publishers of the state, and they could hardly its faith on 'Gone Moore as the one retiring succeed in remembering a single publisher official at least who would go out of office who had become a millionaire and capitalist with clean skirts and we are loth to believe by making newspaper charges, legal rates that there was any intent at wrong on his

nd all.

Pierce Call: The legislature is talking of satisfactory adjustment of the affair. passing a law compelling every school teacher feal blood suckers, who haven't the brains is not the kind of a man that the people to run any other county office, can't step into want. this important one.

Tecumsel Chieftain: A bill is before the legislature which, if it becomes a law, will require all district school teachers to teach vocal music. Music is all right in the schools, but were all teachers compelled to teach it much of the best talent in the state would be driven from the profession. Many teachers can't sing and could not learn the art were they to study ever so long. The bill ought to be defeated, and probably will be. A measure just about as sensible would a law compelling all teachers to look

handsome Randolph Times: A bill is now before the legislature which purports cutting down the salaries of county officers about 50 per cent. A light salary would probably dis-pense with the usual unhealthy scramble for county offices, and might ease the consciences of the popocrats who do not under-erand politics, and that is evidently the aim and object of the bill. It might be a good plan to include the salaries of the legisla-tors in this thunderstroke of economy. An ndment to that effect, however, would deader than the '00 boom of William de Jay.

Papillion Times: Senator Schaal is the father of a bill to authorize county boards to appropriate money to make county displays at the Transmississippi Exposition. It is a good scheme. The only benefit Nebraska can derive from the exposition is advertising. We need more people in Nebraska and doubtless the exposition will displaye of products may reasonably antici-pate the most profit by way of eastern pur-chasers for their lands. In case Senator Schaal's bill shall become a law Sarpy county will make a display at the exposition premiums in sight.

Hastings Tribune: If the legislators at Lincoln make a cut in the printers' fees without reducing their own salaries accordingly they ought to receive the everlasting nation of every editor and printer in the state. As a rule the newspaper men are the most generous class of fellows to be found. They work night and day for the class of men who knife them just as soon as they are in a position to do the newspaper man a tors will cut their own salaries and everything else in accordance with the proposed cut on the printing fees, we will say "amen." But if they fall to do this then every editor in the state should join hands regardless of politics and bring these legislators to time.

Grand Island Independent: There is no willing to pay a living price for the genuine article. Every responsible position, if the law which the present legislature proposes enacting goes on the statute, will be filled by a nondescript, who has no qualifications whatever for such officees of trust, and the people will be the losers thereby. There are very few county officers getting too much salary for the duties and responsibilities involved. The best men are always the cheapest when it comes to public service and Hall county has had sufficient experience in this line that its representatives at Lincoln will not be justified in supporting the bill to reduce the galaries of good county offi-

Schuyler Sun: Among other notable bills introduced in the house is one providing for pure beer. Now, this is a good thing, and we are glad to see this move made in the right direction. If there is anything the poor suffering humanity of this state needs it is pure beer. If this bill passes those who rush the "growler" will know that they are bringing back with them the genuine article, and if not they will have a list of the adulteraif the saloon keepers would have these adulterations printed on a little slip, then as the profit. old soak blows the foam he can casually glance down the list and tell whether or not he wants to drink it. Or as he swipes his face on the towel and absent-mindedly takes a pretzel he can scan the list and if there is anything there which has been proscribed he can have the saloon keeper pulled. Yes, give us the pure beer bill, and all your other sins are forgiven you.

Seward Reporter: The legislature seems to have a special grudge against newspaper men, and numerous bills have been intro duced to cut the rates of legal advertising. Whether any of these measures will pass or not is yet to be seen. As the propose reductions would affect populist publisher. as others, a strong protest may be expected to come from the newspapers of that faith. They have done their full share in working up their party to its present posi-tion, and are not likely to view with un-mixed pleasure the attempt to cut down rates of printing, especially when their papers are now getting the bulk of the public printing of the entire state. Another proposed measure, and one that seems more likely to succeed, is to repeal that part of the legal newspaper law which provides that a legal paper must have been published for fifty-two consecutive weeks. Some newspaper men, who are continually on the move, want the law so adjusted as to enable them to issue a legal paper on a day's notice, and enter into competition with those that have been long established. The established papers do not care chough about the matter the bill, but its manifest injustice ought to be apparent to all.

TOS AND EX-OFFICIALS.

Fremont Tribune: If ex-Treasurer Bartle; can furnish as much money as he can per-sonal assurance he will have no trouble in turning over to the state all the mone due it. We trust that, in the interest due it. We trust that, in the interest of the public and the republican party, he will quit his bluff and produce the stuff.

Grand Island Independent: If ex-Treasurer Bartley and ex-State Auditor Eugene Moore are found to be guilty of the grave charge presented in recent dispatches no hon-est republican will regret that the gang that infeated the auditor's and state treasurer's offices at the state capital before election has been kicked out.

Kearney Hub: No republican newspaper should palliate or excuse any official mis-doing of the late state auditor. Eugene He stands before the law just as any icial, past or present, should stand. If is short in his accounts with the state he should be compelled to make every cen good or stand the consequences. The strict est accountability should be required of every

Wisner Chronicle: Ex-Auditor Eugene Moore has been the subject of much praise for the model manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, but it now transpires that he has not turned over to the state a large sum of money received as fees from insurance companies and does not seem to be prepared to make prompt settlement. It is discouraging to witness breaking of one's most cherished idols.

Schuyler Quill: Eugene Moore, ex-auditor ! Nebraska, was supposed to be the whites: and straightest republican in the state hous-and even he has turned out bad and ha stolen \$23,000 of the state's money. The Quili always looked upon Eugene Moore a a little above the average state house re publican, but it seems that he is right in line. Last fall at the close of his four years in the auditor's office he wanted to be gov-ernor, but failed to be nominated. It was well be failed. He should now be placed hind the bars for his rascally in office.

Dodge Criterion: For some time the re-port has been current that 'Gene Moore, exauditor of state, had not completed final settlement with the state by turning over certain and sundry fees collected through the medium of his office. The newspapers say that there is still due the state about \$25,000 and that Mr. Moore is not able to produce it. The latter says that he has a third interest in a gold mine out in Corado, which yields a profit of \$1,590 th, and he offers to turn over his chare of \$500 a month until the debt is liquidated. The state demands immediate payment and there is probability of trouble. The Criteri as well as republicans generally, had pinned

Stromsburg News: Ex-Auditor Moore still passing a law compelling every school teacher to teach music in the school rooms. What is the matter of making the county superintendent eligible on the condition that he passes a rigid examination in music. What the legislature should do is to raise to a standard of learning the office of county superintendent. Make it so high that politically the state have been superintendent. The superintendent in the school teacher who can not show up the true superintendent. Make it so high that politically the superintendent in the school teacher who has indulged in so much red tape and was always harping about economy, and was always harping about economy.

Norfolk News: A bolt of lightning from a clear sky, which had struck and killed one of our most prominent citizens, would not have caused more of a feeling of regret in have caused more of a feeling of regret in Norfolk than has the distressing news from Lincoln this week. As yet, and in the face of published reports, many of his staunch Norfolk friends refuse to believe that Eugene Moore, in whom the utmost trust and confidence have always been placed, has involved himself in such a manner that he cannot be extricated and his fair name left untarnished before the world. There must be some mis take, these reports must be a horrible night-mare and the awakening will set everything right. For the sake of his family and personal friends, for the sake of the republican party, let us not pass judgment hastily upon Eugene Moore, but await full developments in the hope that he may be able to clear his reputation of the blot which is now charged asgainst It.

Norfolk Journal: It is like referring wrongdoing in one's own family for the Journal to say anything about Eugene Moore's defalcation as state auditor. If this paper had been asked to point out one man who would go out of a state office with clean and a clean record Eugene Moore would have been the man pointed out every time. But little of the inside history of the matter has been learned but it is evident that Mr. Moore is short about \$25,000 of insurance fees collected and not accounted braska can derive from the exposition is advertising. We need more people in Nebraska, and doubtless the exposition will bring us many new settlers. Those counties attracting the most favorable notice by their displays of products may reasonably anticipate the most profit by way of eastern purposes for their lands. In case Security was the wools community home that he wools community home that he means the whole community, hope that he will make good the loss without evasion of seeking to hide behind any technicality i In keeping with her reputation in that line, the law. That is the least he can do to which means that we will capture all the undo the wrong he has done not only to the state, but to the friends who have trusted

in him as well. Grand Island Independent: Should ex Auditor Moore and ex-Treasurer Bartley. who are now under charges of the most reckless management of public funds and even of the appropriation of portions to pri-vate use, not be able to fully vindicate thempelves, they well deserve the most rigid prosecution. They will have committed a re in a position to do the newspaper man a most serious crime not only against all of od or cril turn as they see fit. If these legis the people whom they were elected to serve and not to fleece but also against their party. which they should have honored and betrayed. For the latter they cannot be punished. For the former there are laws and there should be no monkey business in applying them, when it has once been as-certained that these men are in default. The question at all but every county in the state can get an officer cheaper than the ones occupying the present positions—just as sanded cugar or watered milk is cheaper from the grocer and farmer if you are unbe the wiser course. Should they then not be able to turn over the funds through willful neglect or fraudulent misappropriation let them meet the punishment which the law provides and they deserve.

Fremont Tribune: The Tribune's Lincoln orrespondence a few days ago gave the details of ex-Auditor Moore's financial and of-ficial embarrassment. This information was a surprise to the ex-auditor's many friends in this section of the state, who were loth to believe he could be in default. * * * He is now reported as confirming the suspicion that he wrongfully used the state's money by investing it in a Colorado mine, whence he has diverted \$23,000 of the money belonging to the people of Nebraska. Moore is reported to be able to pay the state \$500 a month out of the earnings of the mine in which he has invested the people's money. At this rate it would take nearly four years for him to make a settlement. If his mine paying such a profit he will find no trouble n berrowing funds on it sufficient to square himself with the state. And if it be that remunerative his bondsmen can pay what he owes and take the income of the mine. But owar and take the income of the mine. But all probability the mine is paying no such profit. The bondsmen will be invited to pay anyhow, the mine cutting no figure in the case. The Tribune confesses to a grievous disappointment in Moore's official conduct. It gave him hearty and cheerful sup-port through all his term of office. He was faithful and upright officer until he was tempted with speculation in Colorado mines. Then he fell. The disgrace is keenly felt by his friends.

DOMESTIC IDYLES.

Chicago Record: "Why doesn't Julia care o waltz?" "She says she can make a man's head go Indianapolis Journal: "I hear that you are a widow," said the one who had been abroad. "Yes, just at present," said the one is

Judge: Mr. Gotroks-What!-you tell me you are going to marry Aley Van Chum-pleigh? He hasn't said a word to me about

Ethel Gotroks-Of course not; he doesn't now it himself, yet! Puck: First Georgia Cracker—Hello, Eph! is youah daghter married t' Si Slopoke yit? Second Georgia Cracker—Naw; but she will be—jes' soon 's I kin raise money 'nough t' buy a gun.

Philadelphia Record: "When de wife hol's e reins," says Brother Watkins, "she offer trives her husban' to drink."

Detroit Free Press: She-Do you think would marry a man who has no money He-Well, I didn't know but you wanted o get married.

Philadelphia North American: Mr. Du-tane—That man yonder seems very pensive. Do you suppose he is in love? Mr. Gaswell. —O. no; that's impossible. I know him very well. He's married. Indianapolis Journal: "George describe the girl he is engaged to as a perfec

Yes. And his sister says she is a sight.

Cleveland Leader: "Yes, sir, I know one woman who can keep a seeret."
"Please explain."
"My wife and I have been married for ten years now, and she has never yet consented to tell me how it is that she is always in need of money."

Brooklyn Life: Trivvet-Did you hear of the dreadful revenge Frothingham took on Miss Dimling when she refused his pro-posal? Dicer-What was it? Trivvet-He proposed to her mother, as Mrs. Dimling was a widow, and now he won't let a man come to see his stepdaughter.

UNFORESEEN. Indianapolis Journal.

I wrote to her, to tell her of the bliss
That would be mine, could I once kiss
Her red-ripe lips again, and all that sert

gush, That lovers write when to a state of musi Their hearts have been reduced by Cupit power.
Oh, little dreamed I of the distant day
When all those words of love's impassi fury Would be in court and marked "exhibit A." And read before a breach-of-promise jury

A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD STORY.

Written for The Omaha Bee George Washington was a model boy If what they say is true— He never lied or swore or smoked, And never took a chew

But history sometimes fails to give Our hero's brightest acts. Though we cannot but frankly say That history gives us facts.

So George's faiher a hatchet bought,
To cut the winter's fuel—
And showed "Our George" one day, 'is said
Just how to use the tool—

So George was sent into the wood, But straight to the orehard fled, Not to cut the winter's fuel But his father's "cherry" instead-And his father catching him in the act, No other course would do-But tell the truth, 'twas the easier done, Than lying, he too well knew.

And George's father took his hatchet away With a true parental sigh To cut the winter's wood that year, And George winked the other eye. J. CLEVE SCOTT. Central City, Neb.

Pulse of Western Progress.

engaged in the business in Colorado to stay in that business, for it is going to be a money maker," said J. L. Harris of the Union Stock Yards and Transfer company, Chicago, the other day, according to the Denver News. "Today Colorado-fed yearlings and 2-year-olds and her sheep and lambs are bringing the best prices. Especially is this so of sheep; they are being sold at the top notch. You have here a most excellent breeding country. Let your cattlemen raise 1 and 2-year-olds and they can get today \$13 to \$15 a bead. This is a better price than they will get, proportionately, if they keep them till 3 or 4 years old, because your state is not the best for maturing. It were better for the stockmen to sell the young cattle to the Montana man. He will make much better beef. Your sheep, however, could not be improved on. You have 200,000 lambs on feed in the state now." "The cattle and sheep industry round about La Jara is in spiendid condition and a profitable business this year," said W. A. Braiden, a sheep raiser of La Jara, just back Braider, a sheep raiser of La Jara, just back from Chicago. "Although the range was short last year, yet I shipped 30,000 head to Larimer county and there they were fat-tened to a condition that brought an excel-lent price. This winter we are feeding a great deal, because of the heavy snow, which in some places is four to five feet desp. This betokens a fine range in the spring and sumbetokens a fine range in the spring and sum-mer and we are consequently happy. The cat-tle industry is not as extensive as the sheep down our way, although we shipped north some 2,000 head this season. Because of the old grudge between cattle and sheep men-while on the range I would not be sur-prised to hear of a rupture when both get cut in a few months." out in a few months.

LUCKY "HAPPY JACK." The citizens of Pearl, Idaho, are greatly ex-The citizens of Pearl, Idano, are greatly ex-cited over the richest free gold discovery ever made in the district, says the Boise Statesman. J. Coster, Charles Lockerman, William Conners and Jeff Shelton are the lucky owners of the big find, which is on the Pearl quartz claim, one of the oldest locations in the camp, situated above the Richmond brothers' mill, right in the lower-end of the town of Pearl, which was named end of the town of Pearl, which was named after this claim. J. S. Kelsay and George Wills have a lease upon the claim and are sinking a shaft in the ledge in fair ore. J. Coster, one of the owners, better known as Happy Jack, refused to lease the claim unas Happy Jack, refused to lease the lease the lease the lease the lease the less Kelsay and Wills would permit him and his son to take out a grub stake somewhere on the claim. This they agreed to Happy Jack and his son got ready to work out the grub stake and started to work about 150 feet west of where Kelsay and Willis are sinking, and in from two to six inches under the surface struck ore in which the gold could be seen in large quantities pasted all over it. Some of the ore was panned in the presence of a number of people and the owest test made was placed at \$2.50 per pan, some pannings going as high as from \$5 to The strike is considered by all to b ahead of the Checkmate's big strike. The owners began stripping the ledge, and as many men as could work on the cut were threwing dirt. The gold is very coarse, the greater portion looking like half of a wheat berry. The intention of Happy Jack is to mill the ore at once. The size of the pay streak is from two to twelve inches at the

GOLD HILL REGION. The Gold Hill mining district, in the Casade range, only a few miles east and south of Buckley, has been attracting a good deal of attention in Tacoma recently, and the ef-fort that is being made to complete a wagon road from Buckley to the district has en-listed the support of almost the entire city, says the Tacoma Ledger.

Speaking of this district George M. Brown who has been prospecting and mining in the district for the last ten years, said: "Bob Fife and I first went into the district in 1887 and worked Gibb's placer ground at the foot of Gold Hill on Morse creek; we worked only two days and then split up, but in those two days we cleaned up \$125. In 1887 we made the first location of quartz and organized the district. Our first dis-covery was made on Gold Hill, and is now lown as the Comstock mine and has a venty-foot tunnel displaying a free milling dge eight feet wide that assays \$39.40 to the ton. The Bonanza on the south was next located and development work has been menced, a tunnel has been started and is in about twenty feet. The ore runs from \$65 to \$75 a ton. The next location was nade on the north and was called the Emma. Ore from this mine, on which development work has only just been started, runs \$140 to the ton, and is easily mined, To the east of the Comstock is the Loratta. with a twelve-foot tunnel, and several cross cuts, and an assay of \$60. The Boston mine, owned by the Summit company, is still further east, and has an open cut of twelve feet, the ore from which assays \$265 and is growing richer as the cut progresses. Then there is the Blue Bell, with an open cut started and an assay of \$150, and the frown Point, which runs \$66. These mines are all located in Yakima county on the east side of the mountain, but not far from the summit. On the Pierce county side are the Reaf and Eya, on which some development work has been done. The ore runs \$10 at ton, and is mostly free milling, but would pay better smelted. The Blue Grouse and Shurething leads have a fifteen-foot shaft and two open cuts, and an assay of \$83.40. Last year the Summit company spent over \$2,000 in developing their properties and this year the people of Yakima are building road to the mines, despite the fact that he largest and best of the mines belong to Herce county people, and the camp lies evenly midway between Yakima and Tacoma. Tacoma has the advantage of a rail route to Buckley, making it the most promsing point for commercial relations with district. We are now trying to get the Tacoma people to support us in the building of our road from Buckley to the mines, twenty-one miles of which has already been completed. All we want is help o get the road through, and if that is done we will open up to Tacoma the best mining district in western Washington." CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY.

The information comes from Vancouver that the Crow's Nest Pass railway is to be built, and at once, by capitalists not con-nected with the Canadian Pacific, says a Seattle dispatch to the Minneapolis Journal. McLean brothers of Vancouver, promoters of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, are now n Victoria and are to apply to the provincial parliament for a charter for a road from Victoria east that will enter the mining districts. The Canadian government is not disposed at present to grant the Canadian Pacific a charter for such a line. The scheme is for a ferry from Nanaimo to Van-couver, and from that city through the Hope ountains to Rossland and Nelson, and then east through the much-discussed Crow's Nest pass to Lethbridge. The part of the information that refers to the route through the Hope mountains states that the line chosen is one that was condemned by the Canadian Pacific engineers as impracticable. It is the tention to run a line north from Nelson to Kaslo, on Kostenay lake, and take care of that section. The McLean Bros. say they have no end of English capital waiting to find investment, and the charter is all that is necessary to bring about the work. Such a line is likely to cost not far from \$50,000 a mile. No matter who builds the road the purpose of building it will bring about what he people of eastern Canada want and which Minister Blair referred to when here as the restoration of the Kootenay country to Can-ada. Nelson, which is one of the objective points of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern. is ambitious to become a railroad center up in the mining region, and besides the application to Parliament by the McLeans, another will also be introduced for the construction of a railroad from Bedlington, near the international boundary line, to Nelson with powers to construct and maintain branch lines. Bedlington is in the Kootenay valley, about ten miles from the mouth of the river, seventy miles from Nelson and thirty-three miles from Bonner's Ferry. Idaho, on the main line of the Great North-ern. It has been stated before that the Great Northern had in contemplation a branch line from some point in the Kostenay coun-

"I would advise all stockmen at present | main without railroad facilities. Those who are in a position to talk with certainty say that the Kaslo & Slocan was built with the assistance of the Great Northern. Engineers of that company have been engaged for several months past surveying along the upper Kootenay river, and are now in the vicinity

of Bedlington RANDSBURG'S RICHEST STRIKE. The most intense excitement yet created by a discovery in that camp of marvels-Randsburg-has followed a little desultory investigation by one of the owners of the Monkey Wrench mines, which developed ore capable of producing \$8,000 of gold to the ton. On the day of the strike the mine was visited by over 500 people, says a Los Angeles dispatch to the San Francisco Call, all anxious to get a speciment of the San Francisco Call. all anxious to get a specimen of the rock, which the generous owner permitted each one to take away with him. The discovery was made on a location filed upon a year ago by Oren Osborne, J. and Louis Maynard. They believed it a good claim, but had not done much work on it, nor had they ever found much float on its surface. The Osborne boys were in the office of James P. McCarthy at Rands-burg and were about negotiating a bond on the J. I. C. Big Wedge and Monkey Wrench properties. The principal value was believed to attach to the former two. and the Monkey Wrench was simply thrown in to complete the group. While waiting or the papers to be made out, J. L. Osborne ook a stroll across to the mines, which are in the hill north of the town. In going up he hill he found a piece of rock weighing serhaps two pounds, with gold visible all r it. He then traced up the hill some feet and found the ledge almost on top of the ridge and facing Garlock and the valley below. The vein shows only about our inches on the surface, but widens to which is the greatest depth attained. The ore is fabulously rich and shows very coarse gold—the coarsest, in fact, of any yet found in the camp. A bond for fifteen days was given on these properties some time ago. and they were reported sold by Attorney Shinn, but the sale was never consummated. At the time of this strike John Crawford held a written agreement to sell them at a stipulated price, but he generously released the owners from the agreement. Crawford did, however, buy Louis Maynard's onelay on which the strike was made These mines and their contiguity to the rich Good Hope, Wedge and Butte mines, now being worked constitute them one of the most valuable groups on the Rand.

Maps of the Kootenai district, recently saued by the chamber of mines for Britsh Columbia, are spread out in a number nining offices and quite a number of experts nd miners will soon go north and spy out he land, says the Butto Miner. Montana

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES

s also showing considerable interest in the is owned by Butta capitallata. An exten-sion of the Start, called the Le Roi, is reported sold to a British syndicate for \$4,-000,000. Nearly every man interested in Trail Creek mining property has talked of that country as the greatest mining dis-trict in the world, but there are others who talk differently. F. August Heinze, one of the leading spirits in the development of the Kootenai district, and best known through his connection with the Trail smelter, is in eastern Canada hobnobbing with high government officials. He does not speak of British Columbia in the glowing terms that most visitors from that section use when in eastern Canada, and his reuctance to boom things has caused the Foronto World to grow suspicious and wonler "what is Heinze's game?" Contrary to most mining men, Mr. Heinze says that Rossland will do well if in two years time, can beast of as many as ten dividendpaying mines. Asked if he did not think such a view was rather persimistic, Mr. Heinze replied: "No. I think I am speaking optimistically. I speak from experience gained in building up great enterprises, employing thousands of men in Idaho, Montana, Washington and British Columbia, of Gillett, assayed thirty-two and one-half and I think that too dividend courses. two years is a fair estimate." Mr. Heinze also stated that he saw no prospect of any new smelters being put up. The Nelson smelter had to shut down from melter at Trail was not handling ore up to tes, running in fancy ts full capacity. He added that much of the 20,000 ounces in silver. Slocan ore was going to the American smel-ers because the United States import duty lead bullion was heavier than that on the ore, a premium being thus put upon the

he line. He advocates as a remedy the im

ition by the Dominion government of a heavy export duty on galena ores. MEXICAN COPPER FIELDS. The completion of two new railroads in Mexico, which began construction recently rill undoubtedly affect the copper market of he world. The Mexican National has fin shed its preliminary surveys, and begun th eation of a branch from Patzeuar to Orua n. on the Pacific slope, says a Guadalajar Movicol special to the San Francisco Chro ele. This road will be completed by Jan ary of next year, and will afford an outle or what is probably the most wonderful cop-er region of the world. The mountains of he Patzcuar district are seemingly impregated with copper that forms a low-grade ore a enormous quantities. It is easily reduced, and with railroad facilities it can be thrown n the market in immense tonnage. In ddition to opening these copper fields, the ew road will also afford a partial outlet for of the richest gold mines in the repub-These mines are so rich that notwithanding the fact that the ore is carried miles on the backs of men, they o dividends. The second road, arge dividends. ction of which has already begun, is a from Saitillo, on the Mexican National Mazapil. The copper mines of the Maza-I district are so rich that their owners, with lilliam Purcell, the wealthy banker, at their ead, have decided to build a railroad seventy miles to give free access to the market. The road will probably eventually become a branch of the National. Small investors in the United States should be warned against Mexican silver mining ventures which promise large returns from small investments. Silver mining properties in Jalisco, Colima and Tepic are being abandoned and thrown on the narket at very low figures because nearly all preign capital invested in silver mines in Mexico is being transferred to gold properties. number of American speculators have onded these mines: approvill stock them for many millions of dollars, basing the value on what the mines have produced in the past. Circulars will be issued showing the advantage of owning shares in a silver mine in a country that is on a silver basis, and the shares will be gold at a figure that will make them very attractive. The properties have had a good output, but the depression of sil-ver, together with the difficulties which hedge about mining in Mexico, make them very un-desirable investments and the shares will be valueless.

RICH CLONDAKE MINES. "The news of the prospects on the Clontyke began to come in from the diggings in October," writes a miner from Dawson Cit t the mouth of the Clondyke river, Alaska. the Tacoma Ledger: "First one man 'got it good,' then another: Then No. 21, above the discovery, found \$800 in a pan, and later Clarence Berry, on Eldorado, got \$68.50. Twenty and thirty panschave been tried in to shaft, and the average has been as high \$3 to the pan. Claims in the locality of ose which have shown a rich prospect cantot be bought for any small amount of each. An offer of \$8,000 was refused for an unprospected claim located among the 'good ones.' There will be plenty of work for everybody for a couple of years, both winter and sumner, at least this is my opinion. The wages are now nominally \$1 an hour, but men are offering \$1.25 an hour, and even more, and cannot hire help at that. The wages next summer will he \$10 a day and a good many men will pay \$10 for eight hours' work. A man without money cannot think of going prospecting for the companies require cash. This fact I want to emphasize, because I want line from some point in the Kostenay country. Should the road from Bedlington to Neison be constructed it is improbable that the missing link of thirty-three miles from Bonner's Ferry to Bedlington will long reshovels, planes, saws, augers, etc., for the

prophesied the present diggings and others tracker up, as follows: One creek, gold; two creek, little gold; three creek, no gold; four creek, eight sleeps, all gold, too much gold! Too much gold is what the boys are gow tooking for. The Indians have picked up nuggets there. But, take warning, let no man come into the Yukon who cannot codure hardship, who cannot work with pick and shovel for ten hours, who cannot carry a nack.

A creamery is to be built at Alexan-

A 100-barrel flour mill is to be crected at Devil's Lake, N. D. Eik Point reports plenty of hay in the market just at present. It commands \$2.50 and \$3 a ton with every prospect of being

The Ashton creamery has resumed busiicss and starts out with a bright prospect for a successful season. This been closed since November 15. This plant From the amount of snow on the ground at Pembina, N. D., the indications are that there will be a big flood this spring, par-

ticularly if there is much rain in the early

spring. Scotland had a mass meeting to cound the question of a co-operative creamery. A committee reported about 2,000 milch ows within seven miles of town, of which about 600 to 800 could be secured to start on. Considerable stock was subscribed for the project

At the annual meeting of the Olsen Cream ery company, which is one of the mos prosperous, the secretary reported that 37, 000 pounds of milk are being received per week and that during the year past 2,083,317 pounds had been received, for which \$18,374 had been paid.

Captain Gould, U. S. A., engineer, is busy arranging p eliminaries for the large amount of work that is to be done on the Missouri river at Mandan, N. D., during the coming season. Additional dikes are to be put in above and below the Northern Pacific bridge ourth interest in the Monkey Wrench and on both the west and east sides of the river, 3ig Wedge for \$1,000 on the evening of the and the work means the employment of a good many men and teams on the Mandan side of the river. Two large bridges, which will be necessary in the operations, will

Miss Alice Hyde of Vermillion, who won first prize last May in the South Dakota oratorical contest, which was held at Yank-ton, has given up the medal and the \$40 n money which she received, and they have een returned to the president of the In preoflegiate association. Miss Hyde has een charged with plagiarism by nembers of the association, and it is for this reason that she has returned the prizes. It is not thought at Vermillion that any part of the oration was taken from any other production, although in one or two instances there is a similarity in the line of thought as expressed by another author. This gives the first place to Yankton college, providing no charges can be sustained against that institution's orator. It was from members of the Students' asso-ciation of Yankton college that the charges against Miss Hyde were originally started. COLORADO.

Delaware Mining company at Dorado made a strike which assayed above

An order has been placed in Chicago for 300 foot tramway for the Gold King and Harrison mines in the San Juan, W. Shafer opened up a quartz lead or low mountain at a depth of thirteen feet

between solid walls that promises well, A recent strike in the Aztec property mmitville has caused a little flurry at Del Norte. Some very rich ore is being taken

and I think that ten dividend-paying mines ounces in silver and \$6.30 in gold. The owners started out to commence active work

Among the latest strikes on Columbian mountain at Lawson is that of the Dictator, ime to time for lack of work, and his own which has uncovered ore in paying quantities, running in fancy sacks from 8,000 to The Klowa, located on the northern slope

of Coyote ridge at Bare Hills, has a shaft grain smooth and susceptible of the down 180 feet, the last ten feet being a polish usually seen in walnut furniture. large body of free milling ore, which will of ores on the American side of average \$14 per ton in gold. A rich strike has been made in the tunnel level in the Ben Franklin mine at Pitkin, at

> being sacked for phipment. Oulte a little excitement has been caused the discovery of some gold-bearing rock within three miles of Trinidad, A. Hughes, a mining expert, went out to examine the property and reports that they

have a good contact between shale and lime

spar. Assays have been obtained running from \$8 to \$27.65. The once noted Robinson mine, sixteen miles from Leadville, has passed into the hands of the Robicson-Victor company backed by Cripple Creek men. produced in its time over \$6,000,000, and a ecent report of experts shows 1,500,000 ounce of silver in one chute avaliable through pres ent developments. The property seventy-six acres of ground and there are

36,000 feet of workings. The Bromide, a copper mine, located it the northwest part of Routt county, Colorado on the north slope of Douglas mountain, has just loaded its third car of ore. The two cars ran 30 per cent copper, and it is expected that this car will run at least 40 per eent copper, which will net a larger profit to its owners than they anticipated They have taken in new machinery and a large force of men and intend working the property from now on on an increased scale This camp is located about 115 miles from Rock Springs, Wyo. About 100 miners and prospectors are wintering in the camp, WYOMING.

The new town of Woolton will be the largest wool camp in Wyoming. A steam shear-ing plant of forty shears has been put in, and 105,000 sheep have been registered for shearing during the coming season.

Two old companies will resume drilling for oil in the Casper fields in April and three new companies will commence drill-ing. In addition a fifty-mile line of threeinch pipe will be laid from the wells on Salt creek to the refinery in Casper.

The famous old chief Washakie of the Shoshone tribe, thinking that his days are nearly numbered, has decided to be baptized as a member of the Episcopal church, and has signified his willingness to have Rev. John Roberts of the reservation perform the rite of baptism for him. The Sheridan Enterprise is reliably in-

formed that 1,000 pounds of Bald Mountain cement shipped to New Jersey last summer for analysis and assay runs from \$15 to \$25 per ton. An exhaustive test was made as to the value of ore, cost of mining, etc., the result being much more favorable than was anticipated by the most anguine. Parties posted on the subject are positive of the ultimate successful status of the camp. Wolves are doing great damage to the ranchmen's herds in Natrona county. On

the Muddy creek from one to four calves are killed every night, including yearlings. Every method of extermination has been practiced, but with poor success. Hom B. B. Brooks has bought and used and distributed for use among the ranchmen of his neighborhood upwards of \$60 worth poison, yet the wolves, more numerous than formerly, make the nights bideous with their howls. Harry Banner has lost 10 per cent, of his cattle the past fall and winter. In Bates park the depredations are quite as had, and on the range there are but few

calves left. After the samples of rock from Ragged o see no one come here under a misappre-ension. Another thing is that every newension. Another thing is that every new-omer must bring a full year's outfit, about 000 pounds of grub, for grub is scarce in from the Big Horn mountains, says the

estine gave a result of \$152 to the ton, and as soon as it became known there was quite a rush from Buffalo to the ground, which is about six or seven inlies from Buffalo. Hittle after lighting the fire. On opening the oven door she was horrified to find she same gave a result of \$152 to the ton, and as is about six or seven miles from Buffalo, at what is known as the Needles, in Clear creek canyon. The rock is a limestone quartz, free milling. Petilt has located six claims on the lead. A large number of claims have been staked.

Preparations to utilize the enormous volshovel for ten hours, who cannot carry a pack, and who cannot bring a full outfit with him. The men who come light and try to get here first—just after the ice—will be a hundred times worse off than those who come a month later with a full outfit. This is absolute truth and time will prove it—to the discomto 115 cubic feet per second, depending upon the head of water in the reservoir.

Albert Severace has returned from a trip to Saratoga and the surrounding cou to Saratoga and the surrounding country, says the Laramic Boomsrang. He brought back with him some ore from the Grand Encampment, taken from Houston's Golden Eagle claim. It is some of the richest ore ever seen in this city. A large piece when broken sparkled with gold. It is estimated that such ore would run \$40,000 to the ton. Mr. Seversen says that the Salt Lake company is working on its extension of the Golden Eagle trying to cut the sion of the Golden Eagle, trying to cut the lead by cross-cutting the formation. The weather, however, has had the effect of stopping a great deal of work in the camp. There will be a great deal of travel from Laramie to the mines in the spring, after the bridge is built over the Platte, and the daily stage line is in operation.

OREGON. There is talk of a flouring mill at Ontario, Airead \$4,000 has been assured. A large number of stock sheep have been bought in Crook county, to be driven to Nevada during the coming season.

Brownsville is to have a co-operative cheese actory, unless all efforts in that direction all. Enough money, it is said, has been subcribal to insure its completion. L. M. Noble has put in at his logging camp, at Ferndale, Coos county, 300 piles, that will be used in repairing the Southern Oregon company's wharf at Empire City.

The Eugene soap factory is now making on an average 6,000 twelve-ounce cakes of laundry soap each week. The soap is of good tality and finds ready sale on the markets. H. F. L. Legan, it is said, has decided plan to buy the Armijo estate and erect to close his mill at Scaside. This stop will thereon a \$75,000 hotel and sanitarium, throw twenty-eight men out of work, whose A Mexican Indian of Lompoc, Cal., has to close his mill at Scasice. This support throw twenty-eight men out of work, whose aggregate salaries amount to over \$1,000 per made a bust of Foster Pomrey, using only The Baker City Democrat is informed

that a rich strike has been made in the Don Juan mine, owned by Kelly & Allen, in the Robinsonville district. It is said that he ore from the mine will go at least \$50 o the sack. Mr. A. Glenn, one of the contractors fo ie Asioria & Goble railread grading work

while in Astoria, said there were about 500 men at work now on the rockwork, etc., and added that when the contractors are notified they can put on 2,000 men and finish the work in short order. J. I. Jones, the manager of the Jones saw-

nill, near Eugene, has arrived in Eugene o start up the mill, says the Guard. An order for 3,000,000 feet of lumber is now in. ne planer is running at the mouth of the lume, another one has arrived and still ansawed by the machinery on the mountain and floated down the flume to the railroad at Cottage Grove. About seventy-five Jackson county farmers

ave agreed to put out a quarter of an acre each for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of bests the soil in that vicin-ity will produce, and also the amount of car the beets contain. Merchants of Medford have subscribed a sufficient amount to procure the necessary seed for making the test, so that the farmers will only be out the use of the land. If the test is favorable it is said there are those that stand ready to put in a factory of sufficient capacity to use all the beets produced in that valley.

Perhaps the first black walnut lumber ever manufactured on the Pacific coast from Pa-cific coast timber was sawed a few days ago at the mill of S. H. Horton, west of Mon-roe, says the Corvallis Times. The logs ame from old Lancaster, two or three miles from Junction, and the trees were planted while the commonwealth was still in swaddling clothes. The logs were in dimensions from twelve to fifteen and only a few hundred feet of the lum-ber was made. The fiber is tough and the grain smooth and susceptible of the high

The Port Orford Tribune man has the spirit of the true fisherman. He says deepwater fishing has been excellent this win-ter, among the rocks in the various coves about sixty feet from the surface. The ore near Port Orford, and some heavy strings runs 500 ounces in silver per ton. The ore have been taken. It is rare sport, standing out on a barren rock, in a driving cold wind, with half-frozen fingers, and an occasional breaker covering you over from head to heels, while you are kept busy either hauling out big fish or trying to unhook your hook from among the kelp or rocks, and occasionally struggling to put on a new hook in a hurry with numb fin-gers. But it is exciting sport, especially when the fish are biting lively, and a fellow will remain in spite of everything, and always leaves with regret.

WASHINGTON. Preparations are being made in Tacoma or a rose carnival early in June. A boat to draw only twenty inches of water to navigate the treams flowing into Gray's harbor, There seems to be a probability that the oth half of the Colville Indian reservation

Preparations are being made to start the Cowecman mill, in Cowlitz county, to cut shingles. This mill will probably run all summer.

will be thrown open to mineral settlement

The settlers on North river, in Pacific ounty, are still at work clearing out the jam, and expect a boom in logging when the river is opened. It seems probable that North Yakima is

on to have a \$5,000 cannery, which will employ fity people steadily, says the Yakima this year, as the Winemakers' asso Herald. The plant will be operated by a has already secured contracts for tock company.

The E. K. Wood Lumber company

Hoquiam shipped to California ports, by four vessels, cargoes amounting to 1,136,817 feet of lumber, 466,700 lath and 100,000 shingles n the month of January. Mrs. George A. Clark of Pasco roasted her house cat in the oven of her cook stove while preparing dinner, says the News. Kittle had a habit of sleeping in the oven between meal hours, and was quietly sneezing there when Mrs. Clark lighted the fire preparatory to cooking din-

ner. After the dinner had been all arranged she sat down, awaiting the ar-

rival of her husband, when she missed

had rossted her poor cat alive. It is suggested that the army post at Spe-kane be named Fort Wright, in honor of Colonel George Wright of the Ninth United States infanty, who commanded the expedi-tion against the Northern Indians in the fall of 1858.

The first and only steam logging outfit on Skockumchuck river is to be put in opera-tion by ex-County Commissioner Whalen of Thurston, who has just purchased a large logging engine and 1,000 feet of wire cable

for that purpose. A Klicklist sheepman, writing from Pros-ser to Goldendale, says: "Times are lively in this town, stock looking well and mutton in excellent demand. Davis & Klair sold a bunch for \$4 per head; also Dougaid McAllister 1,000 head for \$3.50 per head."

The Duff shingle mill, in Cowlitz county, has run steadily since it started this month. The men work nine hours, with an average daily cut of 130,000. Bolts are brought up from the boom, the scow carrying 200 cords a trip. The new dryhouse is rapidly nearing completion and will have a drying capacity of 300,000 dally.

Barnes' cannery at South Bend is to be enlarged if the anti-trap men fall in their efforts at Olympia. A four-car retort is now being made to supplant the one now in use. The building will be extended back from the river to twice its present size. The capacity will then be 1.500 cases per day. The present capacity is 350 cases per day. J. H. Van Horn, who already owns one

shingle mill at Hartford, in Snohomish county, is building another, which is to be a double-block mill. Mr. Van Horn has just returned from Portland, where he pur-chased machinery for the new mill. Hartford is becoming quite a center for the shin-glo business, five mills now being in operation within two miles of town.

Charles Lee says that he harvested \$1,000 worth of honey from his bees in Yakima county last year. As it required but two and one-half months' attention of himself and son to look after his apiaries, which are scattered throughout the various valleys of Yakima county, aggregating between 200 and 300 colonies, and as the increase of new swarms more than paid for the work and material expended, it will be seen that there is good money to be made in the

MISCELLANEOUS,

The American Turquelise company has been incorporated at Santa Fe. Albuquerque capitalists are considering &

a common stick. It is a perfect likeness, George Burson of Baradale, Cal., bored a well on the side of the mountain above his place, put up a windmill and laid pipes for irrigating, when he discovered that the water was salt.

The Strosniner brothers are reported to be taking out some very rich gold ore from their claims in Pumpkin bollow, about six miles southeast of Yerington, in Mason valley, Nevada. Joo Higener of Nelhart, Idaho, has struck

a body of ore on Carpenter creek which assays from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per ton in gold and silver. He has been offered \$10,000 for the mine, which was refused. A bill will be introduced in the Nevada

legislature to aid the establishment of woolen mills at Reno. It provides for a bonus of other is expected in a few days. As soon as they can be placed in position three light planers will be kept busy. The lumber is Thousands of head of antelope are to be Thousands of head of antelope are to be seen along the Short Line track around Beckwith, Idaho. They have been in that section all winter and are little hunted.

> head. The Genesce (Idaho) News reports two prospectors, McFadden and Cooper, have discovered what they think is the mother lode, which feeds the Snake and Salmon river bars. It is a forty-foot ledge of free milling gold ore, at the mouth of White Bird canyon, and is cut by the Salmon river canyon and exposed for more two miles, every sam-ple of which shows free gold.

One band is believed to contain fully 5,000

A sale has been made of a one-sixth interest in the celebrated Martposa grant. This is the first transaction of this kind since 1887. when the present owner came into possession by purchase. The price paid for the interest to the owner, Alvin Sea Hayward, was \$156 .-666, at the rate of \$1,000,000 for the entire tract. The purchaser is the California Exploration company, a London syndicate. The Mariposa grant consists of 45,000 acres of land, on which is located about eight miles of the mother lode

A deal has been made whereby the Northern Pacific railroad and James A. Murray, a Butte capitalist, have secured control of the Hunters' Hot Springs resort. During the summer Mr. Murray and the railroad company will erect a \$100,600 hotel at Springdale, a point on the railroad, and two miles from the springs. The water will be piped down from Hunters, and large baths will be con-structed. It is proposed that the railroad company include in its national park trip to tourists a few days' stop at the hotel making it the first point of interest to be visited in Montana.

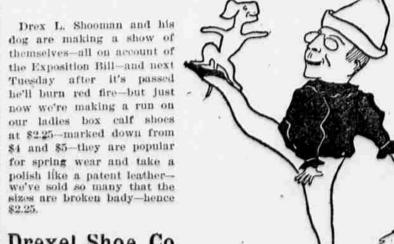
Two young natives of Zanzibar, now stranded in Oakland, Cal., are trying to recover enough from their employers to take them back to their homes. Three years ago they were engaged as body servants by two Oakland physicians then making a tour of the world. For their services they were to be clothed and educated. They came here, but civilization corrupted them and before long one declared he was held as a slave.

Later they both asserted that they were
princes in their own land and begged for
funds to carry them home. This week their suit as servants under contract was dismissed, and now their only remedy is to sue for reasonable value for their services, A bitter war is on between the California

Winemakers' Corporation and the California Wine association, the two companies, the union of which has done much to help the vineyard men to improve the quality of California wine. The Winemakers claim that the other association, which markets the product, owes them \$30,000 and refuses to settle the debt. The association officers charge that they can get no itemized ac-count of this liability. The trouble has trouble has been aggravated by personal feeling between the heads of the two companies and it has resulted in a suit for payment of the debt The quarrel will not affect the vineyard men this year, as the Winemakers' association ,000,000 gallons, but it is sure to injure the trade.

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Easily Enough.
Chicago Tribune: "Mr. Gibbons," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric, "point out the absurdity in this figure of speech: 'At this time the Emperor Frederick hatched out a scheme,' etc."
"It seems to me all right," replied the young man, after some reflection.
"It does? Explain, if you please how he could have 'hatched out' a scheme."
"Well, he might have had his mind set on it."



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