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CRONJE'S GALLANT STAND.

The history of the world is full of the noble deeds of patriots who have dared to face death in behalf of their country and their homes.

But no more brilliant page of history was ever written than that which will enroll the names of the heroic leader and his devoted army, who was overwhelmed by the vast army of England, under Lord Roberts, February 27, 1900.

General Cronje's name will be a synonym for gallantry wherever the love of Liberty is allowed free scope. His masterly retreat, which was a continued fight over every inch of ground, and his last grand effort as he came to bay in the rocky bed of the Modder river, taught the world a lesson of bravery, and proved that even under the burning sun of South Africa a liberty loving race has been bred who could not be made to bend the knee to the dominating race.

All honor to the fearless Cronje and his brave comrades. They are fighting for their homes and their firesides against greed for gold and lust for dominion.

We deplore the fact that some form of peaceful adjustment could not have been arranged before the final appeal to the arbitrament of war was made.

Now is the time for mediation and we hope that the good offices of some government may be offered and made effective to stay the slaughter of freedom loving people on one side and loyal subjects on the other.

THE attempt of the Government to induce the adoption of conservative methods of lumbering in order to preserve the national resources, and the responsive interest taken by timber owners, have brought up many interesting legal questions, and the Division of Forestry has found it necessary to make extensive researches in this direction.

WICKED San Francisco is all agog and on its knees to a 13-year-old boy preacher, whose apt and instantaneous answers to knotty questions propounded by the Solons of Sodom, are said to be marvelous. The wisdom of Solomon, according to published reports, rests on the two small shoulders of the young stripling.

TOMORROW Township No. 4, which includes Sutter Creek and Amador City, will vote for the establishment of a high school. If each one who signed the petition backs up his signature with a vote the question will be settled in the affirmative.

SENATOR ALLISON has chosen for his fellow members of the Republican Steering Committee, the following brilliant array of Senatorial talent: Hale, of Maine; Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Cullom, of Ill.; Wolcott, of Colo.; Sewell, of New Jersey; Spooner, of Wisconsin; McBride, of Washington, and Hanna, of Ohio.

THE CHRISTIAN DAILY, which Rev. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, is going to run for one week as Jesus would run it, has been subscribed for by people in all parts of the world. The demand for the paper is simply overwhelming.

THE resolution introduced by Congressman DeVries of this District, for the preservation of the Calaveras big trees was effectual and the big trees have been saved from the speculator who hoped to turn a pretty penny in the venture.

ACCORDING to a press report from Auburn, Indiana, ex-President Benjamin Harrison is a Boer sympathizer. It appears, however, that he refuses to be publicly quoted, lest his words embarrass the McKinley administration. According to the S. F. Chronicle of March 7, which quotes from the New York World, ex-President Harrison contends that there is no occasion for gratitude on the part of this government toward the British. He thinks the British were guilty of inhuman practices during the Revolutionary War and that their attack on this Nation in 1812 had no justification from any international standpoint, while their conduct toward the Union during the Civil War was also reprehensible.

IN the old days a personal reference, made on the floor of the Senate, by Senator Tillman to Senator Morgan would have resulted in pistols and coffee for two, but there is no longer any fighting in Congress, even when such Southern hot-heads as Tillman and Morgan indulge in flinging personal insults at each other. The incident grew out of the refusal of Morgan some days before, to give the floor to Tillman in order that he might reply to a taunt of Senator Wolcott, about the "suppressed vote" of South Carolina. Tillman said: "I have felt indignant at the treatment I received from the Senator. Never in my experience in the Senate, have I been treated so discourteously by any member of the Senate." At this point Morgan attempted to interrupt him to make a statement, but Tillman impetuously waved him aside, and continued: "I decline to yield to the Senator. He has put himself outside of the pale of courtesy and consideration, so far as I am concerned."

PRESIDENT WHEELER of the University of California is an enthusiast, but not in the sense that he permits his prejudices to bias his judgment. He is energetic and practical, and it may be, therefore, accepted that his utterances concerning the existing conditions of California and the effect of those conditions on our future are based on knowledge. We quote him as follows: "In the Eastern States I find that great interest is being manifested among all classes of the great cities in California's growing importance as a commercial and educational center. Only on the Pacific Coast is there a lack of understanding and appreciation of the strategic value, commercially, of our position, as created by the recent developments in the Orient."

FATHER YORKE, of San Francisco, has taken up the social evil question and is handling it without gloves. He is a Gatling gun of hot shot and he spares neither the high nor the low. May the good seed he is sowing bear an hundred fold.

SUPERIOR COURT.

D. Boro vs Mary A. Turner—Argument on demurrer continued to March 10th.
Lottie May Liddicoat vs Wm. R. Liddicoat—Action for divorce. Trial set for April 3d.
M. Rossi vs G. Garibaldi—Trial continued to March 19th.
M. Bearce vs B. Bearce—Trial continued to March 19th.
Bunker Hill Con. Mining Co. vs Bunker Hill Quartz Mining Co.—Trial set for March 19th.
Anna C. Schley vs B. Jelmini—Action to quiet title. Trial had and decree granted.
People vs J. H. Giles—Matter of setting cause for trial continued indefinitely to be set on five days notice.
J. Q. Horton vs A. Adams—Order dismissing appeal.
Estate of L. H. Abramofsky—Decree settling final account and distributing estate.
Estate of John Celio—L. J. Fontenrose appointed administrator.
Matter of the application of James F. Peek to adopt Thomas W. Wright, the minor child of Katie L. Peek (nee Katie L. Wright). Order of adoption granted.

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Explosion of Gas. Last Tuesday Lawrence Spinetti of the Onedia mine, had occasion to visit the station at the 600 level of the old shaft. His candle ignited gas that had collected there causing an explosion which burned his face and hands quite severely. He will not be disfigured, however. Dr. Gall is attending the injured man.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

March 1.—Admiral Dewey advises the building of more warships.
March 2.—Major-General Otis will soon return from Manila. Filipinos ambushed and many killed.
March 3.—Lieutenant Gibbons makes a dash and rescues American and Spanish prisoners in Southern Luzon.
March 4.—Natives in Luzon expected to resume armed opposition in the rainy season.
March 5.—A squad of colored troops from the Twenty-fourth swim across the San Luis at Naguilan and rout the Filipinos.
March 6.—General Bates' division engages in a sharp battle. Conditions in Manila are vastly improved.
March 7.—Admiral Watson may be recalled. Rear Admiral Romey will take his place at Manila.

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Health Officer's Report. County Health Officer Endicott filed the following report with the Board of Supervisors for the month of February: Have abated ten public nuisances dangerous to health; have issued eight burial permits—five for Jackson, two for lone and one for Lancha Plana. Cause of death: Two, Bright's disease, two consumption, one cerebral hemorrhage, one pneumonia and one arsenical poisoning with suicidal intent.

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MOTHER LODE GEOLOGY

Features of the Lode in Amador County.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF STRINGERS

California Is In Great Need of a Geological Survey, Which Would Add to Our Importance.

By JOHN A. FAULL. In speaking of the great lode system in Amador county, there are features most interesting that do not appear to be touched upon by the examiners in the field for the Mining Bureau. We have spoken of the Keystone mine at Amador City; it has been generally recognized as a contact vein, or series of veins. This fissure is bounded on the east by the so-called green-stone hanging wall—we have explained heretofore what the real character of that wall is. At the south end of this mining claim, some two thousand feet south of the main working shaft, there was a claim known as the "Jones and Davis," now known as the South Spring Hill or Talisman; here the lode leaves the clay slates which course north and south, and follow the fracture at an angle of seventy-two degrees east, the lode holding its contact form for 200 feet east of the clay slate line, when the entire dyke became fractured, cracked and seamed—the gold being found bunched and spangled, and instead of iron and copper sulphurets being the controlling factors in gold productions, arsenic became the base with quartz and fluor-spar in which the gold was found. The fracture, however, cut clear through the great dyke and connected the black clay slate on the west, known as the gouge slates, with the east. How far this fracture may effect the eastern vein system along this belt, is a question for consideration. So far as now known, no direct communication has been traced in the gold current, that is to say, in any absolute or demonstrated form. Black slate has been found, but not the black clay slate colored with the oxide of manganese filled with iron and copper pyrites, such as exist on the west side of the dyke. This condition of things continues for quite a long distance north and south. This current, appears to re-enter the west fissure at the old Eureka mine, about 800 feet south of Sutter Creek. Here again the clay slates are found pyritic with the green-stone as the hanging wall. We will here stop and consider the effect of the great glacial moraine which divided Sutter creek from Jackson creek. The so-called contact appears to be disarranged, or rather, an absolute change—the Onedia, Kennedy and Argonaut mines having their foot-walls, as it is claimed, of green-stone. This is in fact, however, amygdaloid. Here the slates are pyritic in the same manner as heretofore described. As a matter of fact, such breaks, divisions, concentrations and separations occur along the line of the lode system, not only in the county of Amador, but in the adjoining counties Calaveras and Tuolumne. Passing from Jackson on the west belt, following what is known as Murphy's Ridge, there are a number of seams, veins and threads of quartz and slate which carry gold, but none have been traced to any great depth. The veins of the ridge and top of the hill were found to be exceedingly rich, but nothing of value has been found at any great depth. The gold current, if I may use that expression, appears to have left the clay slate a little north of the town of Jackson and passed into the talcose slates in the Zella mine, from which point it again crossed into the clay slate, but it does not show prominent concentrated wealth until the Gwin mine is reached, one mile south of the Mokelumne river. In the veins of quartz found on the west side of Murphy's Ridge, the gold is in arsenical sulphurets, what the miners call black metal. This is a repetition of that spoken of between Amador City and Sutter Creek; arsenical or mispickel gold bearers were often found in the Mahoney mine at Sutter Creek. These changes had not been noted with that care with which they should have been. They are, however, of interest to the miner or would-be miner. Nature has made a change, hence it is time for us to be looking to their "P's and Q's" so as not to attempt the impossible. Unless nature has placed metal in the vein, lode or ledge, men cannot get it out. So far as known, this black metal of which I speak ends at the Mokelumne river, as I know of none being found beyond that point. It is difficult to account for this occurrence, yet it is a fact. Across the river there are found a number of veins, but none of concentrated value until the Gwin mine is reached. Here the black clay slate (pyritic) associated with quartz, make the pay shoot of this famous mine. The deposit here is a little less than 1300 feet long—its depth is unknown. From here the lode system splits into three separate lines which do not appear to form any deposit until reaching the vicinity of San Andreas. Here, strange to say, the great talcose slates are found to the west, while the gold belt with the black clay slates, containing pyritic matter, may be found on the eastern division of the lode, such as that at the Ford mine and the adjoining mines to the north and south. Here is a problem to be unraveled in which there is, beyond doubt, great wealth. The slates are rather broken, disturbed and segmental as the great fissure at this point must necessarily be developed. Developments are often suspended and work abandoned because rich rock is not encountered just when expected. Lack of capital is often the cause, but very frequently, ignorance. Lack of study of surroundings, ignorance of the nature of the undertaking, the character of the undertaking and the character of the deposit being operated upon; this coupled with bull-headed stupidity, causes loss and frequently

disappointment.

This field in and about San Andreas has been broken by two cross-dykes, whether eruptive or not, I am not prepared to say positively; one of them appears to be an eruptive dyke—the other rather looks as though the fracture had been opened by end pressure when the clay and spary matter flowed into it subsequently. Lateral pressure and crystallization changed the features of the lode and of the dyke itself. The character of the pyritic matter here shown plainly that the action of carbonic acid gas has been very great—so much so, that the gellinites are completely changed and the galena and blende is replaced by pizites, iron, selenium and tellurides. The slates are more or less metamorphosed, that is to say, earthy.

Much wealth has been taken from the surface, very largely distributed from the vein system. The wealth of this part of the district is to be found at great depth, as there is evidence of the magnitude of the great up-lift along the western slope of the mountain chain displacements. Cross fractures and splits are to be looked for in such a wide metalliferous zone. Here it must be remembered that the vein system is seven and three-eighths miles in width, the western side of the gold slates adjoining the copper slates. The eastern side adjoining the diorites, cyanites, granites, schists and dolomite.

The great need of California is a geological survey,—indeed, it is a disgrace that the first and only one ever appointed was abolished. The State Geologist and his assistants were expected to do in four or five years, the labor of a century. In a newly settled State without roads, an impatient community—for such a term can be applied to any community on earth, it is that of the mining community—in the early days, so long as the geological survey existed, the great valleys we call the "cow counties," the legislature being controlled by men from the mountains representing the miners, and in their ambition for their "pile," as it was called, the valley's cause was ignored almost in toto, and the rights of any and all interest but their own. The day has come, however, when the great need of a geological survey for the State of California is admitted, which, if completed in a hundred years, will be a wonder of industry and compilation.

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