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TO FORM A NEW STATE

SERIOUS PROPOSAL TO CREATE THE COMMONWEALTH OF "SUPERIOR."

Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to contribute to its Territory—Would Be One of the Richest in the Union, Especially in Minerals.

It is seriously proposed to create a new state by taking a part of the three states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, which will be known as the state of "Superior," or "the Mineral State."

Captain McDougall would cut out a territory bounded on the north by Canada, on the west by the Mississippi river, on the south by a line drawn from the Mississippi river along the southern boundary of the northern tier of Wisconsin counties and terminating at the extreme tip of the upper peninsula.

What is aimed at particularly is to place the three great iron ranges—the Vermillion, the Mesabi and the Gog-



CAPTAIN ALEX M'DOUGALL.

bioc—in one state, so that the interests of none of them could be injured by conflicting legislation and all might be treated from the same basis.

Should the new state, which would be the forty-fifth of the Union, be considered at all it would have the additional advantage, the captain thinks, of solving the difficulties of long standing between Duluth and Superior, for, both cities being in the same state, their interests would be in the main almost identical.

Duluth and the northern part of Minnesota have no interests in common with the rest of the state, Wisconsin, it can truthfully be said, bears the same relation toward Superior and the northern portion of the state, and as for the upper peninsula it is not, either from a commercial or geographical point of view, a part of the state of Michigan.

The new state would be one of the richest in wealth in the Union. It would have more than 600 miles of water front and contain "the head of the lakes" harbor, which is the gateway for the trade and commerce of the entire northwestern country.

Agitation of the subject will begin immediately throughout the three commonwealths involved, and the representatives in the several legislatures who come from the territory immediately involved will after their admission be secured begin making political combinations in order to effect their purpose.

A Bowler Makes 300 in Ten Frames. David Hoffman of the Berkeley Bowling club of Newark, N. J., made a score of 300 in ten frames with regulation pins on Harry Montgomery's alleys recently.

To Prevent Train Robbery. The Southern Pacific is considering methods for preventing train robbery, but thus far no feasible plan has been found.

Where the Trouble Lies. Women do not seem to realize that dislike for the bloomer is based not on a general prejudice, but the superlative ugliness of the garment.

Another Highbear Gone. The many southern people who have met Governor McKinley have had an opportunity to see that there is no truth in the story that he has horns.

Lost.—A black ostrich boa. Leave at this office and receive reward.

FOR LOVELY WOMAN.

THAT CREATURE OF MENTAL UNCERTAINTY AND ACTIVITY.

Something New For a Waist—A Novelty In Blouses—Trimming For Cotton Dresses—New Developments in Bonnets. Material For Dresses.

Woman being a creature of changeable mind, it keeps the artists and designers in a continual state of mental activity to evolve something having new features, at least for every day in the year.



embroidered stiffly with gold. The sleeves are of the deep Naples blue ponce de soie, with cuffs of the old gold.

Another novelty in the blouse effect has a snug lining, over which is laid a waist of Cheney silk, with a slight droop exactly in front, over the round belt.

It is quite possible with the new fashion to transform a plain corsage into a Russian by means of the addition of looped straps. I remember a case where the waist was of olive green velvet and heliotrope satin duchesse.

Cotton dresses are made and trimmed with quite as much care as woolen and silk ones, and they certainly pay for the trouble.



RUSSIAN BLOUSE. Blouse waists for children with three box plaits down the front, edged with white or black soutache, according to the color of the blouse.

LIQUID GOLD FEVER.

RAPID ADVANCE IN OIL HAS RENEWED EXCITEMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA.

The Future at Parkersburg—Story of the Finding of Petroleum—George Washington Kneew of Its Existence—How Senator Camden Made His Fortune.

Among the natural resources of West Virginia petroleum has always been rated as third in importance, coal and timber taking precedence, but just at this time a superficial observer would conclude that there is nothing but oil in the state.

Parkersburg being the center and distributing point of the West Virginia oilfield, it is the place to get the benefit of all the excitement.

Oil was first discovered in West Virginia and not in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania fields were the first to be developed, but the discovery belongs to West Virginia, and the largest oilfield now in the world is at Sistersville.

In 1775, in one of his surveying expeditions to the Kanawha valley, General Washington discovered the "Burning Spring." He did not understand the phenomena, but so well assured was he that it was some rich gift of nature designed for the use of man that he set apart and deeded to the public forever an acre of land near the Kanawha river.

It was simply a hole in the ground, which filled with water when it rained and up through which issued a jet of gas, giving the water the appearance of boiling, and when lighted burned with a bright flame till blown out by the wind.

In 1815 Captain James Wilson struck a gas well while boring for salt water in the Kanawha valley. The coal oil fever broke forth in all its fury early in 1861, when oil was discovered at the Burning Springs above Parkersburg.

It was in the oil excitement of 1861 that Senator Camden, who is now classed among the wealthiest of America's millionaires, got his start.

When she looked for an explanation, he said: "I see here in the paper that oil has been discovered on the Little Kanawha. I am going up there to try my hand at developing the field."

A Practical Case For Playing Cards. That playing cards should be kept neat and clean, with smooth edges, is essential to the comfort of the game.



To make it select a piece of soft gray chamois skin, or, if that be too quiet for your taste, any color you prefer. Cut a section a little wider than your cards are long and as long as four times their width.

Turn over at each end a piece the exact width of one card, so as to form two pockets of equal size. Cut from the chamois four strips, each as long as the pockets are deep and as wide as half the depth of the entire pack of cards.

Count Tolstoi's latest work, which has just appeared, is called "Master and Man." It is a story of Russian village life, telling of the struggle in the mind of the master, lost in the snow with his man, against the temptation to abandon his helpless companion, for whom he at last gives his own life.

Worth Looking Into. If Great Britain contemplates going to the expense of bombarding a town for the sake of collecting that \$75,000 from Nicaragua, she has something more in her eye than the money.

Human Nature. Human nature is human nature, and the man who swears falsely concerning his tax returns will continue to frown down the man who stuffs a ballot box.

A Dentist's Suit. Suit has been brought against a dentist for breach of promise of marriage. The wonder is that it was not a suit for breach of promise of teeth.

IMPORTANT TO WOMEN.

Two Lady De Gramons—Fads, Fashions and Domestic Matters.

A number of women in New York are wearing as dressmakers with architects. The first two to set up in business for themselves are Miss Mary Nevay Gannon and Miss Alice J. Hanks.

The precise facts in the case were that a thundering big eel four feet long, perhaps, and two or three inches thick, had wriggled out of the supply pipe of the works into the water main, thence sailed along into the service pipe and had got into a tight fit in that tube not many feet away from the boiler that makes the dynamo.

"Such another plague of eels was never known as that which afflicts New Londoners this season," said one resentful but somewhat resigned citizen. "Never was anything like it. A man would think that Konomoe lake was mixed up in about equal parts of eels and wriggles, with some water.

Colored Ghouls Desecrate a Grave to Get Bones For Dice. Several weeks ago it was announced that the grave in which Sarah Barlow, an old negro, was buried two years ago at Post Oak Church, Miss., had been desecrated.

WANTED "CONJURE BONES."

The "bath bun" (so say authorities on the subject) is to be the correct style of arranging the hair during the present spring and summer. It suggests a waterfall at the back of the head and is very English and very hideous.

A new way to prepare eggs is timely at this season when eggs are plentiful and cheap. Break the eggs into a bowl, yolks and whites together, beating thoroughly.

DIVIDED BY A SKUNK.

Sarah E. Gould, in a petition for divorce from Chessman D. Gould of Leeds, Me., specifies 17 charges, among which is that, to annoy her, her husband placed a dead skunk in her clothes closet.

A Hot Summer Coming. Sergeant Darr, the New York weather expert, says that we may expect a hot summer, according to the rule of temperature averages.

A Song of Lovetime.

Here's a song of lovetime—All the world is light; There's a ripple on the river, And suns and stars are bright.