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AROUND THE MINING CAMPS

PROSPECTS AND DEVELOPMENT

Big Ore Body of Great Richness in the Republic in Eureka District—The Outlook at Florence, Idaho—In Madison County, Montana—Big Palmer Mountain Tunnel.

Fifteen feet of ore, averaging $308 per ton in gold. That is the latest report from the Republic mine in Eureka district, on the Colville reservation.

The past week's developments in this remarkable property have been the sensation of the Spokane mining world. When the news leaked out that the rich ore chute in tunnel No. 2 had widened to nine feet, experienced and conservative mining men were startled. Two days later came news that the ore body had widened to 12 feet. The last report of 15 feet of ore going $308 per ton has fairly taken the breath of the mining community. Mining men of long experience and careful statements agree that for the development done nothing like it has ever before been discovered in America. "Butte in its early days had no mine like the Republic," said a mining man. "Cripple Creek has no such ore body. It is now only a question of depth. If these values go down, the Republic mine alone will add immeasurably to the wealth and population of Spokane."

But with all this remarkable wealth, Republic camp is handicapped. It can not get sufficient lumber for building purposes, and while the Republic has its own sawmill, it can not sell lumber to other mines. Rough lumber is selling there for from $50 to $60 per thousand, and it is hard to get at that. It is brought in from British Columbia.

In the Florence Camp.

The Poorman mine is showing better ore than ever before is the report from the Florence camp, in Idaho. The long tunnel is in over 500 feet and shows four feet of ore, carrying high values in gold and silver. A stope is being opened, showing better ore than any yet encountered on the upper level. A steam hoist and stamp mill have arrived at Lewiston and will be erected as soon as the roads are in shape for hauling. The Poorman was the first property to attract attention of capital to Florence, and it promises to sustain its reputation as a rich property. The operators of the What Cheer mine have been encouraged by finding 42 inches of choice ore in the tunnel, about 70 feet from its mouth, where they thought they only had two feet. The lower drift on the Mikado is in 40 feet and the ore body is showing improvement. Negotiations are on for the purchase of the Empire. The property is in fine condition and there is little wonder that it proves an attraction to investors. An important strike, one of the most important of the winter, has been made on the Coupon, which is an extension of the Banner on the west. A solid ore body 39 inches in width has been encountered in the tunnel. The ore is similar to that produced by the famous Banner mine, and the ore body shows indications of widening with depth. The tunnel is in over 200 feet, and day and night shifts are employed. Two feet of rich ore have been encountered in the tunnel on the Doubtful, which is being operated by Frank Hunt. The quartz is decomposed, and the values are high with free gold showing plainly all through the paystreak.

In Madison County, Montana.

The well known mining engineer of Whitehall, C. D. Wilkinson, is busily engaged in perfecting arrangements for the development of a group of mines on the left fork of South Boulder creek, in Madison county, Montana, which he secured last fall for Minnesota capitalists. The properties from an altitudinal standpoint rank among the highest in the state, being over 9200 feet above sea level, on the famous old Hollow Top mountain, the loftiest peak of the Tobacco Root range. Despite their height, all of the claims are easily accessible by good wagon road and trail, being distant but seven miles from Mammoth and the mouth of Main Sotuh Boulder canyon. Under the direction of Superintendent Dan Devine, work on the group has been carried on throughout the inter, the remarkable openness of which has rendered this practicable. Mr. Wilkinson announces that there is now enough to keep a 20-stamp mill busy and that such a mill will be in operation on the property by June 1.

In Rossland Camp.

Recent reports from the Poorman mine, in Rossland camp, are that the miners have opened a four-foot ore body assaying a little more than $30 per ton in gold and running well in copper.

The Le Roi has decided to connect the Black Bear tunnel with the main workings of the mine for the double purpose of ventilating the mine and providing adequate means of escape for the men in case of underground accident, says the Rossland Miner. The connection will probably be made at the 350-foot level in the shaft. The present workings of the properties in the neighborhood of the Le Roi would, if slightly modified, form an unrivaled system of escapes. At present the Le Roi's east drift almost reaches the Center Star's main tunnel, and it would require but a few feet of work to make the connection. The Center Star's tunnels, besides having two exits of their own, connect with the Iron Mask tunnel, which communicates with the surface and also connects with the War Eagle workings, which have half a dozen means of exit. The War Eagle workings are also within a short distance of the Poorman's drifts, and a connection between the two has already been discussed. If communication between the two were thus established, it would be possible to pass on from the War Eagle through the Poorman and out through the Josie, which already is connected with the Poorman.

In the Slocan District.

About 50 men are employed on the Enterprise mine, in the Slocan, on Ten Mile creek, and the property is reported showing better than ever. The deal for the sale of the property to an English syndicate still hangs fire, but those on the inside of the matter still express confidence in the deal being consummated.

There was no dividend declared by the Whitewater mine in February, owing to the fact that returns on 75 cars of ore shipped in December and January were not available.

Five feet of clear ore assaying as high as $1700 has been found in the old workings of the Idaho mine.

The Ivanhoe mine is to have a three-drill compressor.

Palmer Mountain.

The Palmer Mountain Tunnel Company announces that work will be resumed on the big bore in Loomis camp about April 1, and that arrangemnts will have been completed by that time that will insure steady work until the property is on a paying basis. The recent strike in the tunnel, and, in fact, the rich stringers all along its course, have inspired the public with confidence in the undertaking. The company has elected officers for the nesuing year as follows: Dr. N. Fred Essig, president; D. M. Drumheller, vice president; C. C. May, treasurer; F. H. Luce, secretary; John Boyd, manager.

Struck Ore in the Klondike.

The report has reached Wallace, Idaho, that ore had been struck in the tunnel on the Klondike. The property lies just above the Stemwinder and was stocked last summer, since when four or five men have been working steadily running a crosscut tunnel. The reported striike has not ben confirmed, but is considered very probable, as the men working there have been looking for ore any time for several weeks past. The stock of the company is largely owned in Wardner and almost all of it belongs to Coeur d'Alene people.

On Spring Creek.

English capitalists have taken an option at $65,000 on the Carbonates claim on Spring creek, in Ainsworth mining district, B. C. Ferguson & Caldwell of Kaslo are the vendors. The property has been developed under the direction of Peter Porter, and there are several hundred feet of tunnels opening up some fine ore bodies. It is reported that a concentrator will be erected next spring.

Sale of a Montana Mine.

The War Eagle mine, near Clancy, has been sold to Michigan parties for $35,000, E. S. Delamaer of Detroit taking over the property for himself and associates. It is the purpose to immediately put up a steam hoist on the mine and sink the shaft to a depth of 600 feet without a halt.

Spokane Bank Clearings.

Spokane, March 4.—Bank clearings for the past week have been over $1,044,308, one of the heaviest weeks ever known in the city, according to the record in Bradstreet's office. The increase is 93 per cent over the clearings one year ago this week.

BESSIE K. IS A WRECK.

Lies on the Rocks One Hundred Miles North of Victoria.

Seattle, March 7.—A passenger who has just arrived here from Alaska on the steamer City of Seattle has informed Agent Grauman of the steamer Bessie K. that the wreck passed by the City of Seattle north of Victoria, which was reported last night, had all the appearance of being the Bessie K., seven days overdue. The wreck lies 100 miles north of Victoria, on the rocks, and there are no indications of any survivors.

The Bessie K. is owned by J. S. Kimball & Co. of San Francisco, and left that port for Alaska with a heavy load of freight and passengers. She has a capacity of 100 passengers and 250 tons of freight, and was scheduled to leave here for Dyea on March 1. She is supposed to have been wrecked on her voyage south, having been on the track of the late disastrous storm that swept the northern coast.

So confident is Manager Grauman that the boat is lost that he has canceled the passengers booked for the next trip north. Owing to the fact that the Bessie K. was coming south, it can not be learned how many passengers she was carrying.

YUKON TRANSPORTATION.

All the Big Companies Combine to Shut Off Competition.

Chicago, March 7.—Chicago capitalists who are identified with the Northwest Transportation and Trading Company, have launched a new Yukon enterprise with the purpose of obtaining control of the immense traffic of the Yukon river between St. Michaels and Dawson City.

Seven distinct companies, with an aggregate capital of $130,000, were incorporated at Springfield today. They are: The Healy, the Klondike, the Weare, the Cudahy, the Powers, the Hamilton, and the Barr transportation companies. The incorporators are Robert S. Pettibone, George J. Douglas and Carolyn Bertree. Pettibone says the purpose of the new company is to buy steamboats and barges on the Yukon and operate them.

SMITH IS WANTED IN MONTANA

He Is Accused of Causing the Death of His Son.

Helena, Mont., March 7.—Sheriff Sherlock of Jefferson county has applied to Governor Smith for a requisition upon Governor Clough of Minnesota for John D. Smith, who is charged with being implicated in the murder of his 9-year-old son at Clancy. The latter died February 14, after being cruelly treated by his father and stepmother, who now is in jail at Boulder. It is charged that they made the little one remain outdoors in a wood shed and submitted him to other indignities which resulted in his death.

Smith is a switchman employed by the Montana Central

To Drive Out the French.

Brasse, West Coast Africa, March 6.—The Royal Niger Company's force has left Lokoja for Solloto to assist the sultan of Sokoto to drive the French out of his territory.

CALIFORNIA has celebrated with imposing features the semi-centennial anniversary of the discovery of gold, a discovery which attracted a large immigration to the state and laid the foundation for the prosperity which it now enjoys. The gold which James W. Marshall and John A. Sutter found in the tail race of their saw mill was not of itself the most valuable product of California; the inflowing population found the climate and the soil of the country to be just as rich as its gold mines. As many millions were coined in real estate as were found in

PLACER MINING NEAR SUTTER'S FORT.

the diggings. The ground upon which the postoffice in San Francisco now stands was sold for $750 and bought back a decade later for $500,000. Lick, the man who left a fortune to build the big telescope, purchased a bit of ground on Montgomery avenue for $50, which he sold thirty years afterward for $1,000,000. The history of the gold discovery of the Pacific coast is full enough of romance and pathos to be told with a degree of confidence at this time.

John A. Sutter was a man of enterprise

SAN FRANCISCO IN 1848.

and had wandered from Baden, Germany, where he had been born in 1803, having been a Swiss guardsman, first to Vancouver, then to the Sandwich Islands, and finally to "Alta California," where he settled, built a farmhouse, gathered flocks and herds, got into his employ skilled workmen, and was prosperous. He, however, wanted one thing—a saw mill. He had been compelled to get his lumber at great labor and expense from the mountains, far distant from his farms. So he sent his millwright, James Wilson Marshall, to find a saw mill site. Marshall, who was a native of New Jersey, had joined Sutter in 1845. He was then 33 years of age. This search for a mill site made a nation rich, filled the pockets of many millionaires, but ruined Sutter and sent Marshall to the poorhouse.

Marshall went in search of the saw mill site in May, 1847. He was in the habit of taking long walks alone, and in one of these—to be exact, on Jan. 24, 1848—he made his great discovery. Watching the tail race of the new mill he noticed bright yellow particles mingled with the dust which had been washed out by the recent rains. At first he attached little importance to it, but upon examination, seeing more and more of it, and some in shining scales, the thought occurred to him that it might be gold. He sent an Indian to his camp for a tin plate, and in this washed out some of the dirt. He found a few grains of clear dust and went off to meditate. He said something to his companions to the effect that perhaps he might find a gold mine. To which they replied with smiles: "Guess not; no such luck." But he could not put the idea out of his mind. The next day he made a closer examination of the washed-up soil, and found a nugget, but was not yet sure that it was gold. He weighed it in his hand. He bit it. He hammered it between stones. Surely it must be gold. And so it was, and so the great secret of the Sierra stood revealed.

He found more of the metal, and then mounted his horse and hastened back to Sutter, to whom he told the story. A private examination by the partners up the river disclosed gold along its course, and in the tributary ravines and creeks.

Sutter regarded the discovery as a misfortune. Without laborers his extensive works must come to a stop, presaging ruin. Gladly would he have shut the knowledge from the world, for a time at least. With the men at the mill the best he could do was to make them promise to continue their work and say nothing of the gold discovery for six weeks, by which time he hoped to have his flour mill completed, and his other affairs so arranged as to enable him to withstand the result. The men, indeed, were not yet prepared to relinquish good wages for the uncertainty of gold gathering.

If only the land could be secured on which this gold was scattered—for probably it did not extend far in any direction—then interloping might be prevented, mining controlled, and the discovery made profitable. It was worth trying, at all events. Mexican grants being no longer possible. Sutter began by opening negotiations with the natives, after the manner of the English colonists on the other side of the continent. Calling a council of the Calomas, an dsome of their neighbors, the lords aboriginal of those lands, Sutter and Marshall obtained from them a three years' lease of a tract some ten or twelve miles square, on trifling payments of cheap ornaments. Sutter then returned to New Helvetia, and the great discovery was consummated.

A messenger intrusted with this portentous secret to Colonel R. B. Mason, then the chief representative of the United States government in California, let the cat out of the bag, and prevented Sutter and Marshall from reaping the reward of their great discovery. This man was a mill hand—Charles Bennett—one of Marshall's associates, who was instructed to say nothing about the gold find, but assist Marshall to make arrangements to secure the saw mill and the land about with "mineral rights" from the government. But Bennett could not keep the enormous importance of his errand to himself. He met some prospectors who had an idea of finding coal, and during their talk exclaimed: "Oh, I have something here better than coal," exhibiting his specimens. He showed them to others, and so the matter got abroad. Bennett and Marshall found Colonel Mason at Monterey, who, when the messenger exhibited the gold, refused to make any promises as to a grant of land.

The upshot was that gold seekers began to pour in about Caloma and the saw mill from Francisco and Monterey, and Sutter had finally to abandon most of his industrial enterprises. The stories of those days would fill volumes, and it only remains to chronicle the fate of the two luckless men who found the treasure, but did not profit by it. Sutter's saw mill did not prosper, because the gold fever had absorbed all of the labor, and no hands could be gotten to do work other than gold mining. Neither he nor Marshall succeeded in doing much at mining, and so they went from bad to worse.

THE FIRST QUARTZ MILL.

Marshall was driven away from Caloma by the fights between the Indians and the inrushing gold seekers. When he returned several years afterward he was bankrupt. He did all sorts of things for eight years, and in 1857 returned to his old home and made a living by sawing wood, making gardens, and cleaning wells. Subsequently he received a small pension from the state, but died in 1885 in poverty at the age of 73 years. Sutter met almost as bad a fate. He died almost in want, and was at one time threatened with dreams of the almshouse.

Marshall's secret once out, the world began to pour into California. There were no railroads and no other sort of roads to the Golden Gate in those years, but all that then were in the West led to California, and crowded caravans crossed the Sierras constantly and thronged packet ships sailed from Europe and from the Atlantic coast of America round the Horn to the glittering shores of the new El Dorado.

From February, 1848, to May, 1848, more than 300 square-rigged vessels were lying in the harbors stranded and disabled for want of sailors, the crews having deserted to go to the gold region.

At this time the average yield of gold for each man engaged was far greater than in any subsequent year, yet the tools were primitive, a they were a year ago in the Klondike, being merely a pan, a rocker, and a knife. The latter was used only in crevicing; that is, to pick out nuggets from the cracks of the rocks, or occasionally in dry diggings rich in coarse gold. But the returns were large because there were few to share the gains and those few had the choice of the best placers. In this way in the fall of 1848 and the winter of 1849 there were gathered by a population of 8,000 or 10,000 gold to the value of $10,000,000, an average of $1,000 and more to each man for the season.

IN THE first half of the year 1849, 15,000 souls were added to the population of San Francisco, and during the last six months of that year came 24,000 more. When the returns were made to the United States authorities in 1831, the town contained 371 individuals, and very few more resided in it up to the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill. Like the magic seed of the Indian juggler, which grew, blossomed and bore fruit before the eyes of the spectators, San Francisco seemed to accomplish in a day the growth of half a century. The people came from every State in the Union and every land under the sun. They lived in board shanties, and in canvas tents pitched in the midst of sand and mud. They slept in rude cots, on boards, tables, counters, floors, trucks in the open air; some had horse blankets, others only a covering of fleas.

The employments of the newcomers were as varied as their nationalities. They worked an anything and everything. Common laborers received $10 per day and ordinary mechanics $20. Five dollars a day was about the smallest stipend paid even to boys. A pick and a shovel were worth $10; a tin pan or wooden bowl $5, and a butcher's knife $30. Lumber rose to $500 per 1,000 feet. Wheat flour and salt pork sold at $400 a barrel; a small loaf of bread was 50 cents, and a hard-boiled egg $1. You paid $3 to get into the circus, and $55 for a private box. Ordinary coarse boots cost $40 a pair; a stout pair was worth $100. When a shirt became dirty the wearer threw it away. Washing cost $15 a dozen in 1849.

Rents were monstrous. Three thousand dollars a month was paid in advance for a store hurriedly built of rough boards; and a small room on the second floor used as a lawyer's office rented for $1,000 a month. Lodging was equally extravagant. A bedroom in a hotel costing $250 a month, and a sleeping berth or "bunk," one of fifty in the same apartment, $6 a week.

In the social life of San Francisco at that period the gamblers cut the widest swath. They constituted a controlling class, with whom was all the physical, moral and financial force. Nearly everybody gambled and the stakes were sometimes enormous. As high as $20,000, it is said, have been risked upon a card. Five thousand, three thousand and one thousand were repeatedly ventured.

Sunday was a "wide-open" day in California in 1849. It was looked upon only as a day for trading, recreation, spreeing, business meetings and preparation for the business of the ensuing week. It was very common to see large cards hung up in boarding-houses and business places like this: "All bills paid up here on Sunday." That was the day for miners to get their blacksmith work done and lay in their supply of provisions for the week; the day for holding public meetings for the enactment of other municipal business.

MRS. M. S. ALLEN.

Her Record for the Year Was 21,086 Miles and 117 Centuries.

Mrs. M. S. Allen, of Worcester, Mass., is a proud woman. One hundred and twenty-eight century bars hang from the lapel of her cycling jacket and eleven more are to be added. She has beaten the 1896 record of Mrs. A. E. Rinehart, of Denver, who made 17,196 miles and 116 centuries, by riding last year 21,026 miles and 117 centuries. Out of the 365 days of 1897 she was in the saddle 266.

That Mrs. Allen didn't ride 365 days of the year was not her fault. An attack of pneumonia, a sprained ankle

MRS. ALLEN.

and prohibitive weather alone are at fault. And now Mrs. Allen is looking forward to a year of cycling feats that will outdo her own wonderful achievements, including a trip awheel, unaccompanied, from Boston to Chicago and to other Western cities.

KISSING THE ROD.

O heart of mine, we shouldn't
Worry so!
What we've missed of calm we couldn't
Have, you know!
What we've met of stormy pain,
And of sorrow's driving rain,
We can better meet again,
If it blow.

We have erred in that dark hour
We have known,
When our tears fell with the shower,
All alone.
Were not shine and shower blent
As the gracious Master meant?
Let us temper our content
With His own.

For we know not every morrow
Can be sad;
So, forgetting all the sorrow
We have had,
Let us fold away our fears,
And put by our foolish tears,
And through all the coming years
Just be glad.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

"THE OTHER ONE."

"EVERY marriage is hazardous, but I can conceive of no greater risk than was taken by that same handsome, mild-mannered woman."

Judge Watson was speaking of a smiling, elegantly dressed lady, whom he had just bowed out of his office and to her carriage.

"She doesn't look to me like one who had gone through many severe trials in life."

"I am thinking of the chance she took, and what might have been. The story is worth listening to, although, perhaps, I will tell it badly."

"Let's have it by all means," I said.

"Very well," answered the judge; "take a cigar, and, while we are smoking, I will try to tell you the story.

"The lady who just left has a twin sister, who is now abroad. When they were girls together it was impossible to tell them apart, and when they grew to young womanhood they were literally as much alike as two peas, and their mother was the only one aside from themselves that could tell which was which, when they were abroad in the same attire. They used to play lots of jokes on the young men, for, being so much alike, this was easy to do. They were pretty girls, and had scores of young beaus, ready and willing to have all sorts of pranks played upon them, for just the sake of their company.

"Howard Gleason was especially attentive to Maud, and he admits that he sometimes made the mistake of embracing the wrong sister when he happened to meet her suddenly in a poor light.

"The father, old Mr. Wardlow, was rich and proud, and only knew that Howard Gleason was courting one of his daughters. Now Howard was not blessed with this world's goods, and old man Wardlow was ambitious for his daughters; so he very promptly issued an ultimatum. The young man could have neither of the daughters until he had toiled. Sometimes he felt tempted to break his pledged word, and write to the girl, imploring her to send him a few words, if only enough to tell him that she was still faithful. And then his pride would come to his rescue, and he would say to himself: 'No, I will not write; if she can't be faithful to me, better I should know it now than when it is too late.' So he worked, and toiled, cheered always by the belief that a fair, sweet girl was waiting to welcome him home, and counting the hours just as he was doing.

"Luck was with the young man, and in little more than a year he and his partner 'struck it rich,' and he was half-owner of a mine that promised to become one of the richest in that country. Then he determined to go back home and tell the girl of his heart of his good fortune. He would be his own messenger in carrying the glad news, so without a word he put his things together and started east.

"Of course, having had no correspondence with any one in the town, no one was aware of Howard's good fortune, and when he arrived at his old home he came unheralded. He took only sufficient time to brush up a bit, and then he started for Mr. Wardlow's. Arrived at the house he knew so well, and the afternoon being warm, he found nobody about, save the old gardener, who was looking after his flowers.

"'Where is your mistress?' Howard asked.

"The old man hesitated.

"'Can't you understand English?' Howard said impatiently. 'Where is your young mistress?'

"'She's—she's—in the grove, sir, a-readin',' said the old man, bowing obsequiously, and without more ado Howard went to seek her. You can perhaps imagine the meeting. He came suddenly upon a fair young creature swinging in her hammock under the trees and reading. Coming up quietly behind her he flung his arms about her and caught her to his heart, as he covered her face with kisses.

"Then he held her off at arm's length and said:

"'Maud, my darling!'

"While she answered 'Howard!' and hid her face on his breast.

"Howard had waited sufficiently long for his wife, and so they were quietly married the next day and left at once on their wedding tour."

Here the judge ceased his story and sat silent, puffing at his cigar, so long that the other said:

"Well, I don't see anything so very 'risky' in that."

The judge smiled, and then went on:

"Wait. It was the 'other one' that Howard had married. Maud had succumbed to the charms of a foreigner, had married and gone away with him. The 'other one' loved Howard, had always loved him. When she found, too, that he had not the slightest notion of the true condition of affairs, she conceived the idea of marrying him herself, and explaining to him afterward. After much coaxing, and because she believed that her daughter's happiness depended upon it, Mrs. Wardlow consented to the plot. When they returned from their wedding tour Howard's wife told him everything. He's a sensible fellow and was quick to see that what had happened was all for his happiness.

"Five years have gone by and to this day he has never quit 'thanking his stars' that he didn't marry Maud, but married 'the other one.'"

QUEER STORIES

Twelve million silk hats are annually made in the United Kingdom, worth five million pounds.

Russia possesses at least one luxury, in a breed of dogs which are said to be naturally quite unable to bark.

Liszt's great skill with the piano was in part due to his immense industry. For years he practiced ten hours a day.

The highest masts of sailing vessels are from 160 to 180 feet high, and spread from 60,000 to 100,000 square feet of canvas.

It costs $5.74 per million gallons to pump water to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. The engines pump 893.8 gallons on one pound of coal.

The Sudbury River aqueduct in 359 days has delivered 14,857,300,000 gallons to Chestnut Hill Reservoir, and 35,500,000 to Lake Cochituate.

In Geneva, Switzerland, many buildings have been fitted with electric letter boxes which ascend and descend automatically in a shaft and deliver the letters destined for each story.

There is much trouble and conflict in the South over the proposition to put cotton up in round bales. Nobody is exactly clear as to the result. Several round bale compresses have been built.

There are 124 bridges in the city of Boston. The city owns and maintains sixty-four of this number. The railroads support thirty-three. Besides these there are also eighteen bridges which begin in Boston, but end in some other city or town.

Poisoned by a Stingaree.

There is a fish inhabiting tropical waters and often found along the Florida and Gulf coasts known as the stingaree. Along its back and tail are sharp spines which inflict serious wounds and at the same time poison the flesh. As a rule these wounds are very painful but not dangerous, being much like the sting of a wasp or hornet.

Dr. Charles Spratt, a physician living in Jacksonville, Fla., was fishing the other day at the mouth of the St. John's River, and caught one of these stingarees. While removing the fish from the hook he was stung on the left hand near the little finger. The pain was intense and Dr. Spratt ordered his boatman to row for Fort George Island, where Dr. McAuley lives. Before the island was reached Dr. Spratt was unconscious. Dr. McAuley was unable to restore the injured man to consciousness, so he sent for the surgeon on board the United States ship Wilmington, which was anchored near.

The doctor concluded that artificial respiration was the only way to save Dr. Spratt's life, and a number of negroes were employed alternately raising and lowering his arms. This was continued for ten hours, at the end of which time Dr. Spratt wakened up and in a short time was out of danger. This is the first instance in which the sting of the fish has threatened serious results.—New York World.

First Princess to Ride in Bloomers.

Princess Louise of Saxony is the first princess to wear bloomers. The bicycling craze early took hold of the women of European royal families, just as it has of women everywhere. The King of Italy was opposed to it and Emperor William became angry when his sisters and cousins persisted in wheeling around the country lanes of Germany, but they were forced to permit it. Princesses cannot do as other mortals and so they had to forego bloomers and cling to the drop frame bicycle. But now Princess Louise has thrown over the conventions and rides in comfort. The princess is the wife of George, the heir to the throne and a brother of the king. She herself is an archduchess of Austria-Hungary. She is 55 years of age and has two sons.

French Device Against Fire.

The Theatre Francais, at Paris, has a peculiar device to insure the greatest possible safety for the audience. Not only can the scene be separated from the audience by a hermetically closing steel curtain, but the roof of the scene can be uncovered at a moment's notice, so that a draught of air is produced, which carries away the smoke and noxious gases produced in the fire. These, it is said, constitute the greatest danger to the audience, often rendering escape quite impossible. It is on the scene that the fire usually breaks out.

Useful There.

"Hopsmith ought to take his wife with him to the Klondike."

"Any special reasons?"

"Yes; I've noticed she always does their snow shoveling at home."—Detroit Free Press.

The sweetest smile is always bestowed on somebody else.

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I. B. NELSON, N. G.
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THE Canadian Pacific railway survey party has completed its work between Rossland and Robson.

THERE is nothing new relative to the municipal muddle and as far as known the situation is practically the same as it was this time last week.

ALTHOUGH not officially announced, it is understood in the event of Yale district being divided that the county seat will be established in this city.

THE people of Grand Forks who are indifferent to civic politics except when things don't go just as they want them, are the people who make corrupt rings possible in communities.

THE province of New Brunswick has floated a million dollar forty year loan at 3 per cent, while the city of Grand Forks gave $2,000 cold cash to get somebody to take her $20,000 loan at 8 per cent. Quite a contrast.

THE Republic Lead is the name of a new paper which will make its appearance at Republic (formerly Eureka camp), Wash., by Messrs. McCarter & Hull, proprietors of The Reservation Record, in about two weeks.

THE death of Mr. A. M. Burgess, says the Vancouver World, formerly Deputy Minister of the Interior, will be deeply regretted. He was an excellent official, a kindly gentleman and will leave behind him only the most delightful memories.

ALL kinds of railway rumors are afloat and if one half of them are to be believed, the Boundary country will have three railway lines running into it inside of twelve months. Building railways on paper is a comparatively easy task, however.

THE announcement is made from Victoria that Hon. D. W. Higgins has tendered his resignation of the office of speaker. The reason given by Mr. Higgins for doing thus is because he dissents from the railway policy of the government.

THE latest reports from the Boundary delegation at Ottawa is to the effect that the prospects are that the Kettle River Valley railway will be granted a charter. This information, however, does not correspond with the newspaper reports sent out from Ottawa.

THE people of the Kettle river valley and Boundary country place but very little confidence in the "cheap John" talk of the Vancouver "charter mongers," as to the building of the V. V. & E. Experience has taught them that railroads are not built on "jaw bone."

IT will be seen by a special dispatch from Vancouver to the Rossland Miner, published elsewhere, that the people of Victoria and Vancouver are doing everything in their power to keep the Kettle River Valley railway from getting a charter, thereby keeping the Boundary country from securing competition in freight rates.

IN spite of all the reports to the contrary the Rev. McLennan has returned from Kamloops. It is a singular fact that every time anyone from Grand Forks leaves town for a few days somebody starts the report that he has "skipped the gutter," and a minister is no exception to the rule.

EVERY day people are falling over themselves to get to sign the agreement not to use any goods bought in Victoria or Vancouver unless the opposition to the Kettle River Valley railway is withdrawn. The trade of the Kettle river valley may not amount to much just at present but it is liable to in time.

WHILE the Liberal party in the Province of Ontario have emerged from the campaign with a very small majority they still have the satisfaction of knowing they control the government machinery. There are 94 seats in the Ontario House, 47 of which are Liberal; 45 Conservative; 1 Independent. The remaining one Russell, where the election takes place on the 18th, is a strong Liberal constituency and certain to be carried by the government.

The Grand Forks MINER celebrated Washington's birthday by printing a portrait of that illustrious statesman surrounded with a laurel wreath. The fact that a paper published in Canada by an American can do such a thing without anyone raising the slightest objection shows what a delightfully free country Canada is.—Victoria Colonist.

The MINER acknowledges that the gall displayed in printing a portrait of George Washington surrounded with a "laurel wreath" is only exceeded by the gall of the board of trade of Victoria in passing resolutions requesting the B. C. representatives at Ottawa to use their influence against the granting of a charter to the Kettle River Valley railway to build through the Boundary country

TO RETALIATE.

On Friday of last week Braden gave notice in the legislature of his intention to introduce a clause for incorporation into the mineral act making it necessary for aliens to declare their intention of becoming citizens before being allowed to obtain a free miners' certificate. It will be remembered that a similar bill was introduced at the last session of the legislature, but was defeated. There is a possible chance of the measure carrying this time, on account of the aggravating policy of the United States in regard to Yukon matters and a few other border questions. It is to be regretted that a free and open country like British Columbia should be compelled to retaliation in order to obtain better treatment.

If this question was left to the residents of the mining district to decide, Mr. Braden's motion would be overwhelmingly defeated. Should the clause become a law there is little doubt but that a few of the Americans who are interested in mineral claims here would become naturalized Britishers rather than lose their holdings, but the majority would prefer to dispose of their mining interest, and return to their own side of the boundary line.

INTERESTING FACTS.

The annual report of the Provincial Registrar of births, marriages and deaths for the year just closed shows that there were 636 marriages, 1641 births and 1020 deaths. Of the births, 869 were boys and 772 girls. The increase in births over the previous year was 389. Of the 636 marriages, seventeen of the contracting parties went on record as having no religious belief; 94 were Episcopalian, 91 Presbyterians, 80, Methodists; 46 Roman Catholic; 19 Lutherans; 15 Baptists; and other denominations 18. The deaths included 671 males and 349 females, inclusive of Indians and Chinese.

DISTRICT NEWS.

Prof. Boice has opened a dancing school at Midway.

The ore body has been struck on the Big Windy in Summit camp.

Work has been resumed in the shaft on the Snowshoe, in Greenwood camp.

Rodgers and Young have a new tunnel on their property, the Red Eagle, in Summit camp, 100 feet in ore well mineralized.

Work on the Rover near Boundary Falls, has been suspended on account of J. Winkle, the owner, having blood poison in his hand.

Messrs Hamilton and Corkill have completed assessment work on the Great Laxey, in Summit camp, and have commenced work on the Black Prince and Idaho.

J. C. Dale and N. Gottefriedsen are doing assessment work on the Combination, in Smith's camp. Assays made from this property run from $7 to $26 in gold and some silver.

Greenwood is to have a Roman Catholic church, the contract for which has been awarded to J. B. Derosier. The site selected is said to be one of the prettiest sites in that city.

The latest reports are to the effect that the much talked of road from Kettle Falls to Eureka will never be finished. The latest obstacle encountered is wages due men on the work.

E. C. Brown is cross-cutting at a depth of 30 feet on the Marguerette, in Deadwood camp, and is in a solid body of ore almost identical to that found on the Mother Load in the same camp.

The reports from Torodo creek are very encouraging, several rich strikes having been made there lately. Mr. A. Galloway who owns property there claims assays as high as $200 per ton.

W. Shaw has just completed the assessment on the Blue Bell, in Summit camp. The work consists of a crosscut of 10 feet from the Shaft at a depth of 20 feet. The work was all done in solid ore.

Rev. M. C. McLennen will hold services in the Kettle River church next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Evening services in W. K. C. Manly's hall, Grand Forks, at 7:30 p. m.—Subject, "Looking to the Future."

The Primrose claim in Deadwood camp is running full blast, six men being at work. A crosscut in a good body of ore is being run at a depth of 50 feet. This claim is under bond to the Boundary Mines company, of New York.

A report comes from Providence camp to the effect that Joseph L. Wiseman has just struck a fifteen foot ledge of high grade ore on the "Texas" property in that camp. The "Texas" is owned by Messrs. Wiseman and Van Ness.

The shaft on the C. O. D., Long Lake camp, is now down 45 feet, and work is being pushed as rapid as practical. The ledge is about four feet in width, and is of gold bearing quartz. This property is under bond to R. W. McFarland.

It is reported that the B. A. company has bonded the Pathfinder claim, on North Fork Kettle river, for $60,000 and 90,000 shares of stock in the company, and a force of 14 men have been put to work on the property.—Boundary Creek Times.

Bill Gutteridge, well and favorably known in this city, and at present one of the principal mine owners on Canyon creek, was in Greenwood one day last week. He reports the prospects of that camp to be very promising and expects a large amount of work to be done there this season.

Fairview Camp.

Three large mining companies are at present operating in the camp.

If rumors are any indication to go by there may be something in regard to transfers worth reporting at no distant day.

The snow has nearly disappeared from along the river and everything has commenced to have a spring-like appearance.

The Stemwinder is showing up well. The result of the first ore crushed from it is in every respect satisfactory to the owners.

Mr. Steve Mangott is home again, having returned from an extended visit to New York, where he went to visit friends of his childhood days.

At a meeting of the directors of the hospital, recently held, tenders were opened for the erection of a building, the need of which has been severely felt in this part of the district. The contract was awarded to B. McIntosh, and the building will be erected on a five acre plot of land donated by Mr. Thos. Ellis, as soon as the material can be procured. When completed, the government will be asked for an appropriation to help carry on the institution.

LOCAL NOTES.

Sam Rose left for Kansas this morning.

W. B. Davey went to Rossland this week.

A first-class butcher shop would do well in Grand Forks.

Chas. Cumings says that Jeff. Davis got a telegram from Portland.

McCool wants to sell his dog now that the "snap" has been given away.

Mr. Nelson Larsen has just completed the assessmens work on the Wolverine.

The Marcus stage had to run an extra Monday night to accommodate the travel.

Mr. Mitchell and his father-in law, Mr. Twig, made a flying trip to Eureka this week.

Shamrocks at Mrs. Prybilsky's millinery store. Corner of Riverside and Main streets.

Mr. Thomas, proprietor of the Thomas house at Cascade City, was in the city this week.

Peter Close and Wm. Tight, two Grand Forks sports, got taken in by the police this week.

Next Thursday is St Patrick's day. Get your Shamrock at Mrs. Prybilsky's millinery store.

S. S. Schuler left Tuesday morning for Spokane, on a visit to his daughter who resides there.

Your annual assessment to the MINER is due. It does not cost you anything to have it recorded either.

Geo. Cumings returned Sunday from Rossland. He reports the metropolis of the Kootenay growing rapidly.

Mrs. McKenzie who has been suffering from an attack of la grippe for some time, is able to be about again.

A report is current that a bond has been given on the Winnipeg, in Wellington camp. The sum named is $200,000.

Mrs. Joseph Manly has gone to Eureka, Wash. for medical treatment. She expects to be absent for a couple of weeks.

Parties just down from the North Fork report that at least twenty-five or thirty people are doing assessments in that district.

James Monoghan of the Cariboo mine at Camp McKinney, passed through town last Wednesday on his way to Spokane.

The interior of the Grand Forks Mercantile Co's. store has been treated to a coat of paint, which adds much to its appearance.

W. B. Aris is authority for the statement that the telephone line from Kettle Falls to Republic will be in operation inside of thirty days.

The latest report from the water works was that it was between Tulous and Pierres and they were making about a mile and a half a day.

Fred Cooper is laying the sidewalk that is being put in by the city on the east side of Riverside avenue between Bridge and Main streets.

S. S. Schuler has done the assessment work on the Rosy Nell claim, located on Fisherman creek, in the vicinity of the Seattle camp.

Chas. Emmert has just completed an addition to his residence, and a room between his residence and the livery barn to be used as a harness shop.

Chas. Van Ness, since his arrival in the city has put some eight or ten men to work doing assessment on his numerous mineral claims in this district.

His worship, Police Magistrate Johnson, will hold a small debt court about the 30th inst. If you have unpaid bills now is the time to get your work in.

A great many prospectors and claim owners are doing their annual assessment work and as a consequence there is a continual sounding of artillery up the North Fork.

Fred Oliver of Rossland, came in Monday night and left Tuesday for Wellington camp where he is working some properties recently bonded by himself and associates.

Travel has more than doubled in the last two weeks. This is one of the best evidences that an era of prosperity has commenced and from now on we may look for better times.

"Sandy" Campbell is doing assesment work on the Herald mineral claim in Brown's camp. The Herald is situated between the Wolverine and Minnie, and said to have a very creditable showing.

Frank Truax came over from Eureka last Sunday for the purpose of moving his family there, where he expects to make his future home. Frank is in the employ of the Little Cove Mining Co. of Eureka.

Ross and Mathewson are doing assessment work on their group of claims in Seattle camp. This group is composed of the Standard, Blue Bird, Bismark and Montana all of which have a very creditable showing.

Mr. E. Spragget, the enterprising lumber dealer; contemplates putting in a telephone between his office and the mill. This will be a great convenience as small orders of lumber can be filled without the delay of making a trip to the mill.

John M. Burke of Rossland, was an arrival in the city from Eureka, where he has been for some time past looking after investments in that camp. Mr. Burke is very enthusiastic over the future of this camp, and predicts that she will be a hummer the coming summer.

R A. Brown, of Volcanic fame, returned from Victoria last Saturday morning, where he has been as defendant in a suit brought against him by coast parties who were interested in the old Kincaid company that furnished the money to run the tunnel on that property several years ago. Mr Brown says he won his case hands down and that when he got through with them they sneaked off like a whipped cur.

Chas Cumings received a letter this week from Dr. Hepworth, dated at the summit, twelve miles from Skagaway. He reports considerable sickness on the trail and says that a great many people are turning back daily disgusted. He says that he met Penrose at Skagaway, who is on his way to Dawson City. Doc says he sticks up his shingle every night and always has a call or two. The trip is an awful hard one he writes and unless a man is made of cast iron he had not better undertake the trip. So far the doctor has stood the trip well and thinks he will be able to make it through without difficulty.

SHARESHOLDERS MEETING.

PATHFINDER MINING, REDUCTION AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY.

NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the "Pathfinder Mining, Reduction and Investment company, Limited Liability, will be held at the office of the company, at Grand Forks, B. C., on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1898, at the hour of noon, for the following purposes: [a] To consider a proposition to purchase to additional mineral claims; [b] to consider a proposition for the sale of the Pathfinder mineral claim and to pass a resolution to enable the company to dispose of the whole or any part of the assets of the company; [c] to discharge one Jas. E. Walker from the position of director of the company."

THOS. I. PARKINSON, President.
Dated at Grand Forks, March 2nd, 1898.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SIXTY days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Land & Works for permission to purchase the following described land situated in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District in the Province of British Columbia.

Commencing at a post marked S. E corner at the south west corner of Lot 717 North Fork of Kettle River thence west forty chains, thence north forty chains, thence east forty chains, thence south forty chains to point of commencement containing 160 acres more or less.

ELLA CLARK.
Grand Forks, B. C. Jan. 17th, 1898.
Date of first publication, February 12th, 1898.
Date of last publication, April 16th, 1898.

MINERAL ACT 1896.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Coin Mineral Claim, situate in the Grand Forks Mining Division of Yale District. Where located:—On the south side of Newby creek about one mile west of the North Fork of Kettle river.

TAKE NOTICE that I Fred Wollaston, acting as agent for the Gold Coin Mining company, Limited liabilities free miners certificate No. 3641A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1897.
Date of 1st publication, Feb. 12th, 1898; date of last publication, April 16th, 1898.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

CESTIFICATE OF IMROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

B. C. Mineral Claim (Lot 882) situated in the Grand Forks Mining Divison of Yale District. Where located:—Summit Camp near the Ontario Mineral claim.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Isaac H. Hallett, as agent for Albert Keough, Free Miner's certificate No. 89733, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

I. H. HALLET.
Dated this 6th day of November, 1897.

MINERAL ACT 1897.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Ontario mineral claim, situate in the Grand Forks Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: Summit camp.

TAKE NOTICE that I William Shaw, Free Miner's Certificate No. 87,526, intend, sixty days form the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1897.

MINERAL ACT 1896.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE.

"B. C." mineral claim situate in the Grand Forks mining Divison of Yale district. Where located:—in Summit camp.

TAKE NOTICE I Isaac H. Hallet, as agent for Albert Keough free miner's certificate No. 89733, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

I. H. HALLETT.
Dated this 7th day of January, 1898.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OFFICE.

His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

18th February, 1898.

JOSEPH KIRKPATRICK JOHNSON, of the City of Grand Forks, Esquire, J. P., to be Police Magistrate within and for the said City.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax Act Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDance with the statutes that Provincial Revenue Tax, and all other Taxes levied under the Assessment Act, are now due for the year 1898. All the above taxes collectable within the

Rock Creek Divison of Yale District,

are payable at my office at Osoyoos, Yale District.

Assessed taxes are collectable at the following rates, viz:

If Paid on or Before June 30th, 1898,

Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.

One half of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely: Upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If Paid After July 1st, 1898.

Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Three per cent, on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely:

Upon such excess when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and less than twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax $3.00 per capita.

C. A. R. LAMBLY, Assessor and Collector.
Osoyoos, B. C., Jan 3, 1898.

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"Rock Creek Gold and Copper Mining Company."

Registered the 27th day of January. A. D., 1898.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Rock Creek Gold and Copper Mining Company," as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies' Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situated in the City of Spokane, State of Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is eight hundred thousand dollars, divided into eight hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situated in the city of Vancouver, and Johanna Wulffsohn, Imperial German Consul, whose address is No. 602, Granville street, Vancouver, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:—

To buy, sell, lease, bond, explore, mine and mill and to do any necessary work for the development and operation of mining property; to construct, maintain and operate reduction and smelting plants or mills for private or public use; to construct, maintain and operate trails, roads, lines of transportation by land or water; to build flumes or ditches, or acquire water power or water rights and to lease and sell the same; in fact to carry on a general mining and reduction business in all its various departments in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington and the Province of British Columbia, Canada, under which we shall operate.

Give under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

[L. S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Date of first publication, March 5th, 1898.
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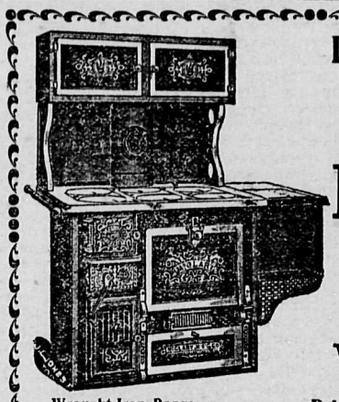

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IS GOOD NEWS

Construction on the V. V. & E. to Be Commenced.

Mr. HAY'S VICTORIA TRIP

The Governments Railway and Redistribution Policy, as Given by Mr. Turner.

Mr. Chas Hay of Upper Grand Forks, returned home last Saturday via the Penticton stage from a two weeks' trip to Vancouves where he went on private business. On his way there he stopped over two or three days in Victoria and during his stay in that city he had an interview with a number of the opposition members, also with Premier Turner, relative to the chances of a railway being built through the boundary country this year. In speaking of the trip Mr. Hay said:

"Knowing that there was a conflict of opinion between the opposition and the government, the opposition advocating the government should build and own the lines of railway through the province while the government policy was to aid the building of railways by granting subsidies, and fearing that in consequence of the different views being held in the legislature the construction of a railway through the Boundary creek country this year might again be blocked, the same as was the case last year in the legislative assembly. I stopped a couple of days in Victoria on my way to Vancouver, and through the kindness of Mr. Graham, M. P., from this district, arranged for a meeting with the members of the opposition in the parlors of the Drieard hotel. At this conference I urged upon them the great necessity of a railway through the Kettle river valley and Boundary district, and expressed a wish that they should concur in any reasonable policy brought down by thegovernment for the construction of a line through this section at an early date. The members present listened with very kindly and careful attention, and signified their intention of supporting any measure to insure the construction of a railway the present season between Penticton and Robson.

"A meeting was then arranged for with Mr. Turner for an interview. Fortunately Mr. Wood, the Mayor of Greenwood arrived in the city in time to take part in this meeting and in company with Mr. James Addison of Grand Forks, Mr. Wood and myself waited on Premier Turner and discussed fully the railway situation. Mr. Turner treated the delegation with great cordialty, and assured us that all arrangements were completed for the construction of a line from Penticton to the Columbia river, and that work on the line would commence almost immediately, and not later than two months from date; that the road would be completed within eighteen months. Mr. Turner also stated that there would be no land grant subsidy given, but a cash bonus of $4 000 a mile would begranted the company for the whole lenght of the line."

"On being asked if the C. P. R. was to build the line, he smiled and replied that for the present we will call it the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern, but that Mr Mann had left that morning to make preparations for commencing construction work both at Penticton and Robson

"The delegation asked the Premier, if it was not entirely against the rules of the government, if he would inform them how the redistribution bill would effect the district of East Yale. In reply he said that there would be a few additional members added to the house. Kootenay and East Yale would each have one. The present electorial district of the latter would be divided into separate constituencies by a line running from east to west at or near Penticton.

"In relation to the political situation the action of the present legislature will have considerable of a bearing on the matter. The government, by its policy of aiding the construction of a railway from the Columbia river to the coast has greatly increased its chances in the coming election.

C. P. R. ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Will Construct a Road From Robson to the Boundary Country this Year.

The British Columbia Smelting and Refining company last week transferred the smelter at Trail to the C. P. R. company. The transfer of the C. & W. railway is expected to occur most any time now. Parties who claim to know whereof they speak are authority for the statement that it is the intention of the C. P. R. to commence work on the extension of that road from Trail to Penticton before the first of May in order to control the output of the Boundary country for the Trail smelter. In this connection the following Montreal dispatch will be of interest to the readers of the MINER:

MONTREAL, Que., March 2.—The Gazette, commenting editorially on the Canadian Pacific's annual statement, finishes as follows: "The Canadian Pacific Railway company is only 18 years old. When its project was published the people thought it could never be executed. The system comprises 7,676 miles of road, owned and operated, and two steamship lines on the Pacific. It has assets representing a value of $445,000,000, earns $24,000,000 per year, and is paying dividends, where some thought it would not earn the axle grease for its rolling stock. Its story is one of the most wonderful in the annals of modern business enterprises."

The Canadian Pacific's annual report announces that the Crow's Nest Pass line will be completed to Kootenay lake before the end of August. Temporary connection will be made at Nelson by a train ferry, whereby a through train service will be established pending a completion of the railway along the shore of the lake to that point, a distance of 60 miles.

The maximum gradients through the Rocky and Selkirk ranges is only one foot in a hundred, which is barely one-half of any other railway crossing either ranges.

The company also announces that it will be necessary for it to move westward from the Columbia river at Robson, the western end of the C. P. R. line, so as to rearch Boundary creek district, 100 miles distant, during the present year, and the authority will be asked to make the expenditure necessary for this.

The company also announces the purchase of the Columbia & Western, extending from Robson to Rossland, for $800,000. Along with this purchase the company has acquired the smelter at Trail creek and about 270,000 acres of land in that vicinity.

THE V. V. & E. RAILWAY.

Dr. Milne Says the Work of Construction Will Soon Begin.

The following special to the Rossland Miner, of the 8th inst., will be of interest to the readers of the MINER; as its hows clearly what the citizens of Vancouver and Victoria are doing to defeat the granting of a charter to the Ketle River Valley railway.

The actual work of construction of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway will commence on April 1st, if not earlier. This positive statement was made by Dr. G. L. Milne, one of the promoters of the railway. He said the date on which work would be commenced had not been definitely decided, but it would be very shortly. Work will commence at Penticton and Chilliwack simultaneously, these two points being easy of access for supplies. As Dr. Milne put it. "We will soon show the people of the Boundary Creek country that we intend to immediately give them the railway facilities that they have been clamoring for."

The assurances that the company has received from both the dominion and provincial governments justify them, Dr. Milne says, in immediately commencing the work of construction. Interrogating the doctor further as to the effect of the charter asked by Corbin on the coast line, he replied: "If a road is allowed to enter our province at the boundary, running through the Kettle River district, it will materially affect and cripple the carrying trade of our line, as well as divert our trade to American cities, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma in particular. I am assured, however, that the government and members of the house of commons will reject such a scheme. I cannot see how they can entertain such a proposition, as our line is an all-Canadian line, opening up the country, bringing our own cities in near connection with the mining regions of Kootenay, as well as making the connecting link of the Crow's Nest and other railways terminating on the Columbia river.

"Have steps been taken to oppose the granting of a charter to Corbin?" "Yes," replied the doctor. "The boards of trade of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nelson and other towns sent their protests on to Ottawa, and I do not fear the outcome, as the sentiment of 'Canada for Canadians' is the watch-word all along the line."

Work to Commence at Once.

Chief Engineer Tye, who has charge of the several surveying parties engaged in locating the Penticton branch of the C. P. R., which it proposes to build from the Columbia river into the Boundary country left for Boundary the other day. He says the building of that branch will be begun within a month or so.—Vancouver World.

Charged With Theft.

Last Sunday Provincial Constable I. A. Dinsmore made a hurried trip to Greenwood and arrested one William Kimball on a warrant charging him with appropriating to his own use the sum of $100 belonging to the Grand Forks Mercantile Co.

It appears that a week ago yesterday Mr. W. B. Davey sent Kimball over to Greenwood with a $100 check and instructed him to get it cashed and bring the proceeds back to Grand Forks the same evening. However, instead of doing this, young Kimball after securing the currency from the bank in Greenwood commenced to "blow the money in" and had it all spent when arrested by Officer Dinsmore.

The case was up before Police Magistrate Johnson last Monday for a preliminary hearing, when on request of the prosecution the prisoner was remanded until Thuesday when Mr. Davey, the main witness in the case was expected back, but as he did not arrive in time, a further remand made last Thursday, until this afternoon at 2 o'clock when it is expected the case will be disposed of. Solicitor Cayley appears for the private prosecutor in this case.

Will Visit Grand Forks.

The Rev. McClennan returned late last Sunday afternoon from Kamloops, where he went to attend the annual meeting of the Presbytery, which was held in that city last week. Mr. McClennan says that the charges prefered against him were considered of too trifling a nature to be noticed by the Presbytery. A commission has been appointed to come to this city and investigate the church matters here. When the moving of the church from its present site would be fully considered, and it would be decided whether it would be to the best interest of the mission to move the present building or to erect a new one in Grand Forks. This commission is expected to convene in this city some time the latter part of the present month.

A Good Appointment.

Mr. R. R. Gilpin, deputy collector of customs here, received notification this week of his appointment as acting deputy collector of inland revenues for Grand Forks. Heretofore Mr. A. K. Stuart has filled the office of deputy collector of inland revenues for both Greenwood and Grand Forks, and owing to the distance necessary to be travelled, it was deemed advisiable to divide the territory. Mr. Gilpin, as a customs officer, has made many friends by his courteous maener and the announcement of his appointment will meet with general approval from all.

Drowned Out.

David Woodhead came down Tuesday afternoon from Summit camp where he has been at work on the Josie for some time past. Dave says that operations had to be suspended on this property last Monday on account of water. The shaft is down 90 feet, which makes it impossible to keep the water out. A hoist to be operated by horse power is to be erected on the property as soon as possible and when completed work will be resumed.

Are Out For Business.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Jeff Davis & Co., the Bridge street merchants. Hereafter this firm will be found in the front ranks rustling for business and they do not propose to be undersold by anyone in the Boundary country. It will pay the careful buyers to keep watch of this space as they will be sure to find bargains advertised that will prove of benefit to them.

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A dairy business; 26 cows and paying milk route; all the machinery for making creamery butter. The best of reasons for selling. Address box 26, Grand Forks, B. C.

FROM OTTAWA

The Chances of Mr. Corbin's Charter Good,

MAY YET BE DEFEATED

However, Through the Opposition of Messrs. Maxwell, McInnes and Coast Cities.

OTTAWA, March 1, 1898.—[Special Correspondence.]—The indications at present are that the Kettle River Valley railway charter will be granted, provided that the B. C. members will pull together. A large number of the members from Ontario, the Northwest territories and the eastern provinces are favorable to British Columbia, and willing to help ti in any way they can, and if the people themselves in British Columbia, or rather their representative would have enough loyalty to the province to speak together. Maxwell and McInnis are so far opposed tothis, and I regret to say that the Vancouver board of trade has passed a resolution asking the government not to grant this charter, but to grant aid to a road from the Columbia river through to the coast. Now, as there is not the slightest possibility of the government granting aid to such a railway for the next five years, you can readily see that this is a contemptable piece of business on the part of the Vancouver people in trying to prevent the Boundary people from getting a railway because it don't run trom their town. It is clear to the mind of every one who knows anything about the situation that the Kettle River Valley railway is the only railway that will give competition to the C. P. R., So if we can get that line built into the Boundary country then the V. V. & E. road, when it is completed would have connections, besides the C P. R., with three transcontinential lines, viz, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and the Great Northern. If this charter is blocked this season it will be solely because Maxwell and McInnis, on the command of the Victoria and Vancouver people, and the V. V. & E. charter mongers, will do so. You can well understand that the eastern members of parliament here will not be inclined to support it, if the members from British Columbia and the leading centres there fight it. It appears to me that the Boundary country is being cursed by a lot of pin-heads in Victoria and Vancouver, who arrogate to them the idea that all British Columbia is composed of two places, Victoria and Vancouver, and anything that has not its origin or its destination there should be clubbed.

Mr. Richard Armstrong, Grand Forks representative, returned from Toronto, where he has been for the past week hobnobbing with members from that place.

Owing to the Ontario election the house has adjourned for a week, consequently it will be the latter part of this week before the railwgy committee will meet. Between fifteen and twenty members from Ontario and the east who are members of the railway committee have promised to speak in favor of the granting of a charter to the Kettle River Valley road.

It will be some time toward the latter part of the month before it is known whether or not that the charter is granted.

Not Formed an Opinion

H. A. Sheads received the following letter yesterday from the Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, in answer to one addressed him relative to his opposition to Mr. Corbin's charter:

OTTAWA, 28th February, 1898.—Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 17th instant I have had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. Corbin and his solicitor, and have promised to look carefully into the question of the Kettle River Railway charter, I have not as yet formed any opinion, but I need not say that I will do what seems to me to be in the interest of your province.

Yours faithfully,
CLIFFORD SIFTON,
H. A. Sheads, Esq, Grand Forks, B. C.

Corbin Will Get His Charter.

A. K. Stuart, deputy collector of inland revenues for Grand Forks and Greenwood was an arrival from Greenwood Thursday, having come over to turn over the records of the office and install Mr. R. R. Gilpin, as acting deputy collector of inland revenues for Grand Forks, his territory having been divided. Mr. Stuart says that a telegram was received in Greenwood Wednesday, from Editor Ross, who is at present in Ottawa, announcing that the Kettle River Valley railway charter was almost an assured fact.

Will Be at Work in Sixty Days.

Judge Spinks was an arrival from Bossburgh Tuesday afternoon on his way to Midway where he goes to hold a sitting of the county court on Thursday. The Judge expects to return to the Forks Friday and will remain here until Monday at which time the March setting of the county court will occur. In speaking of the prospects for a railway being built through the district the coming season, he says there is no doubt but one, if not two will be built and expresses the belief that the C. P. R. will be at work at both ends of the route on an extension of the line from Robson to Penticton inside of 60 days.

Must Commence Work in One Year.

The announcement that the provisions of the charter now being applied for by the Kettle River Valley railway company provided that the construction should be commenced in two years and completed in seven created quite a sensation on the streets last Sunday. But after it was understood that this clause in which to commence work had been changed to read one year instead of two, and that the road must be completed in two years instead of seven everybody felt much better and no doubt a number of our citizens slept sounder than they have for some time past.

A Business Parable.

Once a farmer had 1,800 bushels of wheat which he sold, not to a single grain merchant, but to 1,800 different dealers, one bushel each. A few of them paid him in cash, but by far the greater number said it was not convenient then, but they would pay later. A few months passed and the man's bank account ran low. "How is this?" he said. "My 1,800 bushels of grain should have kept me in affluence until another crop was raised, but I have parted with the grain and have instead only a vast; number of accounts, so small and scattered that I cannot get around and collect them fast enough to pay expenses." So he posted up a public notice and asked all who owed him to pay quickly. But few came. Many said, "Mine is only a small matter, and I will go and pay one of these days," forgetting that though each account was very small, when all were put together they amount to a large sum to the man. Things went on thus. The man got to feeling so badly that he fell out of bed and awoke and running to his granary found his 1,800 bushels of wheat still safe there He had only been dreaming and hadn't sold his wheat at all. Moral—The next day the man went to the publishers of his newspaper and said, "Here, sir, is the pay for your paper; and when next year's subscription is due you can depend on me to pay promptly. I stood in the position of a newspaper publisher last night, and I know how it feels to have one's honestly earned money scattered in small amounts." The foregoing appeared in a recent issue of the Metropolitan and Rural Home of New York, and is so appropriate to newspaper publishers and their subscribers not 100 miles from Grand Forks that the incident has a local application of a very striking nature. It is hoped that the lesson it teaches will not be lost sight of by those who are in the position the chief actor in the parable found himself upon awakening to a realization of the actual truth.

UPPER GRAND FORKS.

An Interesting Batch of News From Our Spritely Neighbor.

Rev. Father Rivers of Rossland, celebrated mass in the Queen's hotel on Tuesday.

Mr. Hodson has moved to the Almond ranch near Carson, and will manage that place the coming year.

Messrs Wells and Hanscom have each purchased residence property on South King street, and expect to build during the summer.

J. Lagimodeir has the foundation laid for a business block on Government avenue near King street. It is to be 20x30 two stories high.

The frame work for the postoffice block on Government avenue, being built by the townsite company, is completed and the work of enclosing the building has been commenced.

Mr Fee of this place, has rented the Reynolds ranch adjoining the townsite on the south and west and have taken possession. His son Abner left this week for Colville, after their household effects.

Mr. Geo. Cooper has been awarded the contract for laying the stone foundation for Mr. Chas. Hay's new residence, work on which will be commenced as soon as the material can be got on the ground.

The encouraging railway news brought home by Mr. Hay from Victoria has taken the weight of ten years off the shoulders of nearly everyone in the village, and all feel confident that we will have a prosperous year.

A rumor is afloat to the effect that Messrs Wells & Hanscom intend to build a two story addition to their blacksmith and wagon shop, the upper story to be occupied by Mr. Wm. Carter as a sash and door factory.

A. L. McDonald's four room residence is ready to be turned over to the plasters. Contractor Geo. Cooper has the contract and when he gets done with the place, Mac will have as neat a little cottage as anyone might want.

Mr. Hanscom, of the firm of Wells & Hanscom, proprietors of the Upper Grand Forks Globe Works, has rented the rooms recently vacated by Mr. Hodson in the Anderson residence and will move his family from Northport at once.

The co-operative town hall, commenced sometime since, is an assured fact, enough work and material having already been subscribed to complete the building The frame work of the building is now finished and the work of enclosing will be commenced at once. The building is to be 33x75 feet, with two store rooms on the first floor and the entire second story to be used as a public hall, and when completed will be one of the largest in the Boundary district. It is the intention of having a grand opening when the building is completed.

Home Made Butter.

Mr. N. Mardon, the enterprising proprietor of the B. C. Dairy, has resumed the manufacture of his celebrated creamery butter. This announcement will be hailed with delight by those who were fortunate enough to procure the products of his dairy last season. There is nothing more wholesome than nice, sweet, home made butter, and this can be obtained from Mr. Mardon, and those of our citizens who desire to obtain butter from him should place their order at once as he can only supply a limited number of families.

Sunday Dinners.

It is not everyone who can keep a hotel, but the Cosmos under the management of Miss Marie Kaiser is run as a hotel should be. Particular attention is paid to the table and one of the best cooks of the country presides in the kitchen. Miss Kaiser is making a speciality of home cooked Sunday dinners. These dinners are served ot 5 o'clock and if you want to enjoy a meal like your mother used to give you, go to the Cosmos. Next Sunday a regular old fashioned chicken dinner will be served and don't overlook the fact.

City Treasurer Addison in Victoria.

Mr. James Addison, city treasurer of Grand Forks, is in the city urging upon the provincial government the need for assistance in the construction of a railway in that growing portion of the province. He will also suggest the desirability of the electorial district of Yale being divided into a north and south district, so that the mining interests in southern portion may enjoy the advantages of representation in the local house. Some proposed changes in the municipal clauses act will also be recommended by Mr Addison, who speaks very enthusiastically of the bright prospects of the Grand Forks district, in which he is heavily interested.—Victoria Times.

Boneta Will Start Up.

Word has been received from Spokane that it is the intention of the Boneta Gold Mining Co. to resume work on the Boneta claim on Observation mountain. The information to hand is to the effect that the work this time will be done on another part of the claim than where the tunnel has been run.

MINING RECORDS.

Grand Forks Mining Division.

LOCATIONS.

March 2:—
Jumbo, North Fork, A. V. Anderson.
March 4:—
Alaska, Grand Forks, H. A. Huntly.
March 9:—
Battle Ax, Brown's camp.

CERTIFICATE OF WORK.

March 4:—
Ski, E B, Gay et al.
Side Issue, J and Pownder.
March 5:—
Wolverine, J. A. Manly for Oliver Gold Mining company.
March 9:—
Wellington Square, Ella Clark.

TRANSFERS.

March 4:—
Betts and Heonerus, all interest, E. E. Alexander et al to J. H. Lamona.
Fairy, ½ interest, John Thompson to Charles Willarson et al.
Black Bear, ½ interest, Hugh McGuiar to T. J. O'Brien.
March 7:—
Silver Knot, all interest, Robert Clark to Ella Clark.
March 9:—
City of Boston, all interest, John Lawless to D. Good.
City of Boston, all interest, D. Good to D. J. Matteson.

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Grand Forks: G. A. Berry and T. H. Green, City; W. T. Smith, J. A. Evans, J. P. Flood, R. Milny and M. McGrath, Greenwood; K. Hays and wife, Jas. E. Walker and R. K. Neil, Spokane; L. Marks, Victoria; H. Darling, Vancouver; P. J. Byrne and H. S. Jones, Rossland; G. Patterson, Marcus; P. G. Gill, Ainsworth; and C. A. Wright, Spokane.

At the Alberta: C. Pratt, Miss Pearl Dunbar, D. W. Yeargain, and Sam Silverman, Eureka; B. Gallagher, Nelson; J. P. Flood, C. S. Price, J. J. Canfield and A. K. Stuart, Greenwood; Jas. C. Cunningham, L. McAltee, B. T. Keck and wife, J. J. Weger and Frank Robary, Spokane; John M. Barge, E. J. Edwards, S. Curtis, Daniel Lee, F. B. Jones, T. J. Bryan and Judge Spinks, Rossland; R. B. Thomas, Nelson, Wash; C. H. Thomas, Cascade City; E. F. Plummer, Port Townsend, Wash.; D. D. Emylast und J. M. Schutt, Wayside, Wash.

At the Cosmos: John Fox, Greenwood; James Lewis, Curlew; Tom and John May, J. Powers and Mr. Price, Rossland; Thomas Ryan, Eureka; John Carl, Cascade City; J. Henderson, Spokane; E. Smith, Portland; Ellen Johnson, Rossland; C. D. Roth and daughter Leana, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Greenwood.

At the Presler: Fred G. Curtis, G. L. Lockman and Thomas Clark, Eureka; Garrett Graham,—Grayer and James Banhard, Rossland; F. W. Rosenteit, Thomas Layton, C. B. Moss, A. S. Crawford, Spokane; Francis B. Smith, England; W. T. Smith, Greenwood; Henry Wasman, Butte; Paul Sim, Rossland; Joe Lebane, Quarts Creek; A. F. Lohman and J. C. Yager Spokane.

THE SUMMIT ROAD.

A Little More Work Needed on It to Make It First-class.

Outside of one or two steep grades the road from Grand Forks to Summit camp is said to be in fairly good condition Parties who have been over the road say that these grades can be avoided with comparatively little expense and work if it is done before the frost is entirely out of the ground and the road is cut up by travel. The importance of this road is apparent to every business man and no time should be lost in seeing that this work is done at once, as delays are dangerous.

Taken a Partner.

W. H. Collins, managing director of the Golden Crown Mining company, was married Thursday afternoon, at Nelson, Wash., to Miss Brummund, of Wisconsin. The ceremony was performed by Judge Rice, of Marcus. It appears that Mr. Collins stole a march on his most intimate friends, and the announcement of his marriage was a surprise to every one. The MINER extends to Mr. and Mrs. Collins its best wishes and hope that their voyage through life may be a pleasant and prosperous one.

Fred Wollaston Sick

Chas. Cumings received a letter from City Clerk Wollaston yesterday acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions passed by the Grand Forks Board of Trade. Mr. Wollaston is still suffering from a severe attact of tonsolitis. Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Victoria council to be held, when the resolutions sent by the board of trade of this city to the Victoria board of trade would be fully considered. Mr. James Addison has gone to Vancouver to place the matter before the board of trade of that city.

Turned Over.

The stage from Marcus met with a mishap Wednesday evening by capsizing on the Lew Baer hill. There was eleven passengers aboard at the time of the accident and beyond a few scratches and bruises they all escaped without injury. This is the first accident that has happend this season, which speaks well for the manner in which the stages are handled on this line, when it is taken in consideration the condition of the roads.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. McDougal had a very narrow escape one day last week from instant death. In company with Mr. Arthur Marshall he was sitting on the railing in front of the postoffice, when without warning it gave away throwing him to the ground below a distance of about 12 feet where he lit head foremost in the center of a pile of wood, knocking him senseless by the fall. Several bystanders at once went to his assistance and picking him up carried him into the Victoria hotel, where he recovered consciousness in a short time. Mr. McDougal congratulates himself that his neck was not broken by the fall.

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To Those Coming to Alaska or the Klondike Gold Fields.

One thing should be impressed upon every miner, prospector or trader coming to Alaska, to the Klondike, or the Yukon country, and that is the necessity for providing an adequate and proper food supply. Whether procured in the states, *in the Dominion, or at the supply stores* here or further on, this must be his primary concern. Upon the manner in which the miner has observed or neglected this precaution more than upon any other one thing will his success or failure depend.

These supplies must be healthful and should be concentrated, but the most careful attention in the selection of foods that will keep unimpaired indefinitely *under all the conditions which they will* have to encounter is imperative. For instance, as bread raised with baking powder must be relied upon for the chief part of every meal, imagine the helplessness of a miner with a can of spoiled baking powder. Buy only the very best flour; it is the cheapest in the end. Experience has shown the Royal Baking Powder to be the most reliable, and the trading companies now uniformly supply this brand, as others will not *keep in this cli*mate. Be sure that the bacon is sweet, sound and thoroughly cured. These are the absolute necessities upon which all must place a chief reliance, and can under no circumstances be neglected. They may, of course, be supplemented by as many comforts or delicacies as the pros*pector may be able to pack or desire to* pay for.—From the Alaska Mining Journal.

A book of recipes for all kinds of cookery, which is specially valuable for use upon the trail or in the camp, is published by the Royal Baking Powder Company, of New York. The receipts are thoroughly practical and the methods are carefully explained, so that the inexperienced may, *with its aid, readily prepare everything* required for a good, wholesome meal, or even dainties if he has the necessary materials. The matter is in compact though durable form, the whole book weighing but two ounces. Under a special arrangement, this book will be sent free to miners or others who may desire it. We would recommend that every one going to Klondike procure a copy. Address the Royal Baking Powder Co., New York.

The machine shops of the Union Pacific at Laramie, Wyo., have been closed, and all the employes discharged.

A 10 per cent reduction in wages has gone into effect at the Boston Company's cotton mills at Waltham, Mass.

The Indian commissioners, in their annual report, say that there is evidence of steady progress in industrial pursuits and education among the Indians.

Edward T. Price, aged 47, a prominent and wealthy business man of Lexington, Ky., committed suicide by shooting himself in the forehead. He was despondent over ill health.

The latest election returns in Ontario show the liberal government has been sus*tained by a majority of three. The fig*ures are 48 liberals, 43 conservatives, one patron and one independent. There is one constituency yet to hear from.

Augustus St. Gaudens has deserted America for Europe. His studio in New York city, which he has occupied for 18 years, is for rent in the future, and the famous sculptor will make his home in Paris.

Fire has destroyed the large flour mill *of Cargill and Fall at Houston, Minn.* The capacity of the mill was 750 barrels a day. A large quantity of wheat, flour and other mill stuffs was destroyed. Several Milwaukee and St. Paul cars on the track were burned.

In the case of a bequest to the Smithsonian Institution the supreme court of the United States has decided that a man can bequeath property, the title to which is in his wife, where she holds it simply as a trustee for him.

Peter Christiansen, a wealthy and eccentric farmer living near Sacramento, Cal., died a few weeks ago. It develops that he left a will which was in the custody of a San Francisco lawyer, who has since died. The lawyer's executors mailed the will to Christiansen, and it is now in the dead letter office, whence it will be reclaimed and probated.

The largest mortgage ever filed in El *Paso county, Col., has been placed on rec*ord in the county clerk's office at Colorado Springs. It was filed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad and is for the sum of $100,000,000 in favor of the Central Trust company of New York, to secure the payment of certain bonds. The mortgage is on the railroad and its equipment.

San Francisco reports that the fear of drought and failure of the crops, which *had given a gloomy color to reports from* the interior during the latter end of winter, have been in a great part dispersed by the recent rains. So opportune were they that now far from feeling apprehension the agriculturalists of California are in a most optimistic frame of mind, and save in a few localities are contented with the outlook.

Captain Oldrieve, who is planning to walk across the Atlantic ocean from Bos*ton to Havre, France, will begin his jour*ney July 4. He will wear on his feet a pair of cedar boxes five feet long, with fins at the bottom and sides. They are very light, but strong enough to sustain his weight. In these he is able to walk over choppy seas, and even in heavy swells of the ocean. Captain A. W. Andrews will accompany him in a small boat.

Fred Moore, the murderer of Tom Anderson, *was taken from the county jail* at Senatobia, Miss., and shot to death by a mob of 50 persons. Anderson and Moore quarreled about some trivial matter. Moore followed the man and shot him five times, afterward placing the body on the railroad track to hide the crime.

Bradstreet's says: February bank clearances, as reported to Bradstreet's, point to an immense volume of business done in the country during the past month. The total clearances, though naturally smaller than January's record in totals, are evidently so only because of February being a short month. The total clearances, though naturally smaller than January's records in totals, were evidently so only because of a holiday still further curtail*ing the time available for business trans*actions, for the reason that the average daily clearances were larger than those of January, and the monthly total was heavier, not only than for any previous February on record, but larger than most months of normal years.

SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

Cruel.

"How Miss Sniffey must hate that old lover of hers who went to the Klondike!"

"Why?"

"She sent him as a Christmas present the menu they had at the hotel where she took dinner."

A Sad Case.

Arthur—I can see now that Miss Elwood doesn't care for me or respect me.

Harry—What has she done to make you think so?

Arthur—Gave me a cigarette-holder for a Christmas present.

Beyond Temptation.

"Why do you think Bingle would make a good alderman? He's as deaf as a post!"

"That's the very reason why he would be a safe man. Your briber never puts a proposition in black and white."

An Active Member.

"What makes you look so blue?"

"I joined the 'Don't Worry Society' this afternoon."

"Well?"

"I'm a bit anxious to know where the money for initiation fee and dues is to come from."—Philadelphia North American.

Returning the Compliment.

Mrs. Jaggs (time 2 a. m.)—Full again, are you? Oh, what a big fool I was to ever marry such a brute.

Jaggs (disfigured but still in it)—Shay, m' dear, don't (hic) think f'r minute you're (hic) only fool 'n plashe—lotsh bigger fools 'n you (hic); I wash bigger fool myshelf f'r (hic) not lettin' you b'come 'n ol' maid.

Justifiable.

Smith—Do you believe in Christian science as a faith cure?

Jones—Certainly; the Bible justifies its practice.

Smith—Does it really?

Jones—Yes; it says, "To die is gain."

Modern Spartans.

Timkins—Those Kentucky colonels are evidently modeled after the ancient Spartans.

Simkins—Why so?

Timkins—The Spartans, you know, were never known to "take water."

Ample Grounds.

"Yes," said DeAuber, "I am firmly wedded to my art."

"Well," replied his friend, "Art might get a divorce on the grounds of incompatibility."

No Cows to Annoy.

She—No, dear, we can't go to your uncle's farm next summer. The cows *annoy the baby.*

He—Suppose we summer at our milkman's place?—Cleveland Leader.

You Get Three Guesses.

I saw a man once kiss a girl,
When on a drunken spree.
Now which of us was drunk—
The man—the girl—or me?

Cause and Effect.

Briggs—Why, what causes your little boy to cry so?

Diggs—It is the result of his absence of mind.

Biggs—Absence of mind! How is that?

Diggs—Well, you see he didn't mind what his mother told him, so I had to punish him.

Wherein They Differ.

"No, sir," said the rabid free-thinker; "the idea that there is a God never for a moment has entered my head."

"Same way with my dog," replied the deacon, "but he doesn't go round howling about it."

Friendly Advice.

"This poem," said the editor, "will never do as it now stands. I would suggest that you take it around to some chiropodist."

"Why so?" asked the poet.

"Its feet need attention."

In the Blue Grass Region.

First Colonel—Have you heard the news?

Second Colonel—No; what is it?

First Colonel—Our old friend Maj. Fuller has quit drinking.

Second Colonel—Do you mean it sho'?

First Colonel—Yes. Positive fact.

Second Colonel—Deuced sorry to hear that. When does the funeral take place?

Her Loyalty.

Mrs. Wabash—Who is your favorite writer, Mrs. Ogden?

Mrs. Ogden—My husband.

Mrs. Wabash—Your husband! Why, what did he ever write?

Mrs. Ogden—Checks.

Another Feather.

Willie (after reading about the prize-fight)—Papa, is Uncle George a feather-weight?

Father—Why do you ask such a question, son?

Willie—'Cause you said he had ducks in his head.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Born, Not Made.

Rhymer—Do you think I'll ever make a name as a poet?

Spacer—Possibly; if you follow the scriptural injunction.

Rhymer—What's that?

Spacer—You must be born again.

A Shrewd Observer.

"No," said the capitalist, "I've decided not to invest any money in your trolley line. Your books show huge profits, I know, but I am convinced that it isn't the best paying line in town."

"May I ask what led you to this opinion?" said the president of the company.

"I have just been looking at some of your cars, and I find that the straps inside are almost as good as new."

At the Breakfast Table.

"I attended the theater last night," said the dry goods clerk, "and the play was out of sight."

"What was the nature of it?" asked the little blonde stenographer.

"It was a melodrama," answered the yardstick manipulator, "and the last scene is quite realistic. Just as two burglars crawl in at the kitchen window the clock strikes 1, and——"

"Pardon me for interrupting you," said the athletic boarder, "but which one did the clock strike?"

Feminine Charity.

Ella—Poor Maude is penniless, they say.

Hattie—Yes; isn't it a shame? Her face was her fortune, and she gave it away when she began to use paint.

He Was Forewarned.

Mrs. Wederly—Why is it that you never eat any of my biscuit? My first husband used to eat three or four of them every morning.

Wederly—Well, you should be the last person in the world to speak of it.

Mrs. Wederly—Why so?

Wederly—Why so? Have you forgotten that your first husband died of indigestion?

It Seems Plausible.

She—I wonder why a little apple caused Adam's downfall?

He (recalling a recent experience)—I suppose the banana peel hadn't been discovered then.

Somewhat Similar.

"Yaws," said young Softleigh, "me instwuctor tells me that I have a wondahful ear for music, doncher know."

"So has a mule," replied Miss Cutting, "but he hasn't enough to understand it."

Sawdust.

Sawdust and shavings are not the industrial outcasts as usually believed. They have been turned to account in making a finely powdered vegetable charcoal, excellent as a filtrating medium. Sawdust is now mixed with mortar, in the place of hair. In sawmills, by a series of automatic fans *and flues, the sawdust is carried to an*other building and fed to the engine as fuel. Sawdust is converted into oxalic acid—this method of making the chemical having by its cheapness and rapidity displaced every other method. The sawdust of hard woods, such as rosewood, ebony, etc., is by a French invention reduced to a powder, and mixed with blood into a paste, some other materials are added and it is *pressed into moulds, where it receives* beautiful medallion impressions.

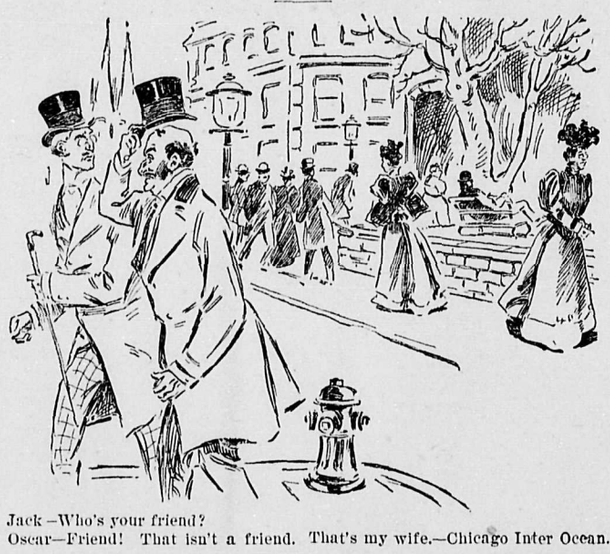
Private Information.

Willie — Pa, what are "popular songs?"

Pa—Those that your mother doesn't try to sing. But don't say anything to her about it, Willie.

St. Louis boasts of the champion lazy man. He went to work and was too *lazy to stop.*

QUITE DIFFERENT.



Jack—Who's your friend?

Oscar—Friend! That isn't a friend. That's my wife.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Amy (shyly)—So, in compassion, I—I—kissed him. Mamie—For pity's sake! —New York Journal.

"Do you know I don't think much of *Mawson.*" "*You don't have to. You* can size Mawson up in two seconds." —Brooklyn Life.

Reggy—Aw—Miss Guace, youah always in my mind, dontcher know. Miss Grace—Goodness! that is worse than living in a flat.—Up-to-Date.

He—She told me I was the light of her heart. She—Then what? He—Well, her old man came down and put the light out.—Columbus Journal.

Her Father—Have you heard my daughter sing, young man? Edwin—(nervously)—Ye-es—sir—but in spite of that—I should like to have her, sir.—Ally Sloper.

Tommy—A lighthouse is a sign of rocks isn't it, paw? Mr. Figg—It depends on whether you are referring to the seashore or the drama.—Indianapolis Journal.

Sallie De Witt—Do you play whist, Mr. Lange? Willie Lange—Me play whist? Well, I don't think. Sallie De Witte—Ah, true! I had forgotten that. —Brooklyn Life.

"No, I never take the newspapers home; I've a family of grown-up daughters, you know." "Papers too *full of crime, eh?*" "*No, too full of* bargain sales."—Truth.

Edith—She sings like a canary. Bertha—Oh, no! a canary begins to sing when people commence to talk; people commence to talk when she begins to sing.—Boston Transcript.

The Missing Evidence.—Hattie—Maude doesn't show her age at all, does she? Ella—No; but you can see where she scratched it out of the family Bible.—Chicago News.

Tommy—Paw, what sort of a fighter is a "cyclone fighter?" Mr. Figg—I don't know much about fighters, but I suppose it is one who goes blowing around.—Indianapolis Journal.

His opinion—"What are you doing, Jimmie?" "Readin' th' dictionary through." "How do you like it?" "Oh, some o' th' words is good, but others *hain't much sense in 'em.*"—Judge.

"Does that baby of yours talk yet?" "His mother says he does; but if it is talk, then the kid has invented a new code of slang that will make him famous."—Philadelphia North American.

Old Million—My dear Miss Youngthing, if you'd only marry me, I could die happy. Miss Youngthing—Why, Mr. Million, if you were dying, I'd marry you in a minute.—New York Weekly.

Ethel—Have you noticed how Lord Slabsides drops his aspirates? Penelope—Oh, but thats nothing to the way he drops his vowels—papa says he has got more than a dozen of his i-o-u-s.—Judge.

"Why does the baron look so glum? I thought he had just married an heiress." "So he has; but he speculated a few days after the marriage and lost the better half of his wife."—Fliegende Blatter.

Mr. Romanz—I tell you what, a baby brightens up the house, and that's a fact. Mr. Practickel—Yes; we've had to keep the gas burning all night ever since ours was born.—Philadelphia Record.

"What in thunder *do you mean,*" asked the city editor, "by comparing the air to frozen quinine?" "I meant to say," said the new reporter, with proud humility, "that it was bitter cold."—Indianapolis Journal.

Dollie—I wonder why Love is represented always with wings? Mollie—They are for him to use in flying out of the window when Poverty comes in at the door. Don't you know that much? —Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Do you think that glasses tend to weaken the sight?" asked Col. Stillwell's friend. And after pensive consideration the colonel replied: "It depends, suh, *intiahly on how many you* take."—Washington tSar.

"Is your sister at home, Willie?" asked Willie's sister's young man. "No; I heard her say she was engaged this afternoon—but don't be frightened; I don't think it's a marrying engagement."—Harper's Bazar.

Unscientific.—First Arctic Explorer—I have always considered Columbus a somewhat over-estimated man. Second Arctic Explorer—Why? First Arctic Explorer—He discovered America the first time he went to look for it.—Puck.

"Robinson, the electrician, is positively the meanest man I ever heard of," "How's that?" "He persuaded his wife to wear an electric seal sacque on the ground that it would be an advertisement for his business."—Chicago News.

"I have received nineteen proposals in the last two months." "You don't say! What a large number of suitors you must have. Whom were the proposals from?" "One from Charlie and eighteen from that French count."—Judge.

"I should like to know your intentions, sir," said the old man to the youth who had been calling on his daughter with great regularity for a long time. "Same here," replied the young man promptly, "I'd like to know yours."—Chicago Post.

"How can you say such cruel things of your antagonists in debate?" she inquired reproachfully of the statesman. "Oh," was the reply, "that's easy enough. I keep a scrapbook, and when my own ideas give out I go to that."—Washington Star.

The executive committee of the republican congressional committee is announced as follows: Representatives Hull of Iowa, Cannon of Illinois, Mercer of Nebraska, Senators Proctor of Vermont, Gallinger of New Hampshire, Wilson of Washington, Representatives McClear of *Minnesota, Loudenslager of New Jersey* and Pearson of North Carolina.

The house committee on pensions has reported favorably the Gibson bill, extending the benefits of the pension laws to ex-confederates who enlisted in the union army before September 1, 1864.

WELL-FED PAUPERS.

Inmate of an English Workhouse Dies *from Overeating.*

Every free-born Englishman comes into the world with the inalienable right to a seat at the table and a bed in the palatial English workhouse. It has been my good fortune during a journalistic career now close on five and twenty years to visit and describe for various publications over one hundred British cities and towns. In nearly every case attention has been called *to the handsome buildings set apart* for the paupers, or, in colloquial English, "the 'ouse." Back in the good old days of Queen Elizabeth the principle was made a law that no English man or woman should starve, and that, if unable to secure a living for themselves, the poor and the indigent and the incapable must be cared for by the state. So firmly has the idea taken possession of the English mind that *the poorer class, the old, and even those* in the prime of life, talk with complaisance of ending their days in "the 'ouse." They look upon it very much as our old people might regard going to a home for invalids or the old, and, indeed, in many of the English workhouses they are cared for as well as in such institutions as our old ladies' homes, etc. The other week, when in Bideford, I was taken to the work*house, situated on a beautiful hill over*looking the broad river and famous bridge. For the moment I could hardly believe my eyes. It looked for all the world like a Japanese palace. It was built much as they build in Japan, with plaster between the massive wooden beams, pointed gable roof, old-fashioned casement windows, vines spreading their beautiful green tendrils in all directions, and in front a large variety *of dark shrubs and just such stunt*ed shrubs as one sees in Japan—odd shaped and picturesque. And here the poor of Bideford eat, drink and are merry.

Quite a number of cases of death from overfeeding in the Bideford workhouse occurred during my stay in England, and the Hackney coroner held inquests on no less than three cases within a short time. Oliver Twist is *evidently a back number nowadays,* for at the coroner's inquiry into the death of the latest victim of parochial kindness, a man 70 years of age, who had lived in the Bethnal Green workhouse and acted as assistant librarian, the following dialogue ensued between the coroner and an inmate of the workhouse:

Merry pauper—Thursday afternoon while we were having tea I saw the deceased, he was *cutting some bread and* butter, suddenly fall backward off the bench on which he was sitting.

The coroner—You don't think the exertion of cutting bread and butter killed him?

Merry pauper—No, not likely. He had cut up a lot before that.

The *coroner*—They give you plenty to eat, then?

Merry pauper—Aye, they do that.

The doctor who was called in to see the deceased testified that death was due to syncope, produced by an overloaded stomach.

The coroner—One may say that he was killed by kindness?

The doctor—It may or may not be kindness to overload a man's stomach.

The *coroner*—Well, it *shows he did* not go short of food.

The doctor—Short! By no means. Why, they have nothing to do but eat, drink and sleep.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from snycope, the result of an overloaded stomach, and that such death was due to natural causes.

And as the jury gave the decision a deep sepulchral voice in the back of *the court-room remarked:*

"What a glorious death!"

The owner of the voice was a tall, gaunt, hungry-looking individual, who had evidently mentally decided that "the 'ouse" was not a bad place to end one's days.—New York Mail and Express.

Cheap to Run Trolley Cars.

The cost of running a trolley car a mile is found to vary greatly in different places. A Brooklyn company gets the best results, running a car one mile for 86-100 cents. A Binghampton company does it for 94-100 cents. Cheap coal and sound engineering seems to *explain the low cost in these places.* The annual reports of the railroad commissioners of New York and Massachusetts show that usually the cost is much higher. Of the five companies operating over 5,000,000 car miles per year one obtains its power at less than 1 cent a car mile; three between 1 and 2 cents, and one between 2 and 3 cents. Of 19 companies operating less than 250,000 car miles per annum four obtained their *power at less than 2 cents per car mile* under average conditions of load, track, etc., six between 2 and 3 cents, five between 3 and 4 cents, one between 4 and 5 cents and three at more than 5 cents. Conditions vary greatly so that a separate estimate of all items of cost must be made for each locality.

A Floating Postoffice.

The smallest, simplest and best protected postoffice in the world is in the Straits of Magellan, and has been there for many years. It consists of a *small painted keg or cask, and is* chained to the rocks of the extreme cape in a manner so that it floats free, opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put others in. This curious postoffice is unprovided with a postmaster, and is, therefore, under the protection of all the navies of the world. Never in the history of the unique "office" have its privileges been abused.

The Latest Prodigal Son.

The latest prodigal son wrote home as follows:

"Father, I am coming home for the *holidays.*"

But the wise father answered:

"You're a liar, John, an' you know it. You're comin' home for money!"—Atlanta Constitution.

An Arizona String Band.

Tourist—What is that crowd over the way?

Native—That's our string band.

Tourist—Preparing to give an entertainment, I suppose?

Native—Yes; going over the river to lynch a horse thief.

It is easier to get get dollars in promises than it is to get fifty cents in *money.*

Superintendent Cayle of the Indiana Oil Company has discovered a process of obtaining gas from wells which have been drowned out by water, and is buying in old abandoned wells.

DEEP DOWN.

We may move along the pathway of life enjoying what seems to us a fair amount of good health, but there comes over every human being at some time some unexpected condition of the system which may be torture for after years. Such is an insinuating and unexpected attack of Sciatica resulting from weakness of the nervous system, which can give more pain to the square inch than any pain that af*flicts mankind. It has been found out,* however, that the prompt and vigorous application of St. Jacob's Oil to the seat of the pain will by persistent rubbing finally penetrate and cure by soothing and strengthening the diseased nerve. It is a pain that needs to be watched. The Sciatica nerve *plays so important a part* that its derangement may cripple. Beware of its putting you on crutches, for it may keep you there for many a day, while the great remedy may in a day put you on your feet.

Father Isadore, who was in charge of the Catholic mission at Anadarco, Okla., killed Father Placadius by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

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The czarina of Russia is said to be suffering from smallpox.

A copy of the new edtiion of Miss Parloa's Choice Reciepts will be sent postpaid to any of our readers who will make application by postal card or note to Walter Baker & Co. Limited, Dorchester, Mass.

Jackson Jones of Hempstead, L. I., committed suicide because his wife cut off her hair.

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All of the ranches and cattle of Beatty Bros., in Kansas and Oklahoma, have been sold to the Bryce-Bryce Cattle Company of Montana for $350,000.

A cave said to rival the Mammoth of Kentucky, has been discovered in Center county, Pa.

After being swindled by all others, send us stamp for particulars of King Solomon's Treasure, the ONLY renewer of manly strength. MASON CHEMICAL CO., P. O. Box 747, Philadelphia Pa.

Central and southern New Mexico is overrun with sheep thieves, and trouble is feared.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelner, Cherry Valley, Ills., Nov. 23, '95.

Charles Henson was divorced at Belleville, Ill., from his wife, Miranda, and within an hour married to a Chickasaw Indian girl from Wyandotte, I. T.

W. J. Scanlan, *the actor, familiarly* known as "Billy," died at Bloomingdale asylum, New York City. Scanlan was stricken with paresis six years ago, and was removed to the asylum. He never recovered from the attack and for three years has been a hopeless imbecile.

A rich deposit of lead ore has just been discovered on the farm of Victor Hilton, near Nashville, Ill. The ore crops out on top of a high bluff, and the pieces broken off assay almost 95 per cent pure lead.

Stop! Women,

And consider that in addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are confiding your private ills to a woman—a woman whose experience in treating woman's diseases is greater than that of any living physician, male or female.

You can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate your private troubles to a man; besides, a man does not understand, simply because he is a man.

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Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read, and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman. Thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance.

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Experiments are to be made in free mail delivery in Bucks county, Pa

Thomas Ford escaped from the Mascot (Neb.) jail, and killed four men before he could be recaptured.

Floods and avalanches have nearly destroyed the mining town of Monte Cristo, state of Washington.

Captain Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, is said to have secured the plan of Cuba's defenses.

*The infantry and cavalry at Fort Leav*enworth, Kan., have been ordered to be ready to move on six hours' notice.

La Lucha, a prominent Havana newspaper, advises the Spanish government to prepare for war with the United States.

It is said that two Spanish detectives have been watching the Holland submarine boat at the shipyard at Elizabethport, N. J.

Of the $3,500,000 revenue of the state of Wisconsin nearly $2,000,000 *is obtained* from fees, of which the railroads pay over $1,225,000.

The government's receipts from the sale of public lands during the past ten years were upwards of $53,000,000, and the expenses nearly $7,000,000.

It is believed in official circles in Lon*don that the French cabinet is attempt*ing to bring about a crisis in Africa in order to return to the popularity enjoyed prior to the Zola trial

Heavy rainfall in the farming regions of California has broken a long drouth, which threatened to entirely destroy the crops.

Wooden shoes are produced in France to the extent of about 4,000,000 pairs yearly. In the province of Lozere they are *made by hand, 1700 persons are engaged* in their manufacture and the yearly product is more than 500,000 pairs.

The Gonzales hacienda, in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, consisting of 800,000 acres, has just been sold to a New England syndicate for $1,200,000, gold. The purchase includes 10,000 cattle, 7000 horses and mules and about 5000 goats.

Advices from the City of Mexico state that all the employes of the large Colme*na & Barron cotton factories have gone* on a strike because of a cut in wages.

Steve Bilheimer has been appointed chief clerk of the railway mail service, with headquarters at Little Rock, to succeed B. D. Lydick. The new clerk has been in the service 18 years.

Rev. Sam Jones arrived at his home at Cartersville, Ga., from his western lecture *tour and announced himself an independ*ent candidate for governor of Georgia on a platform of his own, which he will announce shortly.

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