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NEWS AND COMMENT.

Happenings of the Week Not in the Dispatches.

SHORT, POINTED AND PETHY.

A Few Symptoms of Returning Loyalty.

X Rays Getting at the Inside of Things—Harder Than Diamond—Poisoned With Buttermilk—The Flesh Fell Off—DeLamar Makes a Big Sale—The Party Still Lives, Etc.

An old prospector named Springer fell in a hot spring on Warm Spring creek on the south fork of the Payette a few days ago and was so badly scalded that the flesh dropped from his legs. *Emmett Index.*

Teller says he will leave the Republican party. Charles Sumner, Lyman Trumbull and Horace Greeley left it, but they are all dead and the party still lives.—*Shoshone Journal.*

It is authoritatively announced that the DeLamar mill at DeLamar, Nev., has been sold to the English syndicate in whose interest it was recently examined. The consideration is said to be something above \$3,000,000.

Ed Hayes and Charlie Barriman went up to Long Valley last Sunday where Ed is interested in some valuable placer property. He expected to help make a "clean up" and will doubtless come back a literal gold bug.—*Emmett Index.*

Diphtheria is reported in this locality. On Tuesday last a little 9 months child belonging to a family of travelers who are camped a few miles west of town, died of some throat trouble, but whether it was that dread disease diphtheria is not known for a certainty.—*Shoshone Journal.*

A Montpelier man has invented an attachment for a bicycle by which it can be ridden on a railroad track. This attachment consists of a double flange wheel which fits over one rail and acts as a balance to the bicycle which runs on the other rail.—*Shoshone Journal.*

News has come to Baker that a battle between the cattlemen and sheepmen in Grant county occurred a few days ago, resulting in the death of four men, and the wounding of several others. It seems the fighting was caused in part by the drowning of about 7000 sheep in John Day river.—*Epigram.*

A dispatch from Berlin dated May 28 says that the General Electrical Society announce that an improvement has been made in the Roentgen process, and enables the interior of the head, the larynx and the action of the lungs and heart to be observed on a fluorescent screen. The statement has not, however, been well authenticated.

M. Moissan is reported to have discovered a substance which is harder than the diamond; in the form of a compound of carbon and boron. It is produced by heating boric acid and carbon in an electric furnace at a temperature of 5,000 degs. In appearance the compound is black and looks not unlike graphite.

Mr. and Charles Swanson were both taken suddenly ill from some mysterious cause Wednesday afternoon and Dr. Willet Young was summoned to attend who pronounced it a case of poisoning from drinking buttermilk which had been standing in a tin bucket. The doctor administered heroic treatment and soon had his patients out of all danger.—*Ketum Keystone.*

When speaking in his presence Johnnie's parents would often spell any word they did not wish him to hear. This worked very well for a while, but finally Johnnie learned to spell, and sprung his accomplishment on his parents one day at dinner. Their pastor was dining with them, and Johnnie, noticing the minister take his third helping of short-cake, complacently observed: "Mama, don't you think the minister is a h-o-g?"

At the present time the indications are that the Democratic party at their convention in Chicago on Tuesday next will adopt a free silver plank. From the past record of that party and its platform should they do so it

would be almost conclusive evidence that it is wrong. Every plank that represented an issue that has been adopted by the Democratic party since 1890 when carried out has proven to be detrimental to the interest of the country.—*Idaho Falls Register.*

Mines have been discovered containing fabulous wealth, although a prospector would starve to death in trying to work them. This was true in regard to the Homestake mine in the Black Hills. The prospectors who made the discovery could do nothing with it, and it passed into the hands of Senator Hearst and other California capitalists. They concluded that unless it was worked on a large scale it could not be made profitable. An eighty-stamp mill was ordered and shipped in from Cheyenne at a cost of \$135,000 as an experiment. The mine has paid in dividends of \$37,500 a month for seventeen years.

A stamp mill for \$100 illustrates the progress that is being made in reducing the cost of mining machinery. The Boise Iron & Reduction Works is building such a mill, and it will crush over a ton quartz in twenty-four hours. The same firm is also building a two-stamp mill for \$180, and these plants can be carried on pack animals into any inaccessible region. They are especially adapted for prospectors and mineowners of limited means, and are destined to come into extensive use. One was recently ordered from as far away as Arizona. Captain James Baxter, manager of the Boise works, reports increasing business and a bright outlook for the mining industry in Idaho.

We believe that free trade and free silver would be infinitely worse for this country than the single gold standard; we shall therefore fight democracy just as long and just as determined as we ever did before; and as we do not believe in swallowing a barrel of water in order to secure a drink of wine, we must do likewise with the populists and their platform. Free silver republicans are willing to make concessions, but the populists and democrats will not, and no honest free silver republican can stand on either of their platforms. Free silver, protection and reciprocity are principles we must uphold.—*Rathdrum Silver Blade.*

Politics is quite a play. Democrats and Populists pat Teller and western silver men on the back and say "bully boys", but straightway the silver champion of Colorado is advised by Democrats that there are silver Democrats whom they can nominate and that he, Teller, will be needed only to furnish some votes for a Democratic silver (?) man. Sen Pepper of Kansas says that the address by a few Populists was highly impertinent and that the Populists can not be expected to carry Teller and drop their tenets. So it goes. So it is in nearly all cases. Gresham supported Cleveland in 1892 and got a cabinet position. If Sen. Teller can help Democracy to win in the race this year, he may be given some prominence. If Democracy is defeated this fall, next time, champagne-like, she will repudiate her platform of 1896 and silver has lost, only as the Republican party, recognizing and meeting all existing conditions, brings about the genuine and long-lived triumph. It now looks that our radical champions had made a great mistake.—*Albion Bee.*

McKINLEY AT HOME.

McKinley's tastes are all simple and his habits of living have not been much changed since he was a young attorney. He eats heartily of plain food, has a good digestion, sleeps well, and takes very little exercise. His daily walk to his mother's house, which is about a half-mile from his own, is about all the muscular activity he gets. He does not make use of wine or liquors, although he is not a prohibitionist, and he has no desire to enforce his own habits in this respect on other people. He smokes four cigars a day, having lately prescribed this limit, finding he had been smoking too much. His social recreations consist in going out with his wife to some neighbor's house to take tea and spend the evening, but a great many people come to see him, and his house has always an inviting atmosphere of informality and friendliness encouraging to men and women to drop in for a chat with the Major and his wife. Every Sunday he goes to the Methodist church, which is the handsomest church edifice in Canton. There he has his membership and his pew, and he is one of the sturdy pillars of the denomination. At the same time there is nothing of

the bigot or the religious controversialist in him. He never discusses religion with the people of other faiths. He has his own belief and he is entirely willing that they should have theirs. He owns property which would be worth in good times about fifty thousand dollars. It is all in Canton, and most of it is in the form of a business block. His failure in 1893 grew out of his indorsement of paper for a friend who ran a little bank in Poland. All of his property and all of his wife's property were put into the hands of three trustees, and they managed so as to pay off the debts and save all the real-estate holdings of the McKinleys in Canton. It is said that the Major derives from his rents an income of between three and four thousand dollars a year.—From "William McKinley; a study of His Character and Career," by Eugene V. Smalley, in *Review of Reviews* for July.

HURT BY AN EXPLOSION.

Last Tuesday at 11 o'clock Bert Soward met with a serious accident while at work in Hawley & Puckett's quartz mine, at the head of Alder creek, between Placerville and Garden Valley. A round of holes had been charged and the fuse lighted. Two of the charges failed, and in pulling out the fuse a cap from one was left in. Mr. Soward was cleaning out the hole with a spoon which, coming in contact with the cap, fired the charge. Dr. Young, of Placerville, went immediately to the scene of the accident, and Dr. Newell, of this place, was telephoned for, and in two hours was also there. The physicians found that his face was considerably cut by fine gravel, one tooth broken off and the upper lip cut through. His eyes were so badly swollen that it was impossible to tell to what extent they were injured. The right seemed to be in the worse condition. The physicians dressed the wounds and in the evening of the same day Mr. Soward was taken to Boise City to be placed in St. Alphonse hospital and receive treatment from an oculist. A man named Rudemaek was with Mr. Soward when the accident occurred, and was blown over by the gas.—*Idaho World.*

HOW PEPsin IS MADE.

"Yes," said the drummer in a Maine Central smoking car the other day as he fished out a nickel and bought a package of pepsin gum, "I yank some occasionally." As he peeled the tin foil off the package he continued: "Ever hear how they get this pepsin? Well, they have a lot of young pigs and they feed 'em away up to the top notch till they're feeling just out of sight. Then all at once rations are knocked off for a day or so. The commissary doesn't come 'round. The pigs commence to think they are living on a diet of north-west wind and scenery in the lowest part of Hungry Hollow. When their appetites finally get a buzz-saw edge on, men who wear ear pads and marble hearts come in with pails full of some of the nicest smelling hot bran mush a pig ever put his nose into. The men stick these pails down near the pens so that each pig can get his nose within two inches of that mush, and then they hold the pads over their ears and grit their teeth and let the pigs smell and howl. No, they don't get a taste. In a little while the bran is taken away and those pigs go hungry into eternity. The secretion in their stomachs is almost all pure pepsin, and that's what they put in this gum. It's good stuff, gents, have a chew on me!" But no one appeared to have any stomach trouble just then.—*Ex.*

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