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There were red spots on the sun yesterday and the heavens were streaked with an angry light, all of which could not be attributed to an excess of either electricity or natural gas within the environments of Salt Lake City.

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At the office of the company no satisfactory answer could be obtained for this failure of the gas supply, and in many instances an impudent reply was given to inquirers as to the cause of the suspension of the service.

At 10 a. m. when a Herald representative called to ascertain the reason for the shutting off of the gas, the only information that could be obtained on the subject was that the gas mains had either failed or that the gas mains had been called again, but still no one was any the wiser concerning a matter in which hundreds of people in this city were interested, and the information was volunteered that the company was starting up its artificial gas works and that by 5 o'clock there would be plenty of gas for all necessary purposes.

A reporter asked to see the manager, Mr. Moffat, but was told that he was out at the wells. At 4:30 another call was made at the office, but still the employees were intensely ignorant as to the cause of the failure of the gas supply.

The statement was returned, however, that by 5 o'clock there would be plenty of artificial gas, but no one with authority was present who could give The Herald representative any satisfaction as to the true cause of the inconvenience. The gas mains of the company had been obliged to put up with Mr. Moffat was still absent, (this time he was paying off the men at the gas works and might be in at any time, and would the reporter wait awhile to see him?)

At 6 o'clock there was a very weak flow of gas, but the supply was insufficient for either cooking or lighting purposes, and it was necessary to be obliged to go out for kerosene, or restore the light of oil lamps to their accustomed places.

As it is the people of Salt Lake are very indignant over the treatment that has been accorded them by the gas company, they are talking in the public rooms, in the offices about town and on the streets that the city council should by all means take the franchise away from the company and give it to some corporation that would make a greater effort to accommodate the people and give better service, not only as to the gas supply, but also as to its electrical service, which has been abominable for the past six or eight months.

In fact, the affairs of the company have been so managed of late that complaints have been both numerous and severe, and it is claimed by many that the company is being kept in business for the reason that it can make a much greater profit by the manufacture and sale of artificial gas, and that for this reason it is doing all in its power to give out light and heat, and that the gas wells at Lake Shore are not being worked, and that on account the company will be obliged to return to the use of artificial gas; but it will find it is done that a great many of its present patrons will leave their homes and use steam light or coal. In fact, a Herald representative was informed yesterday by more than one person that it was their intention to put in stoves anyway, as they would not be bothered any more by such inconvenient gas, and the suggestion was made by them that they thought "it was poor policy for the company to do as it is doing when the people know just what it is doing it for."

Under the franchise from the city the Electric Light company cannot charge more than 50 cents for 1,000 feet of natural gas. The former charge for artificial gas was \$2.50 per 1,000 feet of light or heat, and the cost of manufacturing it from coal is not so large but that the company can make a much greater profit in supplying the city with gas than in the business of natural gas.

The New American Gas & Fuel company, which originally obtained the franchise from the city and which is now supplying the electric light com-

pany with gas, claim that the electric people accuse them of supplying artificial gas light line from this city to the wells at Lake Shore. This line, so it is claimed, leaks badly, so that a greater portion of the pressure is lost while the gas is in transit to this city; and this leakage, the gas company states, is one of the reasons, and the main one, for the weak pressure in the mains; and the gas company claims, furthermore, that the electric company, knowing this to be true, has made no special effort to repair the line, with the result that a large amount of gas is lost daily, and that but for this loss there would be a heavy pressure at all times, and that there would always be plenty of gas for all purposes, and more, too.

In consequence of this condition of affairs and the alleged failure of the electric company to make settlement for gas furnished by the gas company, the latter company will file a suit against the former tomorrow. The attorneys for the gas company, so The Herald is informed, are Goodwin & Van Pelt, and Brown, Henderson & King.

Another kick that is being made against the Electric Light company is that the electric lights furnished by it are exceedingly poor in quality. This complaint is general throughout the city, and a number of prominent citizens made the statement yesterday that they would almost as soon have an old-fashioned candle dip for a light as the lights now furnished by the company, as now the electric lights were so poor and weak that it took four of them to make the light that was formerly made by one globe; and it is in fact that the electric light diffuses about as much light at the present time as an old-fashioned glow-worm or an old-fashioned lightning bug; and it is for this reason that the company, according to the colonel, has been putting in electric lights independent of the Salt Lake & Ogden company.

It is understood that the electric light company give as a reason for this poor service that the Big Cottonwood Power company, from which it derives the major portion of its electrical supply, has failed to meet the demand on account of which the old dismantled power plant in this city is now being overhauled, the intention being to generate electrical power to meet the demand.

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East Golden Gate Mining company of Mercur, Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 5, 1896. To Shareholders: The majority shareholders of this company have this day placed in escrow in the hands of E. W. Duncan, trustee, cashier National Bank of the Republic of this city, a certain contract with Captain J. B. Black of Salt Lake City, Utah, in substance as follows: Said majority shareholders have deposited 150,000 shares of stock of the company with an agreement to deposit 100,000 or more shares additional stock in the event the minority shareholders do not desire to participate in the option and deposit all or any part of the 100,000 shares on or before December 15, 1896. Captain Black under said contract agrees to pay 10 cents per share on all stock taken as follows: 5 cents per share on or before February 24, 1897, and 5 cents per share on or before March 24, 1897.

Stock should be forwarded under this option to W. Duncan, trustee, National Bank of the Republic, Salt Lake City, Utah. E. J. CARTER, Secretary.

It is to be hoped that this mine, under the management of Captain Black, will develop into a valuable producer, and that the purchasers of the stock, if the bond is taken up, will make a bushel of money out of the enterprise, but it is to be regretted that the first purchaser of the stock, if the bond is taken up, will not be the same, will not share in the benefits, if any accrue.

While the methods of the East Golden Gate company have been criticized from time to time, it is to be regretted that its acts were so deserving of censure as its failure to inform the stockholders of the company of the exact results obtained with the diamond drill by means of which the property is now being prospected. The stockholders had the right to know this, and had they been informed regarding the same, it might have made some difference with them in the disposition of their stock, and it is even hinted that the company, in this mode of procedure, an action may be brought against the company.

At the meeting of the directors of the company yesterday, Captain Black was elected general manager and vice-president of the company.

THE CYANIDE PROCESS PATENT.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The Sun says: The persons who represent the MacArthur-Forrest patents for extracting gold from ores by the use of cyanide of potassium are not so sure that they have met with a serious defeat in the legal battle before the high court of justice in the South African republic, as they are reported to be in the United States. Walter D. Edmunds, who represents the patentee companies in this country, said yesterday that it was altogether too early for anyone to assert that the persons using the process throughout the other parts of the world would now refuse to pay royalties and fight the patents instead.

"It is not known in this country upon what grounds the Transvaal court has invalidated the patents. It should be borne in mind, also, that the Transvaal court is not the final authority in order that it will be able to do at a greater extent than the Transvaal court. It is a big out in the proceeds, 50 per cent of which could be saved with a good mill."

The Australian patents were not overthrown under their merits, but because no work had been done under them in that country within three years of the time they were granted.

It is, of course, true that no decision rendered under the law in one country can affect the validity of a patent granted here under our laws. It is known, however, that evidence was gathered here for the purpose of showing that the fact was known that cyanide of potassium would dissolve gold, but also that a dilute solution of the cyanide would also dissolve the ore.

The shipments during October were considerably smaller than in any previous month of 1896, and November begins with little prospect of improvement. We have to report shipments from Old Telegraph mine, 100 tons; Northern, 100 tons; Black Hawk, 28; hauled by Tom Mayne from various mines, 200; Dalton and Lark, an increase on the September shipments, when they were 100 tons. (The only one of the silver question should be evidenced this fall, without a doubt the company will act accordingly, and with a profitable market, whenever it comes, will result in an extensive operation. The mines are capable of marketing a large amount of ore at short notice.

Since work was recently started at the Badger mine the vein has rapidly improved, and is now showing 18 inches of rich sand carbonates and galena. The incline had reached a depth of 500 feet, and 10 to 12 feet above, now has been added. A vein above, following a fissure and at a dip which draws toward the lower one, will probably be reached in another 75 feet. The vein is reported to be rich when they come together the vein will be a whopper. The Badger is liable to be a lively shipper next season.

Fred Peterson and partners have secured the contract for running the tunnel of the Henry M. group, from Sap gulch. The site for the Henry M. mill is being cleared, and as soon as details are completed work will begin on the tunnel. The members of the group are about to incorporate, probably under the name of the Highland Boy Mining company, and are planning for an extensive operation. The election and storming this week have brought mining matters near to a standstill, and there are few features of interest to report.

Ore and Bullion.

The ore and bullion receipts yesterday were as follows: National Bank of the Republic—Ajax ore, \$10,000; Ajax bullion, \$5,000; cyanides, \$3,000.

R. Jones & Co.—Ore, \$2,100; bullion, \$5,200; National Bank of the Republic—Wells, Fargo & Co.—Bullion, \$1,000; McCornick & Co.—Ore, \$5,000; cyanides, \$10,000.

Silver and Lead.

Silver was quoted yesterday at 65 1/2 cents; lead, \$2.00; casting copper, 19 1/2 cents.

Bank Clearings.

The clearings of the associated banks yesterday were \$218,500. For the same day they were \$218,500. For the same week last year they were \$180,742.

Mining Notes and Personalities.

The 14-ton lot of Galena ore, mentioned of which was made yesterday, was sold

on the open market in the afternoon and netted the company \$1,253.44. Dan Ferguson, of the Dalton mine, at Marysville is in the city. Charlie Cowan, the well known assayer, was in from Bingham yesterday. The Mackintosh sampler yesterday received 37 tons of silver ore. That old stand-by, the Desert National bank, has just paid its 6th quarterly dividend.

W. E. James, of the Maxwell mine, in Big Cottonwood canyon, is in the city again after a long stay at the mine, which, he states, is looking fairly well.

H. A. Culmer has made application at the United States land office for orders for patent surveys of the Assay claim Nos. 29 and 30 in an unincorporated district in Utah county. Bird & Lowe are Mr. Culmer's attorneys and Charles Tappan has been appointed the surveyor.

Hon. H. J. Grant left last night for Ogden for the purpose of inspecting and planing shagbarks of the Grant company not far from Baker city. A clean-up has just been made by the surveyors. On the 30th of seven days and 20 hours, amounting to 34 1/2 days. The company is highly pleased with the showing, and it is expected that the stock will rise to 10 cents a share by the end of the year. On the 30th an upraise will be made to the ore above.

The excursion to Tintic district today over the Rio Grande Western road will be a most interesting one. A number have announced their intention of taking advantage of this opportunity of visiting the great camp, and the number between T. P. Lewis, William Harker, Ben Harmon, R. E. Miller, E. Metcalf, and others. The crowd will be large. Steve Love, A. H. Woodrum, Joe Eldridge, W. J. Lewis, George Blackburn and many others are expected to accompany the excursion. Murray to accommodate those who would like to join the party.

Nels Youngberg is down from the South Fork of Big Cottonwood, where he has been doing assessment work on the group of claims owned by the South Fork Cottonwood Mining company. The group consists of the extension of the lower tunnel, in which the showing at the present time is about 100 feet. The face of the tunnel is now in the capping of the vein. As soon as the ledge is cut, it is expected that the showing will be about 90 feet and then to sink a winze. Mr. Youngberg expects to return to the mine about the first of December.

Three men have been employed for some time in doing dead work. The Golden Eagle mine of Central Nevada district, Nevada, and a carload of ore on the market yesterday that carried a price of \$2.00 per ton, against \$1.50 for the same quality of ore in the market. This ore was shipped in a regular consignment, and is being sold at a price of \$2.00 per ton. The mine is being worked by the Transvaal court, and is being worked by the Transvaal court, and is being worked by the Transvaal court.

MAY BECOME ONE.

PROBABLE UNION OF THE DEMOCRATS AND POPULISTS.

Palmer and Buckner, Democrats, Can No Figure in the Campaign Nor in the Election, and Will Cut No Figure Hereafter.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—A special from Milwaukee, Wis., says: E. C. Wall, Wisconsin national committeeman of the Democratic party, says he has no apologies to offer for having espoused the doctrine of the Chicago platform, and that the Cleveland administration erred in its handling of the bond issues and in its unwarranted interference with the rights of local communities. He continues: "The continued success of the Republican party means the concentration of power and curtailment of the rights of the people to govern themselves."

"The question of bimetalism as opposed to the single gold standard will remain a dominant issue, and will be one of the fixed principles of the platform of the Democratic and People's parties will become one. In my recent intimate contact with the leaders of the People's party, I have found them to be well intentioned and enthusiastic set of men. They have the welfare of mankind at heart."

"TOO MUCH" CONGRESS.

Senator McMillan on the Prospects of an Extra Session.

DETROIT, Nov. 7.—Senator McMillan, in an interview today, in regard to McKinley calling an extra session of congress, after his inauguration as president, said: "It is impossible at this time to judge as to the probabilities of a special session. We want to show that the Wilson bill will operate as a stimulant to the people. It depends upon importations. If the receipts of revenue should increase sufficiently to meet the needs of the government, I doubt whether a special session would be called. However, they should provide insufficient, prompt measures would, I suppose, be demanded."

ARMY AFFAIRS.

Inspector Breckinridge Makes His Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Inspector General Breckinridge of the army, in his annual report, shows that accounts of disbursing officers aggregating over \$72,000,000 have been examined during the year. Recommendations to avoid an unnecessary number of entries and needless handling of the same sum and reporting over and over again have been followed out and a great improvement is noticeable. The national homes

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DR. PAUL AT GLASGOW.

GLASGOW, Oct. 28.—My first impressions of Glasgow were most unfavorable. The city was enveloped in smoke. All the buildings are black with smoke. The rain was falling in a fine drizzle, making a thin layer of mud over the streets. It has rained every day for two weeks. The din of horsecars and vehicles over the stone-paved street (Torrington) seemed deafening. Numerous odors, disagreeable in various degrees, pervaded the air; and I fancied that just beyond the solid stone buildings on the street-fronts, the earth was reeking with filth. Many of the poor, shabby-looking people, crowded together with difficulty through crowds of humanity, earning like bees. On Saturday night, the crowds at certain corners of Argy street, extending into Galloway street, I am sure that in places the air was laden with the odor of whisky, and there were other indications of wide-spread drunkenness. As we stepped into Galloway street, numerous barefooted women and children attracted my attention; and we were soon in quarters in which dirt, squalor, and wretchedness reigned supreme. A crowd attracted us to one side street, in which a drunken group surrounded a boy who was performing a step-dance to music. Turning a corner, we were attracted to a group of a back street took us thither, where we saw a wretched, half-clad, barefooted woman of perhaps 40 years, lying unconscious, equipped with drink, and the crowd were tried to rouse her. She was carried into a shelter, just as another throng came rushing and shouting down the sidewalk opposite, crossing over a narrow alleyway, and a crowd of men who had somehow been stripped of nearly all his clothing. His friends were hurrying him out of sight and were endeavoring to dress him; but the wags poured a stream of profanity from his lips, which, for its disgusting vulgarity, I have never heard equaled. Words found in no dictionary and yet too well understood, were hurled at us, and to with apparent indifference, as something entirely commonplace, by men, women and children. This fellow had evidently been detained, and his friends, male and female, were trying to hurry him off and to shut his vile mouth; but each task was well-nigh hopeless. As the crowd was about six years old, he was selling matches, when another of eight tried to wrest some of the matches from him. The lad's struggle and cries in the thoughtless crowd attracted no attention whatever. A young man stepped over and shook off his persecutor. A little further on a tiny "wean" of not more than four years, one of the finest in Europe, was likewise selling matches, and was likewise assailed by a larger boy to rob her of some of her matches. As I made for this spot, the ragamuffin ran off laughing, while the little tot with the matches dodged through the crowd, singing out in glee "He got me, he got me (gone). 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