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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

The railroad is completed to Silver
city.

It is only the indolent who fear that
overwork will shorten their lives.

Gen. Crook has met no Indians and
consequently has not been defeated.

The renegade Mescalero Indian Mu-
chacho Negro has been captured and
will be permitted to do no more harm.

It is estimated that 8,000 miles of
railroad will be constructed within the
United States during the year 1883.
None of this is accredited to New
Mexico.

Joseph Pulitzer, the well-known ed-
itor of St. Louis, has purchased the
World newspaper of New York and
will take charge of it at once. He will
continue it as a democratic paper. The
price paid was \$400,000.

The editor of the Santa Fe Daily New
Mexican shows his capability to make
cutting speeches by the following drive
at the Socorro Sun: "Mr. Beall, the ed-
itor of the Socorro Sun is a young man
of excellent character, and is making a
good paper of the Sun."

To humor the aristocratic demand
for antique furniture now prevailing in
the eastern cities Connecticut with
traditional enterprise goes into the
business of manufacturing noted relics
and Washington's favorite arm chair
has become as numerous as his body-
servant.

Gold has been found in paying quan-
ties near Glorietta, so it is affirmed.
The Las Vegas Gazette says that the
rock is partially rotten, but that at the
same time it has a lively appearance.
Numerous analyses have shown it to
be decidedly valuable both in quantity
and quality.

It is now scientifically stated that two
or three cups of coffee per day are very
beneficial to the brain worker, as its ef-
fect is slightly stimulating and easing
to brain and nerves. Soon the doctors
will be telling of the great benefit to be
derived from two or three drinks of
whiskey per day. It, also is stimulating
and resting.

The fencing of large sections of pub-
lic lands in western Nebraska, by the
cattlemen is causing trouble, because
public roads are thus closed up and
travel interfered with. All that the
country mentioned is good for is, to
graze stock or make roads and the con-
flict could only be between these two
interests. The roads will win.

Reports from the Indian country in
Mexico state that General Garcia met
and fought about two hundred of the
savages in the Sierra Madre, and that
the result was a total rout of the latter.
The Indians had removed their women
and children to places of safety and
consequently none of them were cap-
tured. Eleven were killed and an un-
known number wounded of the Indians,
and five killed and nine wounded on
the Mexican side.

The heaviest hail storm that ever
visited Denver occurred on the morning
of the 8th instant. So terrific was the
storm that within twenty-five minutes
after the storm begun there was hail on
the ground to the depth of eight inches
forming a solid cake of ice that the
feet made no impression upon. The
damage to property was considerable,
countless windows being broken and
flower-gardens and shrubbery devastat-
ed. The weight of hail on a Chin-
aman's tenement crushed the roof in
and seriously injured one of the in-
mates. The storm was pretty general
both north and south of the city run-
ning along the line of the mountains.

It is proposed to cut a ship canal
across the state of Florida, to run from
the St. Johns river twenty miles above
Jacksonville to the Suwanee river on the
Gulf of Mexico. This will make a tide
water canal less than one hundred
hundred miles in length, capable of
floating the largest ocean craft. The
enterprise will cost about \$90,000,000.
A company has been organized with a
paid up capital of \$25,000,000 and work
will be begun at once. This canal will
shorten by half the water route from
New York to New Orleans, and the
dangerous reefs of Key West will be
avoided.

Dodge City, Kansas, has finally reached
the point where the law-abiding citi-
zens have a majority over the roughs
and desperadoes, and the latter class
are being ousted. Two weeks ago
the respectable class elected a mayor,
and immediately twenty-two police-
men were put on duty and the work of
collecting the toughs and prostitutes
began which ended with the obnoxious
persons being put upon the train and
ordered not to return, while a guard
was stationed at the depot to enforce
the order. Dodge City has long been

known as the wickedest town in the
United States, but it is evident that this
unenviable distinction must apply
elsewhere henceforth.

BLACK RANGE MINES.
An Unprejudiced Opinion Con-
cerning Some of them.

Located in Bear canon, about midway
between Chloride and Grafton, is the
Nordhausen location, owned by Messrs.
Utter and others of Santa Fe. The prop-
erty is situated on a quartz and calc
spar ledge, the croppings of which show
with unusual prominence and strength
as far as the eye can reach. The vein
proper has a width of fourteen to eigh-
teen feet, and is enclosed in the junior
porphyritic formation of the district,
universally conceded the most prolific
in mineral veins of value. The filling
while properly denominated as a spar
and quartz gangue, perhaps more near-
ly approaches a calc spar, this mineral
greatly predominating. The develop-
ments consist of a shaft about sixty
feet in depth, from which levels have
been driven showing the vein as above
stated. Quite a number of tons of ore
on the dump show the calcareous gan-
gue to contain very considerable
amount of galena and sulphate of lead
ores. The mine itself shows streaks of
this ore from one to two feet in thick-
ness, and to all appearance the work-
ings are just beginning to enter the
heavily mineralized zones of the vein.
So far the shaft has shown a steady im-
provement in depth in the amount of
clean galena ores, and further open-
ing may prove the property of unusual
value as a producer of argentiferous
galena. No work at present is being
done on the mine, although operations
will doubtless be resumed at an early
day.

When that time comes, and it is
doubtless now near at hand, that con-
centrators and smelters shall be erected
in the Chloride district, the value of
the lead producing mines of that sec-
tion, will be far greater than is now
generally supposed. Without the lead
for flux, the smelting of the majority of
the ores of the district will prove an
impossibility, and in an emergency the
products of mines like the Nordhausen
will be invaluable. Without them the
entire section would be dependent upon
distant metallurgical works for the re-
duction of the ores of the Apache and
Chloride districts.

Fourteen to sixteen miles south of
Chloride is Hermosa or Palomas dis-
trict, in which several new strikes have
recently been made. The grade of the
ore so far brought in has been good,
and considerable attention is paid to the
new section by the prospectors in Chlo-
ride and neighboring camps. The veins
so far opened are located on a contact
between porphyry and limestone, the
sedimentary rock forming the cap. The
locations showing ore up to the present
time are the American Flag, Silver
Briek, Americano, Antelope, Lexing-
ton Palomas Chief, Pelican and Albu-
tross. Quite a little mining town is
growing up at the new district, known
as Hermosa, and several business
houses are preparing to open branch
stores at the new town. The develop-
ment work done on these mines ranges
from ten to one hundred feet, and some
very fine ore has been taken out. The
base metal of the majority of the mines
is galena, and the silver occurs as sul-
phides and chlorides, and occasionally
is found as native silver, in the talcose
matter accompanying the vein. Ox-
ides and carbonate of lead have also
been found, but usually associated
with a good deal of silica, making it in-
ferior to the galenas and sulphates
The future developments in the dis-
trict will be watched with much in-
terest.

Regarding the American Flag, the
BLACK RANGE, whose editor visited
the mine a few days ago, says: "Work
in the shaft of the American Flag,
which was stopped for a few days
while the dump was cleaned up, sorted
and the richest mineral sacked, has
again been resumed, and the air is full
of native silver, manganese, sulphur-
carbonates and silver glance. The
lead holds out in fine shape and prom-
ises to run to the center of the earth."

In addition to the great Ivahoe vein,
there are many other strong leads in
the vicinity of Grafton, on which fully
as promising locations are situated as
are found on the mother vein of the dis-
trict.

Included in the list of promising
properties about Grafton is the Lit-
tle Granite lode, located one and a
half miles above Grafton, on Turkey
creek. A shaft down fifteen feet shows
a vein of three feet in width with a
northerly course. The gangue is quartz

and carries silver mostly as free mil-
ling ore. The property is owned by Mr.
Oscar Kneisley.

The finest mineral cabinet in New
Mexico is to be found at Chloride and is
the property of Dr. G. S. Haskell.

Several mining sales are reported to
have been consummated at Chloride
during the past fortnight.

Mr. Beckett, of the BLACK RANGE, is
making an excellent little paper, and
the miners and citizens are justly proud
of their local journal.

The eruptive rocks of the Apache and
Black range mining districts, as dis-
closed in the canyons and gulches,
would form an interesting study for
geologists interested in the structure
and positions, as well as the relative
ages of various eruptive or igneous
rock formations. Below the entire mass
of eruptive overflows are found what
appears to the casual observer, strata
of the Cambrian and lower Silurian
formation, metamorphosed almost be-
yond recognition. Above them in
many places is found the reddish fel-
spathic mass, sometimes clear and of
even texture and structure, and again
embodying worn and brecciated frag-
ments of the same appearance as the
general mass which comprises the over-
flows, and occasionally pebbles from
the lower morphosed sedimentary
rocks. A junior flow of fused masses
is found covering the brown eruptive
rock, and forming some of the highest
mountains the district. In several
places where the lower portions of this
mass are exposed by the scoring of
gulches and canyons, strong masses of
volcanic conglomerations are disclosed
to view, embracing fragments of all the
underlying rocks, and showing that in-
fluences similar to those of the present
time were at work, wearing down the
previous formations, rounding blocks
of rock into boulders, and breccia into
pebbles. The more recent overflow of
porphyry is of the character generally
known as "greenstone." Capping the
entire mass, in small irregular areas,
where the force of the erosive powers
of the past have been limited, is found
the lower stratum of limestone, pro-
nounced to be of Devonian age.

The Fairview smelter started up
again last Wednesday.

A large number of the resident pros-
pectors and miners of Chloride and Fair-
view have gone to the Palomas district,
the scene of the recent new mineral
discoveries.

Messrs. Dennis Sullivan, Chas. L.
Hall and Holby of Denver, passed
through Grafton last Tuesday, to look
up ranching properties on the Gila river.
A. F. Weunsch, in Santa Fe New
Mexican.

As You Like It.

LITTLE AH SID.
Little Ah Sid
Was a Christian kid—
A cute little cuss, you'd declare—
With eyes full of fun
And nose that begun
Right up at the roots of his hair.

Jolly and fat
Was this frolicsome brat,
As he played through the long summer day,
And braided his queue
As his father used to
In Chinaland far, far away.

Once o'er a lawn,
That Ah Sid played upon,
A bumblebee flew in the spring.
"Melican butterfly!"
Said he, with winking eye,
"Me catchee and pull off um wing."

Then with his cap
He struck it a rap,
This innocent bumblebee;
And put its remains
In the seat of his jeans,
For a pocket there had the Chinese.

Down on the green
Sat the little sardine,
In a style that was strangely demure,
And said with a grin
That was brim full of sin,
"Me mashee um butterfly, sure."

Little Ah Sid
Was only a kid,
Nor could you expect him to guess
What kind of a bug
He was holding so snug
In the folds of his loose-fitting dress.
"Ki-y! Ki-yip-ye!"
Ah Sid cried, as he
Rose up hurriedly from that spot.
"Ky-yi! Yu-k-a-kan!
Dum um, Melican man!
Um butterfly belly much hot!"

A Modern Enoch.

"What're you doing here?" demanded
a policeman of a chap whom he had
caught peering in at the window of a
Furnam street house last night.

"Nothing," replied the man jamming
his hands in his pockets and gazing up
at the sky.

"Didn't I hear a woman yell in this
house a few minutes ago?" continued
the policeman.
"Shouldn't wonder," replied the man

carelessly. "In fact I know you did,
for I heard her myself."

"What's going on in there?" queried
the policeman, looking in.

"Guess he's licking my wife," suggest-
ed the stranger.

"Do you live here?" asked the police-
man in some astonishment.

"I used to, but I kinder fell out o' the
habits lately," was the indifferent re-
sponse.

"What kind of a man are you to stand
out here and let another man lick your
wife?" demanded the policeman.

"I think he can do it better than I
can," growled the stranger. "I never
can. I never had any luck at that kind
of a job, and if there's any one who can
make a success of it, I am not going to
interfere with his fun, now you bet!"

"Who is the man?" Do you know
him?"

"Never saw him before," replied the
stranger. "I guess he and she thinks
he's her husband."

"And it's your wife?"

"Sure! Only I've been away a long
time—shipwrecked, you know—and I
just got home. I saw 'em at it, and
thought I wouldn't interfere."

"Do you want me to arrest him?" in-
quired the policeman, contemplating the
returned husband with amazement.

"Just as you like," returned the other;
"only do not mention my name in the
matter."

"But don't you propose to do any-
thing about it?"

"Well, now, you just bet! Just as
soon as that man winds off that job he's
going to bed, and if I've got a quarter
anywhere, he's got to drink, and don't
you interfere; now you hear me?"

And the policeman strolled down the
street, while Enoch bending low his
chin upon the window that contained
Annie, absorbed the scene then turned
him around as Philip came the while
a little ahead of a flat-iron, and took
him by the arm. And so they went,
and Annie left alone wot not that
Enoch had been so near, and had shes-
les in his pocket wherewith to assuage
the grief of Philip.

A Waggish Judge.

A genial old gentleman relates the
following reminiscence of his younger
days, when residing at Fort Gibson on
the Mississippi river:

A great deal of litigation was going
on there about that time, and it was
not always an easy matter to obtain a
jury. One day I was summoned to act
in that capacity, and repaired to get
excused.

On my name being called, I informed
His Honor, the judge, that I was not a
freeholder, and therefore not qualified
to serve.

"Where do you live?"

"I am stopping for the time being at
this place."

"You board at the hotel, I presume?"

"I take my meals there, but I have
rooms at another part of the town,
where I lodge."

"So you keep bachelor's hall?"

"Yes, sir."

"How long have you lived in that
manner?"

"About six months."

"I think you are qualified," gravely re-
marked the judge, "for I have never
known a man to keep bachelor's hall
the length of time you name who had
not dirt enough in his room to make
him a freeholder. The court does not
excuse you."

A Chinese Ballad.

The wife of the Chinese minister at
Washington recently sang the follow-
ing touching ballad of her native land.
Written out in the form of letters used
by outer barbarians, it will be seen that
Chinese is not nearly so difficult a lan-
guage as supposed:

One omoto th ete asho pwit hme,
Andh uya po undo f thebe st,
Twillpr oveam oster collett ea,
Itsq us lit yal lwi lit test
Tso nivf oursh lili ags apo und,
Soo omet othet eams rian dry,
Nob etere anal seah exobefow nd,
Oet linta nyoth er needb ey.

A young fellow claimed that he was
awfully solid with his sweetheart, and
a friend doubted it. He took him
around while the young lady was out
and showed him the big rocking chair
and the parlor. Both rockers were
loose and the poor old cane seat was so
stretched that it nearly dragged the
floor. The friend was convinced.

Was Noah a colored cuss from Africa
or was the sable individual up a tree
when the afore mentioned Noah made
his memorable voyage to Ararat? If
the scientific association have any fur-
ther light on the subject we wish for
the sake of half-crazed humanity they
would let it shine.