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Dakota is producing something new all the time. If it is not a new character of mineral, it's a new species of rascality, but the latest production of this wonderful land is a new fuel, an oil saturated rock as inflammable as the finest canal coal. This new discovery was made in Charles Mix county and was the result of an accident, the very way in which many of the most useful things on earth have been vouchsafed to man. The mine is located on the Missouri river, and the accidental discovery of the character of its product will, it is confidently believed, solve the fuel question by giving us a cheaper article, as croppings of this burning material may be seen in many places along the Big Muddy. Frank Alexander, one of the proprietors of the pit in Charles Mix county, says the burning qualities of the rock were discovered by a piece that was thrown out by a blast and falling into a fire which the workmen had near the mouth of the shaft. Referring further to the burning virtues of this new fuel he said that a pile of three bushels of the stuff was set on fire out of doors and burned freely. There were live embers left twenty-four hours after the fire was kindled. This petroleum rock is soon to be tested on the Milwaukee railroad as fuel for locomotives. A piece of the rock about as big as a hickory nut was tried in a retort recently by a Yankton scientist, and found to contain three drops of petroleum. The inflammable property of the shale comes from this oil.

The Yankton Press of the 27th ult., referring to the new "find," says: The discovery of the new fuel deposit in Charles Mix county reminds several steamboat captains that the same material exists all along the Missouri river. Captains Sims, Burleigh, Belk and Coonce say they have seen it cropping out in dozens of different places between Yankton and Bismarck. They have examined it but did not suppose it would burn and therefore considered it valueless. Capt. Burleigh says there is plenty of the material on the old Burleigh premises in Bon Homme county, and he believes it could be found near Yankton. This fuel can hardly be classed as coal, though it ignites readily and burns with a fierce heat. In appearance it resembles the hard, blue shale formation which abounds in Dakota, almost approaching slate in texture. It is saturated with oil and this gives it combustible qualities. Charles Mix county is going wild over this discovery.

Narrow Gauge Railroads.
At intervals during the past twenty years the narrow gauge system of railroads has had a boom in some section of this country. This system is a hundred times more easily constructed and cheaply operated—on paper by editors—than the standard gauge road. Montana has now got a narrow gauge, and the Montana newspaper men are figuring out its superiority over the broader roads. Narrow gauge railways are always popular in a country where a wide gauge cannot afford to be built. In this popularity, however, is demonstrated the philosophy of the people. It is always best to be satisfied with what you can get than to be worrying yourself to death for things beyond your reach. On this platform our Montana contemporaries are sold, judging by the following "facts and figures" clipped from the Helena Herald of the 25th ult.:

"A railroad authority who claims to be posted, supplies some interesting figures in connection with the construction, operation and business of Montana's narrow gauge road, the Utah & Northern. He states that the grading, tying, ironing and equipping of the line has cost less than \$8,000 a mile. The total cost of 450 miles he places in round numbers at \$3,600,000, which is above the actual figures, including the rolling stock. It is stocked on a basis of \$20,000 to the mile, the total share issue now exceeding somewhat \$9,000,000. Its operating expenses are estimated to be the least of any piece of railway of equal length in the United States. Its earnings for the year closing December 31, 1881, are represented to have reached 60 per cent. of \$3,600,000, its cost, or a total of \$2,160,000. These figures, if correct or approximately so, are instructive. They show that few, if any better investments can be made than in narrow gauge railways, especially when such roads are built in the 'right places.' A grand empire like Montana, the richest of the territories and developing the fastest, will require in the near future systems not only of narrow but standard gauge roads. Come on with them."

The June Rise.
Some of the steamboat men in Bismarck have been uneasy regarding the prospective stage of water in the Big Muddy during the spring and summer. They have been laboring under the impression that there is no snow in the mountains, and no prospects for a big fall, owing to the unjointed condition of the weather. But the following item from the Independent of the 27th ult. will probably set their minds at rest:

Last evening the snow in the Flint creek hills, immediately west of New Chicago, was reported to be three feet deep. There has never, since the navigation of the upper Missouri, been any reasonable foundation for fearing a lack of water in that stream. It would be a most remarkable climatic state of affairs indeed, should ever an insufficient quantity

of snow fall in the vast water sheds that feed the current of the Big Muddy. The great river heads in a region in which the snow falls as regularly as the winter comes around. Thus far the present year the falls, from all reports, have been somewhat limited, but still there is plenty of time for blizzards upon top of blizzards to anchor themselves in the snowy ranges of the mountains from which the Missouri draws her source of supplies. We have no fears of a water famine in the old mother of rivers.

Ed. M. Joyce and Troupe Arrested.

Men and woman have been arrested in every part of the world, on all kinds of charges, but it remained for the people of Moorhead, Minn., to arrest a variety troupe on a charge of not playing what was on their bills. It seems that E. M. Joyce's troupe which was made up in Bismarck, and comprising, among others, the following well known local celebrities: Edwin M. Joyce Miss Verona Carroll and Prof. C. E. Charles, appeared at Moorhead on the evening of the 3d inst., under the name of the "Great Royal Australian Dramatic and Concert Company." They billed the town for "a highly sensational drama" in four acts, entitled, "Faes to Faes; or sentenced for Life." To quote the Tribune: "At last the curtain was rung up, and the audience was dumb-founded at the horrible manner in which the worn out farce, Domestic Felicity was murdered.

Then came the 'star of the operatic firmament and America's greatest contralto and double-voiced vocalist—Miss Verona Carroll; she was greeted with hisses and shouts of 'put her out,' as her manner of singing justly warranted such procedure.

Edwin M. Joyce, the proprietor of the 'varieties,' then gave some of his stale selections, sang years ago in all of the principal varieties of the country, and received an ovation similar to that of his predecessor.

At last the programme was completed without a word of explanation as to why they did not play what they advertised, and the audience left the hall bent on revenge at whatever cost.

Oliver Hall and I. U. Wheaton entered complaint before Justice Lum, who issued a warrant for the arrest of the entire troupe on the grounds of obtaining money under false pretences.

Sheriff Mertz served the papers on the parties, who were found at Sam Leland's restaurant, awaiting the departure of the train for Duluth, where they were to appear this evening.

Sheriff Mertz demanded \$100 bail for the troupe to appear before Justice Lum this morning with the alternative of imprisonment in the county jail, and although considerable "kicking" was done, the desired amount was furnished and the troupe allowed to rest in peace until 10 o'clock this morning, when they will appear in court.

On the following day, we learn from the Tribune, which was received last evening, Manager Joyce plead guilty of misdemeanor and paid a fine of \$10 and costs, amounting to \$13.50.

They Buried the Remains.

A somewhat remarkable funeral took place in Bismarck the other night. It was as silent and quiet as the celebrated burial of Sir John Moore. Upon this recent and local occurrence the shattered remains of a stove were laid away under the ground. The funeral took place from a house in the alley near Fourth street, and the circumstances which necessitated the ceremony are briefly rehearsed. The heater, in some mysterious manner got itself around a loaded stick of wood which had been placed on a neighboring fuel pile, and not being able to resist the force of the explosion, it went to pieces, to the utter amazement of half a dozen coons who had gathered about its warm surface. No one was killed, but the entire party was laid out on the floor flat as postage stamps. Wood-hawking is sometimes expensive and dangerous.

A Celebrated Dog.

Young Staples, upon reading the notice of his arrival in Sunday morning's Tribune, gave his brace of bull dogs away to a couple of citizens. One of these dogs, it is said, is a very celebrated pup, being none other than the victor in the \$1,000 match fought in Kentucky last fall, in which his antagonist was killed. The names of the principles in that battle were Pilot and Orib. We do not remember which one gave up the ghost. If it was Pilot, then the dog now owned in Bismarck is Orib, and vice versa. At all events the canine now here looks as though he had contested several thousand dollar matches. He looks about the head as if he had suffered a severe case of small-pox.

Tax ingenuity of the average Dakota rascal is something to be admired. There is no limit to his resources when he becomes financially stranded. A fellow in Deadwood last week invaded the aristocratic resident portion of that city, and representing himself as a new partner of the leading physician of a neighboring camp, succeeded in making a raise of \$50 by vaccinating the women and children of that place with glycerine.

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Rescued From Death.

The following statement of William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to ask for it the attention of our readers. He says: "In the fall of 1870 I was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1871 I was admitted to the city hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I expended over a hundred dollars in doctors and medicines. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of Dr. Wm. Hall's BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I bought a bottle, but I got a bottle to satisfy my whim, when to my surprise and gratification I commenced to feel better. My hope, once dead, began to revive, and to-day I feel in better spirits than I have in past three years. I write this hoping you will publish it, so that every one afflicted with diseased lungs will be induced to take Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs, and be convinced that Consumption can be cured. I have taken two bottles and can positively say that it has done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness. My cough has almost entirely disappeared and I shall soon be able to go to work." Sold by druggists. 41ylcwo

Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Bismarck, D. T., January 20, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof, under act of March 3d, 1877, and May 27th, 1878, at this office at eleven o'clock a.m., February 20th, 1882, viz:—

Norman Falconer.

Homestead entry No. 99, for the west 1/4, of northeast 1/4, and lots 9 and 10, section 24, township 18 north, range 80 west, and names the following as his witnesses, to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: Robert Macneider, Thomas Gilbert, George Hay and Henry Salsbury, all of Burleigh county, D. T. Postoffice address, Bismarck, D. T. JOHN A. REA, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

LAND Office at Bismarck, Dakota, January 11th, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof, under act of March 3d, 1877, and May 27th, 1878, at this office at eleven o'clock a.m., February 20th, 1882, viz:—

GEORGE HAY.

Homestead entry No. 369, for the north half of the southeast quarter, section 22, township 18 north, range 80 west, and names the following as his witnesses, to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Salsbury, Wm. E. Cahall, Alex. Cameron and Thomas Gilbert, all of Burleigh county; post-office, Bismarck. J. A. REA, Register.

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Marshal's Notice of Sale.

The United States vs. the steamboat Peninah her tackle, apparel, and furniture. By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas issued out of the district court of the United States of America for the first judicial district of Montana Territory, and to me directed and delivered, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the 28th day of November, A. D., 1881, at 10 o'clock a. m., above ferry landing on the west side of the Missouri river near Bismarck, Dakota Territory, the steamboat Peninah, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, condemned at the suit of the United States. ALEX. C. BOTKIN, U. S. Marshal, District of Montana. Dated, Helena, Montana, October 27, 1881. DS-12-19-26.

The above sale is hereby postponed until the 7th day of December, A. D. 1881, by order of the U. S. Marshal for the District of Montana. Nov. 28, 1881.

The above sale is hereby postponed until Saturday, December 10, at 10 o'clock a. m., by order of ALEX. C. BOTKIN, U. S. Marshal, Dist. Montana.

By J. H. HATHAWAY, Dep't Marshal. The above sale is hereby postponed until Thursday, December 29, 1881, at 10 o'clock a. m. By order of ALEX. C. BOTKIN, U. S. Marshal, Dist. Montana.

By J. H. HATHAWAY, Deputy Marshal. The above sale is hereby postponed until Wednesday, January 4th, 1882, at 10 o'clock a. m. By order of Alex. C. Botkin, United States Marshal for the district of Montana.

By A. P. AYOTT, United States deputy marshal The above sale is hereby postponed until Thursday, January 12, 1882, at 10 o'clock a. m. by order of ALEX. C. BOTKIN, United States Marshal for district of Montana by A. P. AYOTT, Deputy Marshal. January 3, 1881.

The above sale is hereby postponed until Wednesday, the 8th day of February, 1882 at 2 o'clock p. m. ALEX. BOTKIN, U. S. Marshal Dist. Montana. By J. W. HATHAWAY, Deputy Marshal. Dated, Bismarck, D. T., January 5, 1882. 31-35

Mortgage Sale.

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by Harlow A. Gale and Elizabeth C. Gale his wife, mortgagors, to William W. McNair, mortgagee, bearing date the 26th day of September, A. D. 1877, whereby the said mortgagors did grant, bargain, sell and convey, to the said mortgagee, his heirs and assigns, the following described real estate, situate and being in the county of Burleigh and Territory of Dakota, to wit: the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-nine (29) in township one hundred and thirty-nine (39) north of range eight (8) west of the 5th principal meridian, containing according to the United States survey thereof, eighty acres more or less; which mortgage was given to secure the payment of a promissory note bearing even date therewith, given by the said Harlow ten hundred twenty-three dollars (\$1,023), payable one year after date with ten per cent interest per annum until paid; which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of deeds of Burleigh county, D. T., on the 10th day of October, A. D. 1877, at 4 p. m., in book "B" of mortgages on page 51 (6).

And whereas, there is claimed to be due on said note and mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of fourteen hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$1,462) as principal and interest on said note, and thirty and twenty-five one hundredths dollars taxes paid by the mortgagee on said land, together with seventy-five dollars allowed by the terms of said mortgage as attorney fees in case of foreclosure. And that no proceedings at law or otherwise have been taken to recover the amount secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now therefore, Notice is hereby given: that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of said mortgaged premises above described at public auction to the highest bidder, which sale will be made by the sheriff of Burleigh county, D. T., or his deputy at the front door of the court house, in the city of Bismarck, in said county, on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1882, at 2 o'clock p. m., to satisfy the amount which will then be due on said note and mortgage, including taxes paid and all lawful costs and disbursements of sale.

WM. W. MCNAIR, Mortgagee. Dated Jan. 10th, 1882. FLANNERY & WETHEBY, Attorneys for Mortgagee. 83-39

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