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SOUTHERN NEVADA.

A Salt Lake Man Gives an Account of a Recent Visit Through the Much Land for settlement.

"I made a trip through Southern Nevada on horseback last summer," said H. W. Jamison of Salt Lake. "I was convinced that there was good land in that section of the State which could be covered by school scrip, and I wanted to anticipate the railway. A friend of mine and myself went as far as the railroad could take us in Utah, then we purchased horses and began the overland journey. It was in July, and the sun had a merry time with us. It was hot. It was dusty. It was an experience which I don't want to undertake again; but we found what we searched for. Southern Nevada isn't a paradise, but there is a good deal of land there which is capable of settlement. There are valleys and springs, and where ever water is found it is very valuable property. The springs are so far apart that when a man secures one he practically owns the country for miles around. If he has a water right he can graze his stock on Government ranges, and has only to wait for their increase to make him rich. But their are other resources than grazing there, and when a road once penetrates this region, a good deal of the development which has taken place in Colorado and Utah will be repeated." Enterprise.

We thank high Mr. Jamison and the Enterprise for the above. Mr. J. is probably the first Salt Lake man to speak a good word for our section in ten years, and the publication of the above by a Virginia paper is an act of more than human charity to our rich, but poverty stricken section of country.

Change the Leopard's Spots and Give Statehood to Utah.

The undying devotion of the mormons to the pet abomination of civilization polygamy and evidence of their hatred of, and disloyalty to the United States government is made manifest in the following clipped from the Enterprise.

Salt Lake, Feb, 10—To-day in the lower house of the Legislature the memorial that has passed the Council for an anti- polygamy amendment to the United States Constitution was defeated.

LOCAL NOTES.

Sam Beda, an employee of the company is laid up with a fractured wrist. Accidentally stepping backward he fell over an empty slag pot.

J. M. Green, foreman of the carpenters, left by this morning's stage for Creede, Colorado, to take in the outlook of that much boomed camp.

Master Ivory James, the Superintendent's son, is around again much to the pleasure of the employees with whom he is a great favorite.

Quite a number of hands at the works were given their time yesterday and as soon as the furnace now running stops, the balance of the employees will follow suit.

The fall of snow Wednesday night was anything but a welcome visitor. The roads for some time past have almost been impassable and the present addition of moisture will cause them to be still worse.

The small locomotive, which has for several days been in the shop undergoing repairs, resumed her usual trips Wednesday. All the wood that is cut and stacked along side the track is to be brought in and piled in the yard.

A number of the hands relieved at the works have resolved to remain here until work is fully resumed again. They say Pioche is good enough for them and though times are dull the probability is they would not better themselves by going elsewhere.

A few days ago a solitary sheep was seen meandering around the works and from his lamb like countenance was desirous of taking in the sights of smelting. He evidently saw and felt all he desired, for coming accidentally across a pot of red hot slag, he singed not only his wool but his hide, and when last seen he appeared to have an appointment in the valley and was behind time.

A NEW DISTRICT

THE MONKEY WRENCH CONVERTED INTO FERGUSON BY MOTION OF W. R. McFADDEN.

THE MAIN POINTS.

From the Pen of Samuel Reed We Get the Following Items of Interest From Our New Mining Country. Their Meeting, Etc.

FERGUSON'S MINING DISTRICT. February 23rd. 1892.

Editor RECORD. Thinking a few words from the above new mining district might not be uninteresting to your many readers I venture to communicate a few of the many interesting facts connected with it.

In the summer of 1889 two young men John E. Ferguson and Joseph Sharp started from Hiko on a prospecting tour and soon after leaving home they discovered that they had neglected to take with them anything to break rocks with, consequently they kept an eye open for something to supply the place of a hammer. The first and only thing that was discovered was the main part of a monkey wrench with all the attachments long since departed and with this they proceeded on their trip, and going to the the mountains in the Bennett springs range on the east side of the Dry Lake valley about fifteen miles south of where the road from Pioche to Hiko enters the valley, they discovered some very rich float, with nothing but the old monkey wrench to prospect with. Hence the name given to their discovery was the Monkey wrench mine. In the summer of '91 the Fergusons bought out Sharp and proceeded to develop their new discovery and were crowned with the unexpected success of assays running as high as 1716 ounces. They then formed a co-partnership with a Mr. H. A. Cohen of Morey, who is a gentleman of means and enthusiastic on the question of mines who came to see for himself, and was much elated with what he saw, and suggested a vigorous prospecting of the mine. About the first day of 1892 the Ferguson brothers and J. J. Manning. Mr. A. W. Geer and W. A. Wilson began the work of development, others began to arrive soon after and some other strikes were made among which stands high up, one opened by Messrs Cassidy, John Roeder and J. Conaway which bids fair to be of vast wealth being rich in horn silver. The eastern end of the Monkey-wrench has been sunk about ten feet and is considered a wonder, being composed largely of chloride ore.

Parties of prospectors have traced the same formation and lodes from six to ten miles and brought back ores that cannot be distinguished from the richest croppings of the first discovery.

On the 20th inst. the miners met at the camp of the Ferguson brothers and J. J. Manning and organized by calling Mr. Joseph Conaway to the chair and Samuel Reed as secretary. The question of a name for the new and rich district, was discussed and on motion of Mr. W. R. McFadden the name was declared to be Ferguson in honor of the discoverer. The boundary lines of the district were claimed to extend from Cliff Springs on the north to Rigs Springs on the south, and from Meadow Valley on the east to Ely or Dry Lake Valley on the west. On motion of J. J. Manning, assessments should be worked at the rate of four dollars per day.

The meeting then adjourned with three rousing cheers for Mr. John E. Ferguson because he was the discoverer of the of the wonderfully rich mining district.

The following attended the meeting: Joseph Conaway, Samuel Reed, John Ferguson, D. B. Baker, J. W. Cassidy, D. A. Reeves, Frank Wilson, Arthur W. Ellis, W. R. McFadden, Aldin Ferguson, R. W. Crandall, C. Lampson, W. A. Wilson, Dick Hunt, J. J. Manning, H. C. Rich, James J. Wilson, A. W. Geer.

Samuel Reed.

Why She Would Refuse.

[By the poet of the Black Stope.]

"Now that you love me as your life,
Your trembling heart need fear no strife
I ask thee by the stars above
The witnesses of our true love.
The day you'll be my wife."

"O ask me not," the maid replied—
And strove the while her tears to hide
"O ask not that we be made one
Or else I fear there's mischief done.
In mournful tones she cried.

"False maid!" He said and turned about
"How glad I am I've found you out,"
My heart you'd take, my soul defile,
To Hell you'd send me with a smile,
If you I did not doubt.

"Come back! O Come! O hear my sigh sir!
Your plan of married life I'll try sir!
Though married life be joy sublime
T'is heaven only *half* the time,
And courting is much finer.

Our Compositors First Attempt.

Firsht when I come to this country, the firsht shtick of bread that ever I ate, was a roasted paratie and if you dont believe it I have the shkins in me pocket now; I shoudhered me gun and shtarted for the bush, there I saw a porcunepine on alittle low shtump about forty fate high, I up with me gun and let dhrive at him, I missed him I thried it again, hit him in the same place and knocked all the feathers off him, so I picked him up and started for the house, there I saw me wife bed sick and the fire running around the house playing with the children, right there was a rock in the road and I shtubbed my toe on a feather, turned four summersits backwards and shtruck on the back of me neck, with me ears in the air and me fate out of sight, and there I saw a boy coming down shtreet barefooted with his dadys big boots on and an empty bag of paraties on his back, he looked around saw me shtruggling to get my ears out of the mud, which frightened him and he run through a brick wall nine feet thick, broke his left ankle above his right knee, run on into a dry mill pond and was drowned, when he got out he cried out, Me will you please give us the loan of an empty barrel of flour till I make a chicken house for me dorg. Amen.

By
John James Christopher Benjimen Bins.

A Diphtheria Cure.

The following was reprinted to emphasize the fact that sulphur is one of the best things to use as a preventive of diphtheria and to assist in its cure, known. We do not believe that it will do all claimed for it here.

"A few years ago when diphtheria was raging in England, a gentleman accompanied the celebrated Dr. Field on his rounds to witness the so called wonderful cures which he performed while the patients of other physicians were dying on all sides.

"The remedy to be so rapid must be simple. All he took with him was flour of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient, without exception. He put a tablespoonful of flour of brimstone into a wine glass of water and stirred it with his finger instead of a spoon, as the sulphur does not amalgamate with water. When the sulphur was well mixed he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. Brimstone kills every species of fungus in a man or beast in ten minutes."

"Instead of spitting out the gargle, he recommended the swallowing of it. In extreme cases, in which he had been called just in the nick of time when the fungus was too nearly closed to allow the gargle, he blew the sulphur through a quill into the throat, and after the fungus had shrunk to allow of it, then gave the gargle. He never lost a patient from diphtheria. If a patient cannot gargle, take a live coal, put it on a shovel and smoke a spoonful of flour of sulphur, and let the sufferer inhale the fumes and the fungus will die."

Scientific Miscellany.

MAGNESIUM LUMINANT.—A new magnesium lamp, devised by M. Dronier, burns without attention for regular periods of twenty-four hours. A pound of magnesium is consumed in about 100 hours, giving a light equal to that of 130 pounds of candles, 80 pounds of petroleum, or somewhat more than 100 cubic yards of gas. The advantage is offered of freedom from risk of fire. The present running expense of the lamp exceeds thirty cents an hour, but with the anticipated great reduction in the cost of the metal, lighting by magnesium may be made fairly economical.

PROJECTED RAPID TRANSIT.—The schedule time for cars on the proposed electric railway between Vienna and Bada-Pesth is expected to be seventy-five minutes for the entire distance of 150 miles. As planned, the road will have two main power stations, with 100 sub-stations, but only three or four stopping places. Each car will be about 130 feet long, fitted with four bogie trucks, and an electric motor at each end will receive current through contact wheels running on conducting rails. The ends of the cars, to diminish air resistance, will be shaped like those of a ship.

POWER FOR SMALL BOATS.—The novel feature of a new electric boat, the idea of a French engineer, is a sea-water battery. The zinc and copper plates are under the boat, and can be raised or lowered by pulleys, serving as a kind of keel while at the same time driving a propeller by means of a motor.

REMAINS OF BIRD GIANTS—Bones recently found in New Zealand are estimated to represent 500 specimens of the moa. This immense wingless bird, now extinct, seems to have been hunted and eaten by the early inhabitants of New Zealand, and is beleived to have stood at least 10 feet high. Madagascar had another giant wingless bird, whose eggs—10 or 12 inches in diameter, three times the size of those of the ostrich—have been discovered.

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CHANCES FAVOR THE PASSAGE IN THE HOUSE OF THE BLAND BILL.

CANADA'S AFFAIR.

Trying to Pull the Wool Over Uncle Sam's Eyes. Carpets of the Senate and House Proposed to be Cut up for Saddle Blankets. Hoar's Resolution Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1892.

Secretary Blaine very cleverly punctured the canadian reciprocity ballon by extracting the information from Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister, who has been acting as a sort of steerer for the Canadian Commissioners ever since their arrival, that they had authority to negotiate a treaty, and only came here to learn how much this goverment would be willing to grant, if the British goverment should send properly autorized commisioners, Secretary Blaine told them that it was but a waste of time to continue the conferences, under such conditions. The British minister has been exchanging cablegrams with his home goverment, but it has not transpired wether it was in regard to this Canadian buisness or the Behring Sea Commission, which is in session here. It is beleived that there is a connection between the two things, and that the British goverment in spite of its many failures in the past has been trying to pull the wool

OVER UNCLE SAM'S EYES.

It is stated here that the movement in the House to rush the consideration of the Bland free coinage bill, which was favorably reported and placed on the calendar last week, is being engineered by the anti-Mills democrats last week, in the hope that Mill's opposition to its present consideration may prevent his being elected to the Senate by the Texas legislature. It is not certain what the House will do, but the chances rather favor the passage of the bill, as the petition asking the committee on Rules to make a continuos order for its consideration has already received the signatures of a

HUNDRED AND TWENTY DEMOCRATS

and the nine people's party men.

The nomination of Representative McKenna of California, to be Judge of the Circuit Court, is well spoken of by everybody.

The military academy annual appropriation bill, is the first one to get through the House. Such necessary items as those providing for improving the defective plumbing of the barracks of the enlisted men, a new gas plant in place of the old and worn out one now in use and new buildings, were stricken out other items reduced such as taking $100 off the annual salary of the gardener, the bill was reduced in its total to about $5300 less than the one passed last year.

Mr. Otis, a Farmer's Alliance member from Kansas, seriously proposed that the item for the purchase of saddle blankets for the cadets be struck out and that every year at the close of Congress the old carpets on the floor of the House and Senate be taken up and shipped to West Point to be

CUT UP FOR SADDLE BLANKETS.

The majorities of the House committee on Immigration and that on Foreign Affairs are in the midst of a lively row, the question being which committee is properly entitled to jurisdiction of matters relating to the Chinese question. The first named committee is ahead, as it has reported and placed on the calendar a bill prohibiting Chinese immigration. Beginning this week, the Senate and House committees on immigration will hold a series of joint sessions for the purpose of hearing all parties who wish to talk on the subject of immigration.

The House after being scolded by Mr. Holman and having adopted a resolution offered by him limiting the cost to $3000, adopted Representative Hoar's resolution directing the committee on Manufactures to investigate the "sweating" system of tenement house labor.

Secretary Noble says in reply to the charge that he intentionally slighted Secretary Blaine by not mentioning his name in the speech he made in Philadelphia Friday evening: "The speech was entirely extempore as I did not know until I arrived in Philadelphia that I was down for a speech, and I ommitted a great many things that ought to have been said, but I have to high a regard for Mr. Blaine, whom I regard as one o the most majestic and illustrious figures of the period, to intentionally try to put a slight upon him or his great achievements."

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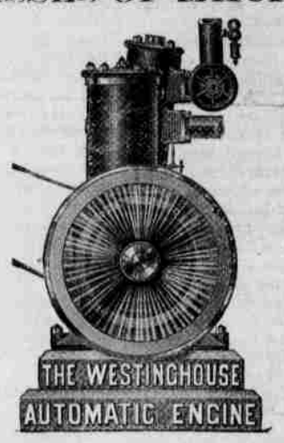

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