

SIERRA MINES TO GIVE A BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN.

Large Project to Get Gold From American River.

Plans of the Mountain Copper Company Relating to Keswick Reassure Shasta People.

The mines of Sierra County bid fair to come more strongly to the front during the coming season than for many years. Such are the authentic reports that come down from those parts of the county where mining operations are carried on. At Forest City the Mabel Mertz mine is to be fully developed. The company owning the property has 6000 feet of channel, supposed to be the continuation of an old lead.

Work was carried on at the placer mines at Goodyear Bar as long as the weather would permit and until the deep snow came. Pumping machinery has been put in place to take the superfluous water from the Dolly Varden property, one of the oldest in the county. The miners all report good hopes for the immediate future, which developments would seem to warrant.

As usual, there are problems to be solved by the miners in their own way. In an ancient river bed, for instance, it has been determined where a tunnel has been run that the channel is abnormally wide, and although several rich spots have been found in which suggests worth from \$90 to \$100 each have been discovered, drifts must be run to find the richest portion.

Concerning a river mining proposition which may result in the working of a stretch of the American River bed the Placerville Nugget says: The Mountain Copper Company, incorporated a few years ago in this city, has a proposition under way which may result in the working of a considerable stretch of the American River a short distance from this city. The company has a string of claims aggregating 9000 feet or nearly two miles, located on the American River between the dam of the electric company at Rock Creek and the town of Keswick.

The previous in the bed of the American River has been found to be rich in gold where it has been exposed in the tributary creeks at this point have yielded gold. The rocky river bed is not a new place, as is often claimed, but one that has been employed during the summer months. The electric company has been doing on the river at Rock Creek and in the dry months the water going over the spillway from the dam has been used to clean up the entire stretch of river bed could be cleaned up. Some work will be done on the property from time to time by the owners, P. J. Fisher and Clark Sumner, who are endeavoring to interest outside capital in the proposition.

OPERATIONS AT KESWICK. The Mountain Copper Company will continue to operate the large smelting plant at Keswick, Shasta County. One plant will be used continuously and the other will be kept in reserve. None of the "water jackets" will be removed to Martinez, for the reason that at Martinez the reverberatory furnaces will be employed. A Redding paper says: The force at the Keswick plant has been materially lessened during the last few months but the number now employed will not be materially reduced. The fire in the Iron Mountain mine, which has caused considerable trouble for several years past, prevents the production of an such a large run again at Keswick. The history of the property. Mining is restricted because of the fire.

The two years the smelter has drawn upon large bodies of ore that had been mined and stored on the old roaster grounds. The mine now has been run since the ore is exhausted, and only the mine is left to run upon. There is not much hope that two furnaces will ever be run again at Keswick. One will be kept running continuously.

The Martinez plant is designed to prepare the way for utilizing the Iron Mountain. This is a mine adjoining the Iron Mountain. It has a larger body of ore than that found in the Iron Mountain, but it is of a different grade and must be worked on a different basis. The operations at Keswick will, in view of the shortage of the ore run again at Keswick, be very much diminished from what they have been in the past. The three railroad lines now running between Iron Mountain, Keswick and Iron Mountain property. The statement above is from headquarters and is authentic. Keswick is a small town, and the county at large can depend upon it that these are the conditions that will be found here and at Iron Mountain hereafter.

The Redding Searchlight says the **POSTUM CEREAL** **A REAR ADMIRAL** Of the Navy Gives Some Points on Coffee.

A naval officer of all men has a chance to become an expert on coffee and when he talks about it, naturally knows somewhat of his subject. A certain famous (now retired) rear admiral whose name can be given by mail on request, says: I have traveled this wide world over from the Arctic to the Antarctic and have drunk the best coffees ever grown on this continent or in the East, made by the best chefs, and am an expert on coffee. "Of late I noticed that there was something wrong in my dietary and that I was suffering from dizziness immediately after my coffee. I was becoming sadly constipated, something unusual for me, and I began to think that coffee was giving me so much inconvenience, but I thought perhaps it would be best to reduce its strength, but it made no perceptible change in my feelings. "At last I thought I would venture to try Postum Food Coffee, a preparation that I often laughed at, as I read its advertisements, so I purchased a small package and followed the directions explicitly and prepared my first cup. I was surprised to find that so far as taste was concerned it was all right! Besides it had a satisfactory feeling. The next morning I found that my bowels were moved normally and as in days when I was younger and in the prime of life. Next thing I noticed that when I sat down to my morning paper and later to my mail that my head and mind were much clearer than they had been for a long time and I had no feeling of depression and lassitude. No one could have made me believe that a change from coffee to so simple a liquid food could have produced such a rapid and marked change in a person's condition. It is now about three months since I began to use Postum. I have never hankered after coffee, do not want to see it, for I am in excellent condition, no constipation, no indigestion, no dizziness, no lassitude and I feel like a new man, and I attribute it to the change wholly and I may say that I feel stronger than I did three months ago and at my age, 76, strength is a much needed thing. In short, since I abandoned coffee, I am better natured, better conditioned and better pleased than I have been for a long time. The experiment I made with Postum cost me 15 cents. The beneficial results obtained cannot be calculated in dollars and cents. It takes a little more time to make Postum Coffee than ordinary coffee, but I count the difference in time as bought in comparison with the benefits gained. I think I shall try Grape-Nuts next."

Federal Indictments. The United States Grand Jury made a preliminary report yesterday and returned the following indictments: John Russell, for making a mold for the coining of counterfeit dollar pieces; Charles Cohn, for embezzling a letter addressed to Dr. J. L. Colburn of this city; Harry K. Fisher, alias John Johnson, for having in possession counterfeit coins; James Hickox Carey, for abstracting gold from double eagles.

VEREIN ARION HALL.—The German Singing Society Verein Arion will give a grand masquerade ball in Arion Hall, Union-square building, this evening.

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TWO OF THE PATRONESSES OF THE BENEFIT TO BE GIVEN MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO NURSERY FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN, AND ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF "MIZPAH."

A number of society women have arranged a splendid benefit performance of the drama "Mizpah," founded on the story of Esther, to take place at the Majestic Theater next Monday night. The play will be given in aid of the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children, and the patronesses are counting on realizing a handsome sum from the receipts, as the sale of tickets has been unusually large and much interest awakened.

The play is the product of the pens of Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Luscombe Searle. Mrs. Wilcox will be present to witness the performance. All the boxes in the theater have been disposed of and society is sure to be well represented.

The patronesses of the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children are planning the erection of a new building at Lake street and Fourteenth avenue. Construction will begin shortly, but \$14,000 must be raised, and the ladies have made plans to complete the task.

DISCUSS CHANGE OF DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT COMMAND Army Circles Busy Trying to Name Successor to General Moore, Who Retires in April.

Much gossip is being occasioned in army circles over the appointment of a commander of the Department of California, soon to be made vacant by the retirement of General Francis Moore, and incidentally to fill the vacancy in the Division of the Pacific during the absence of General MacArthur in the Orient.

De Haven Cites Woodworth. United States District Judge de Haven yesterday ordered District Attorney Woodworth to show cause why two Chinese witnesses in the Dillard case and now detained in the County Jail should not be released. Mr. Woodworth says that the witnesses were found illegally in this country and in possession of forged certificates issued by Dillard, at the time a clerk in the office of Internal Revenue Collector John C. Lynch. The Chinese, who will be deported, are still detained. Mr. Woodworth says, pending the appeal by Dillard's counsel.

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KOHL DANCE AT THE PALACE IS VERY SMART

The ball given at the Palace last night by Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Kohl was, with the Whittell and the Martin dances, the smartest affair of a gay winter.

Preceding the ball Mr. and Mrs. Kohl entertained several guests at an elaborate dinner. The ballroom, graced with potted palms, presented a beautiful sight with its throng of stunning women and smart men. In honor of Miss McCann and Miss Deering, the event was one to be remembered by others than these visiting guests, who have thus been formally presented to the city's smart folk.

Mrs. Kohl was becomingly gowned in a rich white silk fashioned in a style to emphasize here staidness and blonde beauty. Miss Deering wore an exquisite gown of silver spangled net over silver silk. Miss McCann was also in spangled white, and Mrs. Godey was very handsome in black velvet. The guests included:

- Miss May Deering of New York, Miss Katherine McCann, Miss Constance Crimmins, Miss Anita Harvey, Miss Charlotte Wilson, Miss Emily Wilcox, Miss Virginia Jolliffe, Miss Christine Pomeroy, Miss Dorothy Duffan, Miss Alice Borel, Miss Sophie Borel, Miss Gertrude Hyde-Smith, Miss Margaret Hyde-Smith, Miss Maisee Langhorne, Miss Carmen Selby, Miss Margaret Newhall, Miss Sara Collier, Miss Maud Bourne, Miss Miss Gregory, Miss Kohl, Miss Edith Simpson, Miss Sally Marnard, Miss Alys Sullivan, Miss Phyllis Cadwallader, Miss Isabel Brewer, Miss Florence Whittell, Miss Hazel King, Miss Genevieve King, Miss Louise Brooks, Miss Maud Macdonald, Miss Gertrude Josselyn, Miss Short, Miss Carol Moore, Miss Jennie Blair, Miss Elizabeth Cole, Miss Florence Cole, Miss de Young, Miss Wemple of Santa Barbara, Miss Lily Spreckels, Miss Alice Hager, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murphy, Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Schwenk, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. George Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. E. Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. Mountford Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Latham C. McMillin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magee Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight, Mr. and Mrs. George Pope, Lieutenant and Mrs. J. S. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNear, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. Reginald Brooke, Mrs. C. Alexander, Mrs. James D. Phelan, Augustus Spreckels, Mrs. C. W. Godey of Washington, Oscar Cooper, Allan St. John Bowie, Leasing Agent, Milton D. Phelan, Albert Cadwallader, Harry Scott, Prescott Scott, Burling Tucker, Henry Tucker, Almer Newhall, Allyn King, Percy King, Baldwin, Frank Owens, Count de la Rocca, Count Vannutelli, Enrique Grau, Wilberforce Williams, Arthur Chesborough Jr., A. C. M. Bean, Wharton Thurston, Du Val Moore, Joseph D. Robin, Cyril Tobin, Edward Tobin, Kittle, Mr. Wilcox, Lieutenant Hierochy, Lieutenant Wetherill, Lieutenant Hayward, U. N. Frank King, Karl Howard, Harry Hight, E. Courtney Ford, Dr. de Marville, Dr. William Blake, Joseph Slove, George Cadwallader, Gerald Rathbone, Milton Covinsky, Paul Jones, Harry Stetson, Knox Maddox, Edgar Mizner, J. B. Berry, Jerome Landfield, Dr. House, U. S. A. Captain Jesse H. U. S. A. Charles N. Felton Jr., Robert Eyrer, Walter Hobart, Dr. Harry Tevis, Mr. Morris, Mr. Vornies, Mr. Bertram, Mr. Corbush, Mr. F. J. Archibald, E. J. Coleman, Edward M. Greenway, Sir James Talbot Fowler, William F. Berry, Raymond Arraby, Gordon Fringle, Sidney Fringle, Herbert Jones, Carl Jones, C. F. G. Menzies, Sidney Small, Lawrence McCree, Percy Williams, Gordon Armsby, Everett Bee, William Fisher, Leon Boqueron, Mr. Hamilton, Lieutenant Anderson, Lieutenant Peace.

THE ONION SISTERS' Little brothers make it warm for Mr. Pumpkin in next Sunday's comic supplement.

STEAL SUIT CASE AND TOOLS.—Robert D. Brown of Mill Valley reported to the police yesterday that his suit case had been stolen from the North Shore Railroad depot on Thursday. It contained articles valued at over \$20. He had left it in the train, and it fell he called at the mining bureau. Samuel E. Irwin, carpenter, reported that his tool box containing tools valued at \$20 had been stolen from a building in course of construction at 200 Pennsylvania avenue.

PLANER CUTS OFF FINGERS.—While working in a box factory at Seventh and Bryant streets yesterday Phil Fontano, 163 Board street, lost four fingers by coming in contact with a revolving planer. He was treated at the Central Emergency Hospital.

AMUSEMENTS. **OPERATIVOLHOUSE** Performances at 8 Sharp. **GRAND OPERA** IN ITALIAN. RESERVED SEATS NOW SELLING. PRICES—\$2, \$1.50, \$1, 50c.

MATINEE TO-DAY, "TRAVIATA." Tetrazini is Violetta; TO-NIGHT, "LA BOHEME." Berlingi as Mimì; Sunday Night, "BOHEME." Berlingi as Mimì. Repertoire Next Week: Monday Night, "Theater Closed; Tuesday Night, "Theater Closed; Wednesday Night, "ANDRE CHENIERE," with Berlingi; Thursday Night, "PEARL FISHERS," with Tozzolini; Friday Night, "LA BOHEME," with Berlingi; Saturday Matinee, "LUCIA," (Last time), with Tetrazini; Saturday night, "ANDRE CHENIERE," with Berlingi; Sunday Night, "TRAVIATA," with Tetrazini.

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