also that the exception clause in the placer patent, saying that "The Government does what may exist beneath the surface of the placer ground," was void, and did not limit the absolute character of the conveyance by the patent, and that it was inserted in the patent by the land officers without authority of law. The judge decided in favor of the plaintiff. He said, however, that he did not consider the decision in this case as covering the vexed question as to whether the lode claim can be located wholly inside the boundaries of a patented placer claim. A case involving such a question is now pending before the United States Supreme Court.

The Catholic Sentinel, of Portland, is the sworn enemy of England. Two-thirds of its editorial space is devoted to arguments for Irish independence, and the remaining third is devoted to England. It battles—and battles ably—for "Ireland a Nation." It says: "Yes, Ireland a Nation—not a province, nor a possession, nor a land of poor-houses or rent-payers; but a Nation distinct and supreme in itself, a Nation whose people have the deciding voice in the matter of their own destiny. The fact that the Irish race the world over have been looking for, and working for, and that is just what must be before England can have peace or safety from her Irish enemies—the most formidable foe she has to face to-day. A free and independent Nation is the real meaning of Ireland's struggle—no matter what the shape it may assume according to circumstances—nationality and self-government is the logic of it all."

MADAME JAXAVERSK, the celebrated actress, who will open for a week at Remshaw's Opera House, is a Bohemian. She was born at Prague, July 20, 1830. She made her first appearance in Frankfurt, in the year 1848, as "Iphigenia." Subsequent appearances in Dresden and other cities of Germany raised her to the highest rank among actresses. She was married in a distinguished manner in Russia, where, in Moscow, she performed before the Emperor, Alexander II., who made her a gift of diamonds. Previous to the year 1871, she played in German, but that year undertook to perform in the English language. Perhaps no actress appearing in the United States commands a more intellectual and appreciative audience than Jaxaverska. She is a married woman, and is known in private life as Mrs. Frederick Pilot. Her private car, having been built for the standard-gauge roads, will not come to Butte, but remain at Garrison.

GENERAL McCLELLAN'S war article in the Century is being severely criticized. His story, to the effect that Stanton was appointed Secretary of War because he was in sympathy with his methods of campaigning, is hoisted everywhere. Neither Lincoln nor Stanton was in sympathy with McClellan at any time. The practically Mc-Clellan is a great soldier, but the practical application of his knowledge proved too much for him. He was a failure as a soldier in the field and if he should write histories of the end of time he could not alter the fact.

NORMAN J. COLEMAN, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued a circular calling a convention of delegates from agricultural colleges and allied institutions, in the various States and Territories, to meet in Washington on the 24th of June, and discuss questions pertaining to agriculture, such as the teaching of this branch in the public schools, the establishment of agricultural experiment stations, the avoidance of loss from planting impure or imperfect seed, etc.

The Orphan Girl Mine. Work has been suspended on the Orphan Girl mine in Stanton in sympathy with the operators who have expired. This mine is a very fine piece of property, and is owned, in the main, by Marcus Daly, the superintendent of the Anaconda plant. The mine is bonded for \$30,000 until about the middle of June. The Orphan Girl is unquestionably the most valuable property connected with it, have been persuaded into the honorable walks of married life.

Accident to Commissioner Powell. Information was received in Butte, yesterday, that William Powell, the worthy Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, was killed in a riding accident. While driving some horses into a corral, the horse that he was riding fell on top of him, and he was killed. Mr. Powell was riding a horse that he had bought from the St. Paul and Omaha canvassers for job work. They both Butte but very little prices here being as low as their own, but they from New Mexico and have been taken to the business men of Montana, and their patronage to the local press, their struggle for existence being sufficiently hard without being robbed of the patronage that is justly due them by Eastern drummers. Help along the local papers. They are constantly laboring for the good of the communities in which they may happen to be located and are entitled to the good will and patronage of all the inhabitants of such places.

Chicago is great on big acts. They spent a great deal of money on Demosch's Wagnerian festival, much more on Maple-son's grand opera festival, but when something comes along that is really up to their standard they just turn themselves loose: thirty-six thousand of them attended the first performance of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Communists of Paris have had a little difficulty with the police. Any other place the little "scene" would have been no consequence, but in volatile France more trifling circumstances have led to revolution. There are many reasons upon which to base the fear that the strong arm of the Empire is the best Government for the Pacific, but the rest of France is too thoroughly impregnated with republican ideas ever to go back to the old system of Government.

The Chinese are a detriment to any community. A cry has gone up against the race on the Pacific Coast and yet they are nowhere so peaceful and better than in California. Where else are Chinese cooks laboring? Where else do they displace white labor on railroads and mines? Where are the Chinese people given the same social privileges? Either the people of this coast should cease their preaching against the Chinese or practice more of it.

Wages the chief of the Shoshones, now in the city, wants to go out to "paint the town red," he takes his name with him. "Tenboy" can make it as warm for the boys as a dozen of them. His queen keeps a sharp eye on him and objectually renounces to his visiting the variety theatres. She need not worry; some-smelling objects than he visit the theatres. He can visit them with impunity—the habits are dead safe.

Now that Freilinghousen is dead the press of the country is speaking of him as a "great man." He was nothing of the kind. He did not even have the symptoms of statesmanship. He came from one of the low aristocratic families of New Jersey, that seem to exist only to reign and to give respectability to Jersey officials. He was a man of very ordinary ability, but honest and respectable, which is the very best that can be said of him.

A MEETING in the interest of bi-metalism was held in Salt Lake some time ago and efficient steps were taken to help the National movement. The people of Montana have shown little interest in the matter. A great danger threatens the silver interest. It is the matter to go by default and the gold men thus to win an easy victory? What say our silver producers?

MR. CHARLES S. WARREN, of Butte, is a Colonel now, or a Brigadier General or something of that sort. Under the recent act for the establishment and maintenance of the Territorial militia the Governor has appointed him military officer. We congratulate the Territory on his appointment and respectfully salute our fellow townsman.

Butte and Anaconda give the Union Pacific Railway Company one-tenth of the total business of that great railroad. President Adams admits this in his annual report. Has the management of the North-North Pacific can reach Butte by the Pipestone Pass.

MADAME JAXAVERSK, our operatic star, is in town for a few days. She will play the major part of her repertoire, including "Blossoms of the East," "My Life," and the standard dramas in which she has made so deservedly great a reputation.

GROUND was yesterday purchased between the depot and the cemetery, for the erection of a new sneller of large capacity. The parties interested for the present decline to give the details, but assert that this sneller will prove a blessing to the small mine owners of the camp.

CLEAN up the men whose precarious living is obtained from the earnings of some poor creature who prostitutes her person to base uses. Such men are too contemptible to live and should not be tolerated in any community. There are too many of them in Butte.

Now that Miss Cleveland has returned to the White House the scandal-mongers of the capital will probably cease to slobber over her. Her conduct has surprised at New York looking after the publication of her book.

A HELENA prospector "has found silver ore that runs \$35,000 to the ton." They must have heavy tons in Eastern Montana or tremendous lumps. Helena should immediately build a mill for this \$35,000 ore. It is a good thing.

THERE never was anything of the snob about Grant, and that has something to do with his hold on the people. He is a man of the masses.

It is simply a question of time, and very short time, too, when Butte must have sewerage. Surveys in that direction should be made.

Everyone should take an interest in Decoration Day. It is a national holiday and one that should be appropriately commemorated.

LOGAN'S success in Illinois thrusts him to the front for 1888. His election after so bitter a fight will give him great political prestige.

A CORRESPONDENT suggests that maybe England will play Russia a game of lawn tennis. Evidently, she'll accept no other game.

The City Council should order the enforcement of the vagrant law. The bunco men, sure-thing men and pimps will have to go.

The saw and the hammer are heard in every direction in Butte and it is cheerful music for the real estate holders.

The New York Journal suggests that the Canadians unwind Kiel with a plug-hat and a new suit of clothes.

A half-bred girl named Rhoda Kelley, 8 years old, was drowned in a ditch at Salem. In the vicinity of the new location of Alkali stock buyers have lately expended over \$65,000 for beef cattle.

Owing to the fixing of railroad fares at one cent a mile in Oregon an influx of one-cent pieces into this State is announced, for use in making exact change.

Mr. Stillmaker, living with her husband and family near Salem, left the house on Monday night, and was never seen since. It is believed that she was drowned in a corral, the horse that she was riding falling on top of her.

A party of masked men raided a house of ill fame at Harper, Morrow county, on Friday night, and drove the proprietor and his family into the street. They carried away the furniture and nearly destroyed the building. The occupants were a man and a woman named Mrs. L. and a child. They were given five minutes to get their things together and were then driven out of the place.

Hiram Lev, of Cottage Grove, Lane county, has brought suit against Alex. Cooley to recover \$10,000 damages for the loss of a cow. Cooley is a well-known farmer of excellent reputation, and long residence in the county. He claims that it is blackhead, and he will fight the case to the bitter end.

There has been considerable loss of sheep in Western Utah and Eastern Morrow counties, occasioned by cold rains and carelessness in the winter. It is estimated that the loss in Utah alone is \$1,000,000. In the neighborhood of Heppner some 2,500 sheep are reported dead, and the

CALIFORNIA.

San Diego is to be lighted by electricity. The Trampus street building. Lottery dealers in San Jose are being prosecuted. The Red Bull market is forfeited with the exception of a few barrels. Heidelberg is to build a new city hall at a cost of about \$13,000.

Riverside is to have a new irrigation canal of 5,000 acres capacity. Numerous arrests for selling liquor to Indians being made in San Bernardino. There are still 1,700,000 acres of vacant Government land in the Visalia land district.

Thomas Rapp was arrested at Biggs on Monday for a robbery committed at Marysville. While excavating in the streets of Nevada city for a water pipe on Monday some rich quartz was encountered.

An insane man attempted to rob a man in the Los Angeles Cathedral on Sunday, but was promptly arrested by the police. A driver on a truck was taken to the county jail on a charge of driving a horse to a public place.

At Spokane Falls, the body of a six-year-old son of A. E. Davidson was found above the city. The body was found in a ditch, and it was believed that the child had been drowned, and had evidently fallen in from a boom of logs.

A fire near the center of town destroyed the California Poultry market, spice mill, French laundry, candy factory, dry goods store and two large unoccupied dwellings. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the boiler of the laundry.

From an eye-witness to the accident at Fort Spence, the following particulars are learned: Nearly all the baggage, etc., had been transported to the opposite side of the river. Just before the crossing, a distance of about 200 yards, the river narrowed and gave a sharp turn to the right, and a mass of foam, whirlpools and eddies, in the center of the river, were formed. The heavy barge being to drift rapidly towards the projecting rocks of the rapids. In a few seconds it struck the rocks and was hurled by the current, and with a crash, like a peal of thunder, it gave way completely, separating in the middle, half of it clinging to the rocks and the other half swept away and shooting down with the current. There was a party of officers' wives in an ambulance on the shore who were all terrified by the sight, and the shrill appeals for help from the drowning men are said to have been heartrending, but no assistance was rendered. The bodies of the three who were rescued, the bodies of the three who were not seen after getting into the rapids. An Indian who was on board at the time of the accident, and who had been brained by the shock that he has since died of his injuries.

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IDAHO.

Many miners are leaving the Wood River country. The Eagle Rock authorities are after the tramps with a sharp stick. There were four inches of snow at Beaver Canyon one day last week. Subscriptions are being liberally made for the erection of a Catholic Church at Eagle Rock.

The people of Northern Idaho are petitioning for laws to have troops stationed at Fort Lemhi. A party of half a dozen tramps have been arrested at Eagle Rock for breaking the seals of freight cars and stealing therefrom. Norman H. Camp, Government Assayer at Butte, has been arrested as a defaulter. His accounts are short over \$12,000.

A party of two boys were struck by lightning near Sweedley's, near the horseback at the time. The horses were killed and the clothing completely stripped from both the boys, who escaped injury.

UTAH. Strawberry festivals are all the rage in Ogden. Copious crops are assured throughout the Territory. Michel Axelson, a Salt Lake tailor, blew out his brains Sunday morning.

At Helena, a daily being made in Salt Lake for "unlawful exhibition." The Mormons promptly give bonds. The G. A. R. posts are making grand preparations for the observance of Decoration Day at Salt Lake and Ogden. The roads between Salt Lake and the Snake river country are said to be lined with the wagons of emigrants.