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ABOUT OUR MINES

Work Will be Resumed at the Alpha in a Short Time.

ACTIVITY AT THE GALENA MINES

Manager Byron Returns—The Noble Five to Start Work—Other Mining Notes of Interest.

Manager Frank Byron, of the Fidelity mine, returned to his home here on Wednesday from Vancouver. Although much improved in health he has not entirely recovered, and his return was brought about by a report of the serious illness of his mother in Wisconsin. He is awaiting an answer to a telegram of enquiry, sent by him to his relatives, to proceed on his journey eastward.

Mr. Byron says that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of the Fidelity, but could not at the present time speak definitely of his plans. He does not expect the mine will be re-opened by the present company for some time.

AT THE GALENA MINES.

Preparations are nearly completed at the Curriedor putting in operation the Burleigh drills. The mine is looking very satisfactory, and more men are soon to be put to work. The presence of zinc in the ore which many assert will harm property, is not in the estimation of the superintendent, any detriment Some fine specimens of galena from the mine were seen by a SILVERTONIAN reporter at the superintendent's office this week.

ALPHA TO RE-OPEN.

The Alpha mine is to be re-opened as soon as the snow leaves the hill. This is the news told us by Mr. McNaught. He said they had been busy this winter straightening up the affairs of the company, and that towards the end of May work is to be commenced at the mine. This will be very welcome news to Silvertonians, as the Alpha in the opinions of many of our mining men is one of our best properties.

CASCADE.

Those who are interested in the Cascade claim, near here, will be pleased to learn of the great progress made this winter. The lead is expected to be encounted in the lower tunnel this week, and the depth on the ledge will be about 70 feet. The tunnel at present has a length of 60 feet, and will be about 75 feet when the ledge will presumably be met. A prospect shaft 15 feet on the surface of the ledge shows up some fine galena, assays made from this gives 150 ounces of silver.

DISAPPEARED.

A report from McGuigan says that Fred Nelson has mysteriously disappeared. Nelson is foreman of the Great Western mine, and last week made a business trip to Sandon. Nothing has been seen of him since, and as no reasons are forthcoming for his absence, his friends are getting apprehensive.

THE NOBLE FIVE.

The Kootenaian gives somes of the details of the arrangements made for the re-opening of the Noble Five. Through the instrumentality of John G. McGuigan, a loan of $150,000 on mortgage debentures has been secured by the company, and work will commence at once. The debts of the company—$60,000—are to be paid up, and the balance of the loan—$90,000—is to be expended on development work. For a year the attention of the company is to be confined to development work, and the lower tunnels will be driven ahead and several cross-cuts made. Next summer development work will be started from the Surprise side of the mountain. Thirty men will be put to work at once. The Noble Five stock has jumped to twenty cents, with a good chance for it going higher. The K. & S. have been busy clearing their track to Cody, in anticipation of the re-opening of the mine.

BAD NEWS FROM PILOT BAY.

Lead ore smelting will not, it seems, be recommenced at Pilot Bay, a circumstance of ill omen for the extensive low-grade deposits of the Ainsworth district, the development of which the reopening of the smelter would have facilitated greatly. The reason given is the heavy United States duty on lead bullion—2⅛ cents a pound as against 1½ cents a pound only on raw lead imports. Unfortunately there is no sufficient home market in Canada for lead bullion.—B. C. Mining Critic.

Yet we can create a market for our lead bullion by forcing the preparation of lead products in Canada. Why pay an import duty to the United States of 1½ cents a pound on our lead in ore and have to re-import the product.

TUNNEL RED MOUNTAIN.

A scheme is on foot to tunnel Red Mountain from a point between Trail and the mouth of Murphy creek to the California mineral claim. The company have asked for incorporation from the Legislature through Messrs. Daly & Hamilton, of Rossland, their solicitors. The company plan to run exploring tunnels from the main tunnel, operate tramways, supply electric light and power and erect crushing, concentrating & smelting works.

CROW'S NEST.

In the last annual report of the C. P. R. it is announced that the line will be completed to Kootenay lake by August. A temporary line will be extended to Nelson by means of a train ferry, pending the completion of the line along the lake shore to that point.

KLONDYKE OUTFITS.

Ten cases of goods for Klondyke outfits were shipped from here on Wednesday by the Wm. Hunter Co. to the coast. Silverton may not be on the map, but when large orders are to be filled we notice that Silverton merchants can fill the bill.

BATCHELOR.

We wish to correct an error which appeared in our last issue concerning the Batchelor and Hamilton group. We credited the Batchelor with the possession of the two leads and the assays which rightly belong to the Hamilton group.

KALISPELL.

Ed Cook, of the Kalispell mine, Ten-Mile, reports that prospects for that property have never been brighter. The pay streak is increasing in width and in richness. A shipment of 20 tons will be made this month.

MEN LAID OFF.

Thirty more men have been laid off at the Whitewater mine this week on account of the difficulty of packing in supplies. This, with the lay-off of 50 men during the late blockade leave few men at the mine.

THE ORE SAMPLER.

The site for the Rosebery sampler is now cleared and operations will be commenced on the building as soon as the necessary heavy timbers arrive from Nakusp.

STILL THEY BUY.

The You Know and the Black Eagle claims, in the Trail Creek District, have been purchased by the British American corporation for $10,000 each.

WAR EAGLE CONTRACT.

Spokane, March 2—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which recently bought the Trail smelter on the Columbia river and the line of road from the smelter to the mines at Rossland, has contracted with the War Eagle mine for the shipment and treatment of 100 tons of ore daily for one year. The freight and treatment charges is $7.50 per ton, a reduction of $3.50 below the rates which have existed. The Le Roi smelter at Northport, this state, made a lower bid in connection with the Spokane & Northern road, but the War Eagle preferred to pay the higher rate and have the ore treated in British Columbia. The War Eagle has shipped little ore since it was bought by a Canadian syndicate. It was developed by Finch & Clark, of Spokane. They paid over $200,000 in dividends and sold the mine for $700,000.

President D. C. Corbin, of the Spokane & Northern, who is in Ottawa working for a charter for his proposed road into the Boundary Creek country, reports that the Dominion goverment will not lay an export duty on ore at this session. This is confirmed by telegrams from Col. W. M. Ridpath, who has been at Ottawa in the interest of the Le Roi mine and smelter.

A SCORCH.

What might have been a serious fire occurred at the home of Mrs. Barclay last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Barclay while at work in the house heard the crackling of flames, and searched the house for the cause. Nothing alarming was found indoors, but on stepping out side flames were observed on the roof near the chimney. Fortunately several men were fishing at the month of the creek and they were soon called to the assistance of the inmates of the house. With their help the fire was soon checked, but had they not fortunately happened to have been at hand, the fire would have been beyond control before help could be procured from the town. It is hoped the asked for aid for fire protection is speedily granted, as at present we are absolutely without means of extingushing a fire that has gained any headway at all.

The Western Mining World says: "So far as this publication is concerned it does not favor any route to the Klondike. When it comes to a choice of routes over which American bone and sinew, slightly embellished with brains, shall desert the splendid mining fields of this country for the overboomed, God forsaken regions of the north, one route is as good as another, especially if it costs more."

THE LOCAL LAYOUT.

Recorder Sproat visited us last Saturday.

J. McFarlane is working at the Emela Edith.

Wm. Hunter took a trip to Nelson on Tuesday.

Thomas A. Cox visited New Denver last Thursday.

Justice Rashdall was in our city on business, Thursday.

Fred Jeffery joined in the dance here last Tuesday evening.

Miss Williamson, New Denver, was in town on Thursday.

Cowan McKinnon is at present suffering with a sprained knee.

The force at work at the Wakefield mine now number 16 men.

Gus Matthews, Three Forks, was a visitor here last Wednesday.

Henry Walker, of the New Denver Ledge, visited here last Sunday.

R. T. Lowery, New Denver, visited the SILVERTONIAN on Thursday.

Bob Sutherland came in from the Comstock for a visit last Monday.

Jimmy Tait was in from the Frisco greeting all his friends on Sunday.

G. H. Jorand, of New Denver, spent a few hours in town on Thursday.

Mrs. Sproat rode over from New Denver on a visit to Silverton on Wednesday.

J. Barclay has secured a position as assistant to W. S. Clark, the C. P. R. agent.

Mineral glasses and compasses of all kinds can be had at the Silverton Drug Store.

Wm. B. Cross, Hamilton, Ont., was registered at the Thorburn House Thursday.

Manager Finucane, of the New Denver Bank of Montreal, was in town Wednesday.

Superintendent Beasley was inspecting the offices and sheds at the C. P. R. wharf on Wednesday.

BORN.—On Monday, the 7th inst., at the Union house, Silverton, to the wife of J. Carey, a daughter.

Divine service next Sunday afternoon, as usual, in the Union church. Services conducted by Rev. Mr. Powell.

Mr. McNaught was in New Denver on Wednesday. He returned to Silverton from his prospecting tour on Monday.

Recorder Sproat was over from New Denver today, looking after the reported case of scarlet fever at the Galena Mines.

W. Gibbs, Herb Knox, E. English and W. McCrea, New Denver, attended the social dance given here last Wednesday.

The tug Denver, owned by Captain Wardroper, has been purchased by the C. P. R., for service on Kootenay lake.

Several men were laid off at the Comstock on Thursday. This, we hear, is only a temporary decrease made in the force.

Sullivan, the Kuskonook murderer, comes up for trial in Nelson on the 21th inst., before a special session of the Assizes.

On account of rough weather the steamer Hunter landed her New Denver passengers at Union street yesterday morning.

The New Denver Court, I. O. F., had a dance in Cleaver's hall on Wednesday last. Those who attended from Silverton report a good time.

W. Gibbs, New Denver, intends joining a party of five, who will prospect for gold in the Peace river district. He will be leaving in a few days.

J. T. Richardson, general agent for British Columbia for the Niagara Falls Acitylene Gas Machine Co., was in town introducing his machines yesterday.

A petition has been circulated in town, asking for appropriations for the Four-Mile waggon road. A synopsis of the petition will be found in another column.

The Spokane Miner and Electrical reiterate the report that negotiations for the sale of the Enterprise are still on. The option has been extended from the 17th ult.

Those who have any doubts as to the arrival of spring should see the numerous piscatorial adepts angling for grayling off the wharf. This is a sign that never fails.

Divine service will be held next Thursday night in the Union church. Everyone cordially invited to attend. Service conducted by Rev. Mr. Booth, Presbyterian missionary.

Great is the internal economy of the wheelbarrow. It took eleven of our mechanics, under the personal supervision of E. Nelson and W. W. Bouch, to put one together one together one day this week.

The funeral sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Powell to the memory of the late Wm. J. Lade, was largely attended by his friends. Mr. Powell gave an eloquent address, which was much appreciated by his listeners.

The genial proprietor of the Royal Cafe informs us that Mr. McKaig, his late partner who left here some time ago for the Klondyke, is still in Seattle. In his last letter Mr. McKaig says that he may go north or he may go east, but he does not want to go broke.

We are glad to be able to deny the report that Pitts Bros'. store here is to be closed. Mr. Lanning, who is at present in charge for the assignees informs us that he intends to continue business in Silverton. As the store here has always done a good business, there it no object in abandoning it.

DENVER AROUSED

Over the Removal of the Record Office to Sandon.

WILL SEND DELEGATES TO PROTEST

Against the Removal to Sandon—Want Silverton to Join in the Issue—Public Meetings.

A meeting, attended by nearly all the business and professional men, was held yesterday in McKinnon's hall to hear a communication from Mr. Currie, of New Denver. The meeting was called to order at 4 p. m., and J. G. Gordon was elected as chairman. R. O. Matheson acted as secretary of the meeting. Mr. Currie said in his address that a meeting had been held in New Denver yesterday morning with the view of sending a delegation to Victoria to protest against the change of location of the Record office from New Denver to Sandon, as asked by the Sandon delegation to Victoria. To collect subscriptions for the expenses of the New Denver delegation, and also to instruct the delegation to urge the Legislature to make the appropriations for, for the different roads in this district. Mr. Currie stated that he had been appointed to wait on the people of Silverton, and to ask their co-operation with New Denver in these questions. C. T. Cross gave, as his opinion, that the removing of the Record office from New Denver would be detrimental to Silverton, and he was opposed to the removal because, as New Denver had always been visited chiefly because it was the possessor of the Record office and the cemetery, it would be too bad to leave it with only the cemetery to attract visitors.

Mr. Hunter was skeptical as to the seriousness of the proposed change. He did not think there was any danger of the Government offices being moved, but thought it likely that Sandon was only trying to secure a separate office.

Grant Thorburn suggested that the New Denverites be invited to attend a meeting here, as, he added, that was the only way to get them to ever come here.

Some expressed their opinion that it was no concern of ours, whether the Record office was moved or not, but the general opinion of the meeting was that the people of Silverton should help in retaining it in New Denver.

The following motion was unanimously passed. Moved by J. McKinnon; seconded by C. T. Cross, "That this meeting be adjourned until 10:30 a. m., tomorrow, to hear what definite action has been taken regarding the Record office That Mr. Currie express the sympathy of the citizens of Silverton with New Denver regarding the proposed removal of the Record office, and to assure New Denver of our co-operation with her in the matter.

A letter from a member of the Local House was read by Wm. Hunter, which said that the following sums had been asked for: Five thousand dollars for the Four-Mile road, one thousand dollars for the Silverton-New Denver road, fifteen hundred dollars for a school building for Silverton and two hundred dollars for repairs to the crib-work at the bridge on Lake avenue.

The adjourned meeting met this morning, with Wm. Hunter in the chair. F. G. Farquier informed the meeting that the delegation from Sandon was especially instructed to secure the removal of the Record office to Sandon from New Denver. Alex. Sproat, speaking as a private citizen, corroborated Mr. Farquier's assertion. He had been informed of Sandon's plans by Editor Cliffe, of the Sandon Review, and also by one interested in the Sandon Townsite. The townsite company has also offered the Government a lot on which to build a Record office. Mr. Farquier further said that no doubt, the Sandon delegation would dwell on the number of votes obtainable in Sandon, and that Sandon supplied most of the revenue of the office. This was wrong, as the majority of Sandonites were aliens, and that from figures obtained at the Record office, the Lake district furnished 65 per cent of the receipts. Two delegates should be sent, one from New Denver and one from Silverton.

In reply to an objection by J. G. Gordon, that only a new Record office was asked for, it was pointed out by Mr. Farquier that, as a matter of expense, it would be cheaper for the Government to move the whole office rather than transcribe the existing Sandon records.

A resolution was offered by J. A. McKinnon that our delegate, Mr. Mahan, should be instructed to co-operate with the New Denver delegate.

Mr. Gordon asked what division would be made if a new district was created, as the upper Four-Mile properties ought to be retained in the Lake district. Mr. Gordon further said that Silverton's actions must be independent of New Denver.

The following motion was unanimously passed: Moved by J. G. Gordon, seconded by D. McMillan; "That a committee, consisting of Messrs Hunter, Bowes, Nelson, Gordon, McKinnon, Cross and Thorburn, be appointed to attend the meeting to be held in New Denver tonight, and to report to an adjourned meeting here next Monday at 4 p. m."

Chairman Hunter then adjourned the meeting.

IN QUARANTINE.

Last Saturday Inspector Sproat and Health Officer Dr. Brouse visited the Galena Mines and placed Ernest Henning, the engineer, and his family in quarantine. The sickness of their little daughter Lulu is pronounced to be scarlet fever and the quarantine is placed on in consequence. We learn that the patient is rapidly recovering.

THE GOOD OLD WAY.

Some years ago, David Barker, a distinguished poet in the State of Maine, after the birth of his first child, wrote and published the following pretty poem:

One night as old St. Peter slept,
He left the door of heaven ajar,
When through a little angel crept,
And came down with a falling star.

One summer, as the blessed beams
Of morn approached, my blushing bride
Awakened from some pleasant dreams
And found that angel by her side.

God grant but this—I ask no more—
That when he leaves this world of pain
He'll wing his way to that bright shore,
And find his way to heaven again.

John G. Saxe, not to be outdone and deeming that injustice had been done to St. Peter, wrote the following as St. Peter's reply:

Full eighteen hundred years or more
I've kept my gate securely fast;
There has no "little angel" strayed,
Nor recreant through the portal passed.

I did not sleep as you supposed,
Nor left the door of heaven ajar,
Nor has a "little angel" left,
And gone down with a falling star.

Go ask the blushing bride, and see
If she don't frankly own and say,
That when she found that angel babe,
She found it in the good old way.

God grant but this—I ask no more—
That, should your number still enlarge,
You will not do as done before,
And lay it to old St. Peter's charge.

MINING RECORDS.

Following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week for the Slocan Mining Division:

NEW DENVER—ASSESSMENTS.

Fawn, Mountain Boy; O K Fraction.

TRANSFERS.

Bell View No 2, Henry E Sharpe to Otto Bremner, $1,500.

Lone Star, all interest, The Dominion Developing & Mining Co to The British Columbia Gold Trust.

Oro 1-6, Kaslo 1-6, Alma No 2 1-6, Mono Fraction 4-6, J S Parke to D E Sprague.

Kewatis, ¼, Alfred Cemieux to Geo Baker.

Joseph ⅓, Little Ben ⅓, Queen Ann ⅓, Sir Frederick ⅓, Frank Jobson to Geo Baker.

THE PETITION.

A synopsis of the petition to the Legislature, asking aid for the Four-Mile waggon road may be given as follows:

The road has cost $8,000, of which half was subscribed by the mine-owners and residents of Silverton. The road is now badly in need of repair, and the Government is asked to appropriate $5,000, to be expended on it. The traffic over the road is considerable, the Vancouver shipping 360 tons and the Comstock 160 tons of ore so far this year. Many properties on the road are to be worked this year and supplied taken to them. Concentrators and tramways are to be erected, and a good road will be necesary in order to transport the heavy machinery which will be required.

A rich strike is reported at the Antoine this week. An 18-inch body of ore carrying 350 ounces of silver having been encountered.

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L. M. Knowles. Prop.

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.

MANY HAVE DIED ON THE PASS.

Men Fall From Exposure Trying to Reach the Klondike.

Seattle, Feb. 28.—The steam schooner Noyo, which has arrived here from Skaguay, Alaska, brings news which, if true, will probably cause international complications. Parties arriving at Skaguay before the Nayo left circulated the report that the Canadian mounted police had raised the British flag at Summit lake, which is 12 miles from Skaguay and 14 miles inside of the American line as at present defined. Captain Lindquist of the Noyo says the report had not been verified when he left Skaguay, and that he places but little credence in it.

The Noyo also brings news of many deaths on the White pass resulting from cold and exposure.

On Thursday, February 15, the bodies of five men who had died on the trail were brought into Skaguay. It was impossible to learn their names. All died from what is called cerebro spinal meningitis, which is quite prevalent in Skaguay and along the trail. It has its origin in exposure and a lack of sufficient clothing to withstand the severe cold.

The Noyo has as passengers three Dawsonites, who stopped at Juneau. They were James Brownell, Frank Laroy and L. R. Flint. They are reported to have brought out about $60,000 worth of gold dust and drafts from the interior. Stormy weather was encountered by the Noyo. Thirty-one vessels were passed bound for the north.

ALL IS RUSTLE AT WATERVLIET

Orders for Projectiles to Be Delivered at Fort Hamilton.

Albany, N. Y., March 1.—The greatest activity known since the late rebellion is witnessed at the Watervliet arsenal. The entire force is working night and day. On Friday night an order was received for the shipment of two carloads of 12-inch projectiles for Fort Hamilton, with the greatest possible haste. Saturday afternoon they were dispatched to that point. Orders have also been received for the shipment of all projectiles now on hand to the several forts about New York and to forward all complete guns as speedily as possible to the proving grounds at Sandy Hook. Such an order has not been received at Watervliet since the close of the war. It is expected that the last six loads of projectiles will be shipped during the present week.

OFFICERS SHOT BY A MANIAC.

Patrick Fenlon and Daniel Carrey Fatally Wounded in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Officer Patrick Fenlon was killed and Officer Daniel Carrey fatally wounded by Michael Clark, whom they attempted to arrest last night. Clark is a butcher. His landlady noticed that he was acting strangely and asked him to vacate, but he refused and barricaded the doors of his room. Police were called and forced an entrance. As Fenlon stepped into the room he received a bullet through the heart. Carrey leaped upon the maniac and in the struggle received a shot through the body. Clark saw his victims fall and jumped through the second story window. He ran to the parish church and gave himself up to the priest, who turned him over to the police.

Sailed for Alaska.

Seattle, March 1.—The steamers Excelsior and Noyo have sailed for Alaska with 450 passengers.

TWO MEN SHOT AT THE KING

NINE BULLETS MISSED HIM.

Brave Old Monarch Rose in His Carriage and Tried to Shield His Daughter—The Club of Which the Would-Be-Assassins Are Members.

Athens, Feb. 28.—An unsuccessful attempt was made Saturday to assinate King George of Greece.

The king was returning from Phalerum at 5 o'clock in the evening in a landau, accompanied by the Princess Marie, when two men who were hidden in a ditch alongside the road opened fire with guns upon the occupants of the carriage. The first shot missed, but the second wounded a footman in the arm. The coachman whipped up his horses and the royal party dashed away at a gallop. The miscreants fired seven more shots after them, none of which took effect, and the king and princess returned unhurt. The king states that one of the assassins was dressed in gray clothing, and his majesty declares he could easily identify him. When the second shot whizzed past the carriage the king rose and stood in front of his daughter, in order to shield her. One of the assailants knelt in the middle of the road and aimed straight at the king, who noticed that the man's hand was shaking. The shot missed, and the king had a clear view of this man, who, his majesty says, was barely 20 years old. He continued to fire after the carriage until it was out of range. His companion did not leave the ditch.

As soon as the news became known all the leading politicians hastened to the palace to express their congratulations over the escape of King George and the princess. The action of his majesty in shielding the princess at the risk of his life has aroused great enthusiasm.

M. Delyannis and M. Rallie, former premiers, were among the first to arrive at the palace to offer their congratulations.

At 9:30 o'clock the metropolitan held a thanksgiving service in the palace. The Te Deum will be held tomorrow, at which the members of the royal family will attend.

Shortly after midnight the police were on the track of the club of which the would-be assassins are members. The assassins were chosen by lot. It is expected that several arrests will shortly be made.

GETTING IN FIGHTING TRIM.

Spain Is Harriedly Preparing Her Navy for War.

New York, March 1.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

The report that a Spanish squadron had sailed for the United States has its only foundation in these facts: Spain is hurriedly getting her navy into fighting trim and a torpedo flotilla will set sail for Havana this week.

The World correspondent learns officially from the Spanish navy department that no squadron has sailed from Spain within the last few days. The only cruiser now on the way to Havana is the Almirante Osquendo, a sister ship to the Vizcaya. A flotilla composed of three torpedo destroyers, three torpedo boats and the steamship City of Cadiz ,under command of Captain Villamil, will leave Cadiz for Havana this week, as has been cabled already. The only Spanish vessels which could follow immediately are the cruisers Infanta Maria Theresa, Alfonso XIII, three more torpedo destroyers and three torpedo boats. All the other warships, including the battleships Pelaya and Emperador Carlos V and the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon, are undergoing repairs. It will take some time to complete the repairs, fit them out and mount their guns, but they are being actively prepared for service.

General Weyler arrived at Barcelona Sunday and left immediately for his country seat. He will return to Barcelona on Tuesday and reach Madrid on Wednesday.

SIX WERE TAKEN OUT DEAD.

Awful Explosion in Chemical Works at Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 28.—Fire broke out in the Hall Chemical Works at 10 o'clock Saturday night and after burning half an hour two terrific explosions blew the whole top of the building off, burying firemen and spectators beneath the falling walls and debris. Besides leaving two firemen at least within the building, six men have been taken out dead and 10 were injured.

The fire broke out in Hall Brothers' laboratory at 10 o'clock this evening. While the firemen were trying to put out the fire in the second story a terrific explosion took place below, blowing up the side of the building. The first explosion was followed by two others. Fremen on the ladders were blown in every direction by the fearful concussion. The crowd was dazed by the explosion. Horses were thrown down and windows in the vicinity shattered. The work of rescue began at once and the building was left to its doom.

Juneau Wants the Assay Office.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The memorial sent by a committee appointed at a mass meeting of the citizens of Juneau, Alaska, to Chairman Stone of the house committee on coinage, weights and measures, advocating the establishment of a United States assay office at Juneau, instead of at Seattle or Portland, has reached here.

Scarcity of Food in Spain.

London, March 1.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times says:

There is an appalling scarcity of food in many provinces of Spain. The price of wheat is unprecedentedly high. Bread riots are of daily occurrence at Salamanca, and it is feared that martial law will be proclaimed.

The king can do no wrong—if the other fellow holds all the aces.

A SECRET SOCIETY EXISTS.

Warden Catron Guards Against Opium Smuggling.

Walla Walla, March 1.—Warden Catron has been in the city in consultation with the police authorities, and said that he has taken precautions, as he suspected that Leonard Harrison, a convict released Friday, would attempt to smuggle opium into the prison. Harrison is still in Walla Walla, although, as is customary in the case of discharged convicts, he received a railroad ticket to Seattle, from when he came two years ago, having been sentenced for grand larceny. Mr. Catron has for some time known that there existed at the prison a secret society among the convicts, each member of which is pledged to aid the others when opportunity offers. Although the strictest discipline is maintained at all times the men are able to communicate with each other in a manner which is mysterious, and all manage to keep pretty well informed as to what is going on and as to the movements of their fellow convicts. This is not the first time that the warden has seen fit to use extra precaution, but this is the first time that the matter has become public. How Harrison expected to accomplish his object is not known, but it is safe to conjecture that he would leave nothing undone to attain his end. He was one of the ringleaders in the attempted hospital break a year ago last January and forfeited then his full quota of good time. His movements in the city after his release were suspicious. He was seen visiting many of cribs in Chinatown, and, coupling this with the well known fact that a great many of the prisoners have been addicted to the use of the drug and would give almost anything and run all risks in order to get the dope, led to the suspicion that Harrison would attempt to help out the incarcerated men.

LICENSES FOR THE KLONDIKE.

Congressman Lewis Reports a Hostile Feeling in Canada.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Representative Lewis of Washington, who has just returned from Ottawa, where he went to appeal to the Canadian government for some modifications of the Canadian regulations requiring American miners bound for the Klondike to procure their licenses at Vancouver, Victoria or Dawson City, says he found a feeling of intense hostility toward the United States, especially on account of the passage of the Payne-Frye bill, which is designed to prevent British vessels from sharing in the Alaskan carrying trade. There was no disposition to concede anything to the United States in the controversy, and Mr. Lewis returned convinced that no concession would be obtained unless we made counter concessions. Mr. Lewis went to Canada armed with letters of introduction from Assistant Secretary of State Day and other officials, including a letter from Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador here. Though he was shown every courtesy, Mr. Lewis said feeling against the United States was rampant. The delegations from British Columbia all protested against any modification of the regulations.

M'KINLEY'S POLICY DEFENDED.

Will Not Accelerate War, but Is Preparing for Any Emergency.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The Tribune prints the following special from Washington:

"I do not propose to do anything at all to accelerate war with Spain. Up to the present I do not think war is either necessary or inevitable. I would be lax in my duty, however, if I did not prepare for the future. The situation is grave and the policy of the administration will be determined almost entirely by the course of events from time to time. There is no necessity of alarming the people, but congress must be ready to assist the administration without making too many inquiries as to the course of current events."

To a senator who called upon him in order to ask some serious questions as to the policy of the administration, President McKinley, with the utmost frankness, uttered the above words. There is no doubt of the fact that the government of the United States is actually preparing for war with Spain. It is not necessary that war will follow, but the activity is too unmistakeable to be concealed.

The president and his cabinet unite in the belief still, in spite of all evidence to the contrary, that the explosion of the Maine was the result of an unfortunate accident, but they recognize the fact that the contrary may prove true, at almost any hour, and that if it is shown, even inferentially, that Spain had a hand in the catastrophe, there will be but one thing to do, and that will be to seize the island of Cuba by *force of arms*.

At no time since the war of the rebellion has the military branch of the government been so active as it is today.

It is a significant fact that within the last two days there has been a remarkable change of opinion in the navy department in regard to the explosion of the Maine. When the first news arrived here last week, experts at the department were nearly divided as between an accident and design. But today, after studying the later reports, and especially photographs sent from Havana, nine out of ten of the officers of the department express the belief that the Maine was anchored over a submarine mine.

GUARDS IN EVERY STATE.

Nearly Eleven Million Men Available for Military Service.

Chicago, March 1.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington, D. C., says: According to a report placed before President McKinley there are now available for military duty in the United States 10,730,576 able-bodied men, and of these 112,082 are already in the military, forming the nucleus of a tremendous fighting force. This is without considering the skeleton United States army, which could, on short notice, recruit up to 100,000 men.

NEWS THROUGH THE WEEK

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Items of Information Gathered From a Wide Area—Political Happenings and Industrial Notes—Crimes and Accidents.

The recent cold weather in Arizona is unprecedented. The river in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was full of floating ice, whereas the temperature in the canyon is credited with partaking of the nature of perpetual summer, regardless of the temperature on the plateau above.

Among the electrical patents recently granted is one for an electric lamp for bicycles, and a dynamo for generating the current armature is geared to a friction wheel, which is revolved by the movement of the bicycle.

The lemon industry on the Pacific coast is growing very rapidly. Two thousand carloads will be shipped east during the present season.

The body of Max Miller, which had been buried beneath a snowdrift in a street in Chicago for 20 days, was exposed by a recent thaw.

The British fishing schooner Spinaway, heavily coated with ice, was blown from the coast of Newfoundland across the Atlantic to the Azores.

Two representatives of the Japanese government are on their way to Mexico in the interest of a colossal colonization scheme near San Benito.

There is a possibility that both branches of congress will adjourn about May 1.

Rich gold quartz has been discovered in the Pembina mountains, in southern Manitoba.

The United States cruiser San Francisco and the gunboats Bancroft and Helena have arrived at Lisbon, Portugal, and are prepared to reach any Spanish fleet in case of war.

There are now at the Mare Island navy yard the Charleston, Yorktown, Philadelphia, Pensacola, Hartford and Adams. A number of mechanics who have been at Port Orchard have returned and will assist in rushing to completion repairs to the various ships at the yards.

The American Ordnance Company of Bridgeport, Conn., has received by telegraph from its vice president at Washington an order for 40 rapid-firing six-pounder Hotchkiss guns. The order is for quick delivery and the guns will all be delivered in about three months.

Representative Shafroth of Colorado has introduced a bill in congress granting to the respective states in which they are situated all arid lands of the United States not held for military or Indian reservations or other public purposes. These are designed to be lands which are not mineral, which will produce crops only by artificial irrigation.

Major General Snowden, commander of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, has issued general orders to every officer in the state to recruit his command up to the full quota required by law. The orders were issued five days ago, with instructions that they be kept a profound secret. The officers were instructed to have their men ready to march fully armed and equipped at 24 hours' notice.

Emile Zola has been found guilty in Paris on all charges and sentenced to one year imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3000 francs.

Perrieux, manager of the Aurore, in which paper Zola published his charges against the conduct of the Esterhazy court martial, was condemned to four months' imprisonment and to pay 3000 francs fine.

The report comes from Wisconsin that one of the largest timber deals ever made in the United States will be closed within two weeks. The property is one billion feet of sugar pine on the Klamath river, in northern California. The consideration will be something like $1,000,000.

William Chenery, cashier of the Portland, Me., postoffice, who died last Friday, was short $6000 in his accounts, according to postoffice inspectors who have just examined the accounts Mr. Chenery has held the position of cashier about 40 years, and had never been suspected of peculation.

Judge Sharp, at Baltimore, Md., has appointed Simon P. Schott receiver for the Bank of South Baltimore. The assets are estimated at $20,000 and liabilities at $170,000. The larger portion of the deposits, amounting to $130,000, are by poor people.

News has been received of the death at Beyrut, Syria, of Mrs. Emily R. Montgomery, a missionary, aged 59 years. She went to Turkey with her husband 30 years ago, and has been one of the most devoted and efficient missionaries in that country.

While resisting arrest at Baker City, Ore., William S. Johnson, alias "Omaha Bob," was shot by Officer Bailey and mortally wounded. Johnson was walking through the streets at midnight threatening to clean out the town when the officer attempted to arrest him.

Representative Barrett of Massachusetts has introduced a resolution allowing the naval affairs committee to incorporate in the naval appropriation bill an appropriation not to exceed $5,735,000 for new dry docks or extensions to existing ones at New York, Norfolk, Port Royal, New Orleans and Mare Island, Cal.

It is reported from Brenham that the agents of McFadden Bros. of Philadelphia, one of the world's great cotton firms, have been instructed to stop buying cotton. The same notification is said to have been sent to all their hundred or more agents in Texas. Inquiries are said to have brought the answer that it was because of the Cuban complications. This has caused a considerable flurry among the local cotton men.

It is announced that the woolen commission house of Sawyer, Manning & Co. of New York is in financial difficulties, caused by the failure of the Burlington Woolen Company, the Winnooski Worsted Company and the Colchester woolen mill, for which receivers were appointed in Boston Monday. Sawyer, Manning & Co. are said to have indorsed paper for these concerns to the amount of $1,000,000.

The Canadian government has decided to permit Canadian goods to be shipped from Vancouver and Victoria in American vessels free of duty by St. Michaels to the Yukon for the coming season. An order to this effect has been sent to the customs office on the coast. The order applies to the Yukon route by St. Michaels, and does not include Skaguay or Dyea.

The city council of Muscatine, Iowa, has placed $300,000 of city bonds with the First National bank of Chicago, their bid being 4¼.

As a tribute to the memory of the late Frances Willard, it is proposed to change the name of the Woman's Temple at Chicago to Willard Temple.

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.

J. K. Pollard, the new United States consul general to northern Mexico, has arrived at Neuva Laredo.

Advices from the City of Mexico state that all the employes of the large Colmena & 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.

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.

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

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.

Captain Oldrieve, who is planning to walk across the Atlantic ocean from Boston to Havre, France, will begin his journey 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.

ALL AROUND MARKET REPORT.

Wheat Quotations, Wool Figures and the Price of Produce.

Following are the local quotations. Wholesale prices are given unless otherwise quoted:

Wheat—Club, bulk 57½c, sacked 60c: bluestem, bulk 60½, sacked 63c. At Spokane: Club, bulk 59c, sacked 61½; bluestem, bulk 62c, sacked 64½c.

Oats—At Spokane f. o. b. $17@18.

Flour—Per barrel, $3.75.

Barley—Country points, 60@65c per cwt.

Rye—Country points, 70@75c per cwt.

Feed—Bran and shorts, $12 per ton; shorts, $13; bran, $11; rolled barley, $18; chicken feed, $18@20.

Hay—Timothy, $12 per ton; wheat hay, $10; alfalfa, $13.

Produce—Country butter, 40 and 60-lb tubs, 29c per lb; 5, 10 and 20-lb tubs, 30c; prints, 30c; eastern butter, 25@26c; country butter, in rolls, 20@25c per lb; cooking butter, 16c; cheese, twin, full cream, 13@14c; cheese, twin, skim milk, 9½@10c; ranch eggs, $6.75@7; honey, white, comb, 13@14c; fancy, 15c per lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 40@42c per cwt; onions, $2.40@2.50 per cwt; beans, 1¾@2c per lb; Merced sweet potatoes, $3 per cwt; cabbage, $1 per cwt; squash, $1.50 per doz.

Meats—Beef cows, live $3.25@3.50 per cwt, dressed $6.75@7; steers, live $3.75@4, dressed $7.35@7.50; hogs, live $3.75@4, dressed $5.25@5.50; mutton, live 4@4½c, dressed 8@8½c per lb; dressed lambs, 9c; dressed veal 5@7c.

Poultry—Chickens, live weight, 9@10c per lb; dressed, 11@12c; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@13c; ducks, live, 10c; dressed, 10½@11c per lb; geese, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@12½c.

Wool—Fine medium, 10@11c per lb; medium, 9@10c.

Wheat.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28.—Wheat—Dull; quotations nominal; Walla Walla, 75@76c; valley and bluestem, 78@79c.

Tacoma Wheat.

Tacoma, Feb. 28.—Wheat—No. 1 bluestem, 76@77c; No. 1 club, 73@74c.

Wheat at Colfax.

Colfax, Feb. 28.—Wheat is weaker today and local dealers quote 58 cents as the best price for No. 1 sacked in the warehouse.

Metals.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Silver bars, 55⅛c; Mexican dollars, 45½@46c.

London, Feb. 28.—Close: Bar silver is quiet; 25⅝d per ounce.

Lake copper—Strong; brokers, $11.25.

Lead—Dull; $3.60.

TRAIN STRUCK AN OMNIBUS.

Seven Pleasure Seekers at Chicago Were Killed.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—An omnibus containing nine persons, eight of whom were young men and women, who were on their way to attend a party in the hotel at Blue Island, was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train at the Western avenue crossing south of Blue Island at 9 o'clock at night and six of the pleasure-seekers were killed almost instantly. None escaped serious injury.

Money Order Offices in China.

Washington, Feb. 28.—China has at last been supplied with a money order system and the regulations have been reported to the state department by Minister Denby at Pekin.

NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES

A GLANCE OVER THREE STATES.

Farmers Hopeful From the Ample Moisture in the Soil—Demand for Montana Grazing Lands—School Statistics of Idaho.

The Fidalgo Island Packing Company has decided to increase the size of its Anacortes plant to a capacity of 100,000 cases.

The Recorder and the Bulletin of Aberdeen have been consolidated.

Everett reports all of her manufacturing industries in active operation, some of them running day and night.

Two more evaporators have been put in operation in Whatcom county, making six in all in the county.

The fruit crop of Washington last year was estimated at six million dollars, of which one-third was composed of prunes.

George Baker, an employe of the Everett smelter, went to Alaska the latter part of December. He contracted a cold after his arrival at Dyea, which developed into pneumonia, from which he died.

By an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, which has been passed by the senate, the time for the completion of the irrigation canal through the Yakima reservation has been extended two years.

The $50,000 damage suit at Spokane of Charles F. Clough against W. W. D. Turner for the alienation of the affections of Carrie H. Clough, wife of the plaintiff, has been dismissed by Judge Prather. The order was made on motion of the plaintiff's attorneys.

Never in the history of Kittitas county has the ground been in so good a condition for crops as it is now. Heavy rains last fall gave ample moisture. Then the fall of snow was such that at least 18 inches was in sight when the February break-up came. An immense quantity of water has gone into the ground, and the result means much for the coming season's crops.

The daily receipt of milk at the North Yakima creamery now averages about 7000 pounds, from which are produced about 300 pounds of butter. For this milk the farmers are getting approximately 88 cents to $1, so that the creamery is distributing about $1900 a month. The customers of the plant bring milk for distances of eight and ten miles, but there is a station on the Upper Natchez where skimming is done and the cream brought to the central market at Yakima. The largest receipts are during April and May, at which time 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of milk will be cared for.

Another oil well has been struck in western Washington, this time in the heart of Tacoma, just north of the exposition building. The discovery was made accidentally some time ago by Joe Derringer on land belonging to the Tacoma Land Company. Derringer, it is said, was not on good terms with Mr. Anderson, the manager of the company, so he let George W. Dickenson, formerly assistant general superintendent of the Northern Pacific, into the secret, and a 20-acre tract on which the discovery was made was purchased at $4000 an acre. It is said the few tests that have been made of the oil are satisfactory, and that the product compares favorably with the oil of the Ohio and Pennsylvania fields.

Montana.

The demand for Montana grazing lands continues to be greater than the supply. Last week the state land department leased 6000 acres of grazing lands and would have had the opportunity to lease other lands could it have supplied the particular sections desired.

George W. Irvin, the newly appointed postmaster for Butte, has received a formal ratification of his appointment from Washington, together with an official bond form for $50,000, to be signed by himself and sureties who can qualify in double the sum of the bond. As soon as the bond is returned to Washington and approved, Mr. Irvin will be ready to assume his duties as postmaster.

William B. Rodgers of Deer Lodge county, who has been appointed United States district attorney for the district of Montana to succeed ex-Governor P. H. Leslie, has been for a few months acting as assistant district attorney and was in the direct line of promotion. The appointee has been a resident of Montana since 1891. He has served a term as county attorney of Deer Lodge county, and in 1894 was elected to the Montana house of representatives.

L. H. Parker, manager of the Murphy Cattle Company in Montana, has two costly dogs to add to his pack of wolf destroyers, which now number, pups and all, about 300 strong. The latest importations are a magnificent Russian bloodhound and a Leopard staghound bitch. They cost delivered at Billings in the neighborhood of $800. They both possess long and aristocratic pedigrees, and are fine animals, and look to be well adapted for hunting wolves on the range.

D. J. Hogan, one of the well known cattlemen of Montana, was in Helena the other day from his home near Augusta. He said that the cattle in his section are wintering well. "We are having a peculiar winter up our way, and I suppose it is the same in other sections of the state. The weather has been fine as a rule and little or no stock has perished because of the cold. We have had unusually heavy wind storms, however, in the northern part of the county. They have torn down fences and ripped open hay stacks and altogether caused a good deal of damage."

Idaho.

Miss Mollie Calaway of Boise is now acting state superintendent of Christian Endeavor Junior work in Idaho, Mrs. Ida M. Weaver having resigned.

C. C. Fuller, until recently private secretary to Senator Heitfeld, will take editorial charge of the Boise Sentinel, Senator Heitfeld's paper.

The Lewiston Light Company effected a reorganization this week, increasing the capital stock of the company from $10,000 to $30,000. The growing demands for lights have necessitated increased power, and the company has decided to establish a power plant on the Asotin creek, two miles above Asotin City in Washington. The company will also supply Asotin City with lights.

Latah county commissioners have made public their report of the county home for the period from May 13, 1897, to January 1, 1898. The expenses of the farm, including superintendent's salary, were $1,197.59. From the sale of produce, $341.72 was realized. The average number of inmates was 10, and expenses per day of each 37 cents. During the year $546.62 was spent on permanent improvements. In 1897 670 bushels of wheat were raised on the farm, 590 of oats and 450 of potatoes, and 35 tons of hay and 10 of carrots and beets.

The report made by State Superintendent Anderson to the bureau of education at Washington contains some interesting figures. It is for the school year ending August 3, 1897. The report shows there were 42,127 school children in the state between the ages of 5 and 21 years, 22,172 males and 19,956 females. The average daily attendance was 22,645; the number of buildings used for school purposes 626, and the number of teachers 793—298 males and 495 females. The average monthly salary of male teachers was $61; females, $41.

A very interesting suit has been brought in the district court at Boise in the name of the state against R. S. Browne and those who were his bondsmen when he was treasurer of the board of regents of the state university. It is brought to recover $5925 lost by Isaac W. Sherrill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on a university building fund warrant. The case is one that has attracted considerable attention at different times, owing to the peculiar manner in which Mr. Sherrill lost the money. The warrant was sent to Browne for collection. He was a banker. He purchased a draft for the amount from his own bank, held it and sent it on just before his bank failed.

NO ARBITRATION FOR THEM.

Spanish Resent Such a Suggestion as to Cuba.

Madrid, March 1.—Senor Sagasta, commenting upon an alleged interview with Prince Bismarck, in which the latter is represented as suggesting that the Cuban trouble should be submitted to the powers for arbitration, expressed his astonishment that such an idea could emanate from Prince Bismarck and declared emphatically "that nothing but ignorance of the question could inspire the notion that Spain would suffer foreign intrusion or submit to arbitration in her indisputable rights of sovereignty, or," said the Spanish premier, "would dare propose such an absurdity, and no Spanish government would listen or dream of such proposals."

Bernabe Has Started.

Senor Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minister to the United States, has started for Gibraltar, en route for New York. He is fully empowered to continue the reciprocity negotiations. The government is anxious to secure a firm basis for commercial and political relations with the United States before May 1 in case the pacification of Cuba should not have made progress before the rainy season commences. It is an open secret that both the home and colonial governments consider the preservation of friendly relations with the United States as no less important in the pacification of Cuba than the military operations and the unofficial negotiations to induce the insurgent leaders to accept autonomy.

Shooting Scrape at Butte.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 28.—Bob Works, manager of the Dugan house, shot and killed Ed Daly in the barroom of the place at midnight last night. The men had had trouble before. Three shots were fired.

Frederick Tennyson Is Dead.

London, Feb. 28.—Frederick Tennyson, the brother of the poet, died Saturday.

NEW BEDFORD UNIONS AIDED.

Collections Increased Over Those for Former Weeks.

New Bedford, Mass., March 1.—The strike council has decided to send two delegates to Washington to represent the New Bedford unions at the hearings of the congressional judiciary committee on Representative Lovering's eight-hour amendment to the constitution. One of the purposes of their visit will be their work in Baltimore, Wilmington and other cities on the route, where they will address the unions and secure what aid they can for the strikers. The collections during the past week have amounted to about $2700, an increase over any former week.

Ex-Confederates Enlisting.

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 27.—A card in a local newspaper asking ex-confederates to form a regiment to serve in case of war with Spain, has brought more than enough responses to fill the ranks from southwest Virginia, east Tennessee and Kentucky. The originator of the idea now contemplates the formation of a division to be commanded by Fitzhugh Lee.

Naval Reserves Ready.

Quincy, Ill., Feb. 27.—Lieutenant Morehead, commander of the Quincy company of naval reserves, received orders to notify members of the company to hold themselves in readiness to report on six hours' notice. The orders came from Lieutenant Commander Porter of Moline, chief of the battalion.

Grand Army Wants Guns.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 27.—The members of Warren Post, G. A. R., have requested Governor Budd to loan them 50 rifles, cannons and haversacks. The veterans express their desire to become accustomed to the military ethics now in vogue so that in case of war with Spain they will be ready to go to the front.

ALASKA BREAD.

How to Prepare the "Staff of Life," by a Practical Miner.

Bread in Alaska means always baking powder bread or biscuit, for no other kind is possible. There is no yeast or any other means of raising dough. An experienced miner, one who has been in Alaska five years, has just given us two of his most useful receipts.

Those who think of going to the Klondike should keep them, and those who stay at home will be interested in knowing how a practical miner prepares his "staff of life."

Bread: Quart of flour, two tablespoonfuls of Cleveland's baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt; mix up with cold water or milk until stiff. Grease the pan, bake until cooked (about half an hour).

Biscuit: Quart of flour, two teaspoonfuls of Cleveland's baking powder, and half a teaspoonful of salt. Mix thoroughly while dry with lard or bacon fat. Then mix with water or milk until stiff enough to roll out. Cut into circles with top of baking powder can or cup; bake about fifteen minutes.

Several other Alaska receipts together with list of groceries, clothing and supplies to take with one are published in a Klondike circular. This circular, together with a cook book of four hundred receipts, will be mailed you free if you send stamp and address to Cleveland Baking Powder Co., 81 Fulton St., New York.

Be sure to mention the Klondike circular if you want it; otherwise the cook book only will be sent.

Thin ice frequently affords a good opening for ambitious skaters.

A WEAK SPOT.

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San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The Pacific Export Lumber Company has chartered the big British steamship Ailsacraig to carry lumber from Portland to Vladivostock, Siberia.

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Flesh Dropped From His Bones.

Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 27.—The boiler at Bunche's mill, at Ryan, 25 miles southeast of here, blew out, knocking Bunche 30 feet into the saw pit. He crawled out of the sluice of hot water, walked a quarter of a mile to his home, with flesh falling from his body. After suffering intensely for 10 hours he died.

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EXPLOSION FROM BENEATH

CONFIRMED BY THE DIVERS.

Evidence That the Magazines on the Battleship Maine Had Nothing to Do With the Initial Explosion, and Played a Small Part in the Affair.

New York Feb. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says:

There is no longer any reason to doubt that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from underneath the vessel, and that the magazines had nothing to do with the initial explosion and played a much smaller part in the great disaster than was at first supposed.

The evidence that has served to convince the board was obtained by Ensign Powellson, an officer attached to the Fern. Mr. Powellson was formerly in the construction corps and took a two years' special course in the Glasgow school of naval architecture. He is therefore a competent witness.

What he discovered was that the forward part of the keel of the Maine, with its ribs and plates, was stove upward so far that parts of the shattered double bottom show out of water, and in places sections of the green-painted outer hull are visible.

Corroborative of evidence given by Powellson, and of equal significance and importance, is the result of the close examination made by the divers. What they found indicates that the explosion came from a point beneath the keel. A plumb line dropped from a point just forward of the conning tower would have laid the lead exactly on the spit where the explosion occurred that hove keel and plates and ribs almost to the surface. The main force of the explosion seems to have been exerted slightly on the port side of the vessel.

This is consistent with the facts hitherto ascertained. Collectively these now indicate that the contents of the reserve six-inch magazine were exploded by the initial blast and that there was no explosion in either of the other two. In the reserve magazine was stowed 2500 pounds of powder in copper tanks, each of which contained 200 pounds. Several of these tanks have been found by the divers all in crushed and shapeless masses.

It is important to note that in the six-inch and 10-inch tanks recovered the excelsior used for packing the charges shows no injury from flame or gases. The powder stored in the six-inch reserve magazine was used for saluting purposes only. The magazine itself appears to have been utterly destroyed, only a few traces being left to show where it was once located.

The under part of the 10-inch magazine is wholly inaccessible to divers. In the upper part is tightly wedged a mass of powder cylinders too heavy for the divers to extricate, but apparently containing unexploded charges of powder. The Dow torpedo tube of the Maine has been located in the wreck. It lies in the debris forward, submerged several feet under water.

The hull is now embedded in the mud to the depth of eight feet. The divers sink to their armpits in the mud and have the greatest difficulty in prosecuting their work. Those engaged on the forward part of the ship are under charge of Gunner Charles Morgan, an officer specially detailed from the flagship New York for that purpose.

No Doubt Remains.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Mail and Express prints the following, dated at Havana:

While of course the members of the court of inquiry will not talk for publication, I am informed on the highest authority that the evidence of Diver Morgan as to the conditon of the Maine shows almost beyond the possibility of doubt, in the opinion of my informant, that the Maine was blown up by an outside agent. Furthermore, Morgan's opinion is verified by other American divers who descended today.

The court will finish its work here tomorrow and proceed to Key West to take testimony of the survivors there. It has been decided not to return to Havana, all information as to the cause of the disaster having been secured.

Spain Wants War.

London, Feb. 26.—According to a special dispatch from Madrid the reports received there from the United States, to the effect that public opinion in the latter country is becoming more excited owing to the impression that the Maine disaster was not due to an accident, are "restirring popular feeling here (in Madrid), and the conviction is increasing in ministerial circles that the worst must be expected." Continuing, the dispatch says:

"The government has no choice if the United States adopts a threatening attitude, for the prospect of war is popular with all parties, and the more excitable newspapers are already urging the government to take measures to enable Spain to strike the first and decisive blow."

Denies Presence of Mines.

New York, Feb. 26.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says: Admiral Terry, chief of staff of the minister of marine, says: "The harbor of Havana contained no submarine mine in the vicinity of the place where the battleship Maine and the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII were anchored."

Fitzhugh Lee's Opinion.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A Times-Herald Washington special says:

Consul General Lee has made formal report to the president that it is his opinion that the Maine was deliberately destroyed. Every effort has been made to keep this information from becoming public. Even where privately circulated the friends of the administration are trying to minimize the importance of the report by saying that it is only an expression of opinion by the consul general, unaccompanied by evidence. The fact that General Lee has never made a mistake in Cuba, however, adds much to the importance of his report and has increased the general concern among public men.

Imparcial Is Distrustful.

Madrid, Feb. 27.—Imparcial warns Spain "to distrust the pacific speeches of President McKinley and of General Woodford at the recent banquet here," adding: "America is actively preparing for war, which is inevitable if the rebellion in Cuba is prolonged beyond May."

The Spanish government, it is said, is equipping its forces at the different arsenals and is organizing its marine and infantry.

A decree has been issued dissolving the cortes.

PROTECT THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Big Battleship Oregon Will Not Be Taken From Western Waters.

New York, March 1.—It has been decided by the navy department to keep on the Pacific coast the full force of naval vessels now there, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald. Navy department officials recognize the fact that the strength of the North Atlantic squadron would be strengthened by attaching the battleship Oregon to Rear Admiral Sicard's command, but they appreciate the danger of leaving the Pacific coast without assistance of this class, just as they appreciate the importance of defending the ports by vessels of the monitor type.

There are now stationed on the Pacific coast the Oregon, the coast defense vessels Monterey and Monadnock, and the training ship Adams. The Oregon, which is at Puget sound, will be ordered to proceed to San Francisco harbor, and her place in northern waters will probably be taken by the Monterey. The department recently directed the Monadnock to be laid in reserve, but these orders have not been carried out and she will probably be sent to San Diego.

Besides these ships, the department has at Honolulu the cruiser Baltimore and the gunboat Bennington. No orders have been issued for the return of these vessels in view of the aspirations of the administration to bring these islands within American jurisdiction. The criuser Alert and the gunboat Marietta are in Nicaraguan and Guatemalan waters respectively. These ships will be ordered to San Francisco if an emergency arises and will hold themselves in readiness for active service.

REINDEER REACH NEW YORK.

Five Hundred and Thirty-Seven Head From Lapland.

New York, March 1.—The Lapland reindeer for the Yukon expedition of the government have reached New York on the steamer Manitoban, 24 days from Bozekop, Arctic Lapland. The expedition is in charge of Dr. Sheldon Jackson, who introduced the first domestic reindeer in Alaska, and now, under the auspices of the general government, is placing there the first colony of Lapps.

The Manitoban brings a unique cargo, consisting of 113 immigrants, 537 reindeer, 410 reindeer sleds, 511 sets of reindeer harness, and between 3000 and 4000 bags of moss for feeding the reindeer en route. The immigrants consist of 43 Laplanders, 10 Finns and 15 Norwegian reindeer herders and drivers and their famwilies, making a party of 68 men, 19 women and 26 children. Along with them are six bridal couples, who were married a few days before the sailing of the steamer. Only one deer was lost on the journey of 4000 miles.

The government has a contract with the Pennsylvania railroad to transport the deer to Seattle. The contract calls for delivery in Seattle in 150 hours. From Seattle the outfit will be forwarded to Skaguay and Dawson City, and thence distributed to the government stations. The cost of the herd purchased by Dr. Jackson is believed to have been about $50,000.

DEATH OF WM. SINGERLY.

Prominent Figure in Keystone State Circles.

Philadelphia, March 1.—William M. Singerly died suddenly at his residence at No. 1701 Locust street yesterday. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Singerly had been suffering for about 10 days from a cold and had remained at home since last Wednesday, although his indisposition was in no way serious. While sitting in his bedroom smoking a cigar, he was seized with a violent fit of coughing and immediately afterwards fell over dead. In the room at the time were Mr. Singerly's gran[illegible] Mabel Singerly Meredith, a[illegible]

William Singer[illegible] Record Publishing [illegible] the Chestnut Street N[illegible] the Chestnut Street Saving Company, which recently co[illegible] president of the Singerly Pulp Mills. He was a member of the Fairpark commission, and until lately treasurer and trustee of the Philadelphia commercial museum. He was born in this city December 27, 1832, and with the exception of a brief period in his early manhood, when he conducted a commission business in Chicago, has lived here ever since. His father, Joseph Singerly, was one of the originators of the street railway system of Philadelphia.

ROGERS HAS GIVEN ORDERS.

Recruit the National Guard to Its Fullest Strength.

Tacoma, March 1.—Governor Rogers has ordered that the 10 companies of infantry and two of cavalry composing the National Guard of Washington shall be immediately recruited to their fullest strength of 60 men each for infantry and 80 men for cavalry companies. Recruiting is being carried on actively and enthusiastically.

Governor Rogers will spend an evening this week with the officers of the two Tacoma companies and another evening with the Seattle officers, the object of these conferences being to bring the state militia up to the highest point of efficiency.

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Dated this 15th day of February, 1898.
CHAS. E. HOPE.

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R. O. MATHESON, Editor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1898.

THE SMELTING INDUSTRY.

We are in receipt of a circular from David W. King, editor of the Kootenaian, Kaslo, in which he deplores the state of the lead mining and smelting industry of British Columbia, and offers a solution therefor. This industry is admittedly, in a most unsatisfactory position. It is as he says, "battling against tremendous odds by reason of being forced into the United States market with its product, ore and bullion—a market hostile because of a high protective tariff. This tariff which is designed by the United States to foster and build up the mining industry of that country, is, to the Canadian miner who ships his ore direct, burdensome in the extreme, as he must perforce seek that market, and absolutely prohibitive when applied to the bullion product of such ores, smelted in Canada. There is a discrimination in the duty between lead in ore and lead in bullion, the object being to force the smelting of foreign ores in that country. It is absolutely impossible, because of this tariff discrimination between lead in ore and lead in bullion, to carry on at a profit the industry of mining and smelting Canada's lower grade ores, or the smelting of ores of any grade, inasmuch as under present conditions our lead must go to United States markets. It is a fact that the lead miners of the United States are, under a protective tariff on lead, successfully and profitably operating mines that range in grade from 15 to 30 per cent lower than those which in British Columbia, under present conditions, we cannot think of operating. Kootenay has the highest grade lead mines in the world, yet the lead product of her highest grade ores, because of being forced into a hostile market, fall short of paying the freight, treatment and duty charges. And were it not for the association of silver with the lead they could not be worked at all. The reason we are forced into that market lies in the utter absence of a home market. The home market is not available because of a low Canadian import duty on lead and lead products, which admits foreign leads and foreign manufactures comparatively free. The United States tariff on lead in bullion, pig and the principal lead products, is, averaged, four times greater than that of Canada."

Now, the solution which he offers is the imposition by Canada a tariff on lead coming into this country from the United States similar to that placed by the United States on lead from Canada going into the United States. The effect of this, it is said, and we think properly, would be the bringing into existence of home refineries and smelters, thereby giving employment to Canadian labor, and increasing the value to the mine-owners of our rich galena ores. In this, as in other matters, Canada has in the past, not been sufficiently aggressive in her own interests. We might give many instances of this. There is her saw-log and pulp-wood policy in the East. We take this view, not in any spirit of hostility to the United States, but solely because of attachment to Canada and its interests; because the effect of the course advocated by Mr. King will give a greatly increased value to the silver-lead of the Slocan.

"The miners of the United States are enjoying great prosperity today because they are protected by their tariff. Canada then need only take the United States as an example."

WHY NOT?

Why not announce a band contest for the 24th of May and get the New Denver Brass Band and the Slocan City band to compete with each other. We would then need no fire crackers. They would be superfluous, as what little noise they would make would be inaudible.

THE MERRY WAR.

Another cut in railway rates of $20 and $10 from St. Paul to Puget Sound. Keep it up. The public can afford to smile and pat the railroad magnates on the back. Meanwhile the stockholders wonder where the next dividend is to come from.

THE PETITION.

The petition asking for an appropriation of $5,000 for the repairing of the Four-Mile waggon road is receiving numerous signatures, but the impression of many in Silverton is that the petition does not ask for enough. The waggon road ought to be extended farther up the gulch to Fish Lake. Many properties up there, which would be developed and worked should this extension be carried out, must at present lie idle. Among these properties are the Bartlett group, Cornamay Group and Fisher Maiden Group, and on Fenelle creek are the Sabbath Group and the Mount Mable Group. These properties, most of them of unquestioned worth, will be in any circumstances under heavy expenses for packing, but could be advantageously worked if the road was extended near them. They now must lie unworked, because of the difficulty of packing in supplies and of bringing down ore. A further appropriation, enough for the carrying out of this extension of the road, should be asked for in the petition.

CHIEF JUSTICE DAVIE DEAD.

Hon. Thos. Davie, Chief Justice of British Columbia, died at Victoria last Wednesday morning. The cause of his death was a complication of heart disease and kidney trouble. The Legislature, out of respect to the deseased, adjourned from the 7th inst. to the 9th. Chief Justice Davie was born in England in 1852, and came in early life to this Province. He represented Victoria in the Legislature, and after the death of his brother, Hon. A. E. B. Davie, the Premier succeeded to the British Columbia Columbia attorneyship. In 1892 he was elected Premier, but retired from politics to his late position two years after. His death was a sudden one, as on Wednesday he expected to attend the sitting of the full court. His death leaves a vacancy which will be hard to fill.

REDISTRIBUTION.

In the Legislative Assembly last week, Jas. M. Kellie gave, what he considered an explanation of fair redistribution He pointed out that the revenue derived from Kootenay was $310,000 compared to $7.000 from North Victoria, and showed how we had received in appropriations only $110,000 or $200,000 less than we have contributed. On a basis of representation by taxation or population, we are entitled to fifty-two members, if some of the other constituencies are taken as a standard. He said he proposed to enter a protest against the further milking of Kootenay unless the Government purposes paying for the cow. He touched also on the tax on quartz miners of Kootenay and none on the coal miners of the Island.

CROW'S NEST INVESTIGATION.

The committee investigating the condition of the Crow's Nest laborers, arrived at Fort Steele on Monday evening, and the Fort Steele Prospector devotes considerable space to their investigation at that place, of which we give a summary. The evidence of twenty-six men was taken, and shows a disgraceful state of affairs The men have received no pay for December and January, and the time checks and checks on the Union Bank, MacLeod, have all been, so far, worthless, as the contractor has had no funds to redeem them. The board the last two months has been poor, and the camp is described as filthy, dirty and unsheltered. An extract from the evidence reads:

"We see no doctor at all and we have to pay 50 cents per month for medical attendance and 25 cents for mail service, and only get letters once in two or three weeks. I have only known of the doctor visiting the camp once in six weeks. For the last two weeks there has been a supply of medicine. We don't know the doctor's name.

WAGES.

"Question—At $1.75 per day and $5 per week for board, do you consider that you are sufficiently remunerated for your labor?

"Answer—No, sir. With a poll tax of $3, medical attendance 50 cents, 25 cents for mail service, and loss of time, we are not getting 75 cents per day.

"The mail service is not satisfactory. We have often gone seven miles to Fort Steele and return for our mail. Yes, sir: 25 cents is taken from our wages for a monthly mail service without our consent, and then we have to travel 14 miles for our mail."

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TO THE MINE OWNERS.

David W. King, of the Kootenaian, is to circulate a petition to the Canadian House of Commons among all the mining men of this section. Mining men should all favor the petition, and see that their signatures and see those of all other mining men is placed on the roll. Mr. King is doing good work in this line, and his efforts should be ably seconded by those interested. Every one in this section must see the benefits we will derive, should the petition meet with the success it deserves.

LAST REPORTS.

The latest from the seat of political warfare gives the Liberals 49 seats, Conservatives 43, Independents 2 The Liberals lost 15 seats and gained 12 and the Conservatives gained nearly all the seats where three-cornered fights were held, and where Patrons ran against Conservatives. The elections of 1894 gave the Liberals 50 members.

The Revelstoke Herald wants to know why they cannot utilize their display case at the depot for their own ore samples and gold bricks. We are quite willing for any and all camps to place their specimens beside ours for inspection We do not in the least fear comparison.

The Slocan City News, commenting on our proposed 24th of May celebration, bursts into the following:

Better come and see somethin' that's worth yer while to see,
There'll be games, racin' an' dancin' and everything is free;
But there'll be somethin' greater, somethin' noblv grand—
It'll not kill but thrill you—it's the Slocan City band.

The present war scare between the United States and Spain is monopolizing the attention of some of our most prominent citizens. Wherever a corner, warmed by the sun and protected from draught may be found, there will be seen an orator haraunging an audience on the latest news. We have had the United States whipped and ressurected a dozen times every day the last week.

The storm in a teapot over the 24th of May celebration is one of the things of the past, and the citizens of New Denver are now to co-operate with us in making our fete day a success. We are glad the better feeling of the majority have overcome the slight feeling of spite shown. Let us work together, and we can reciprocate in kind for the 1st of July, when our neighbors will be making merry over confederation.

Arrangements have been completed with the C. P. R. for special rates to Silverton for the Queen's Birthday. A single fare has been granted to this place from Nelson and from Revelstoke. Everything is progressing favorably, and if the weather man is considerate, we can promise the rest. Our athletes are already busy "piling" the stone," and preparing themselves for winning the Olympian wreathes.

HIS RIGHTS WERE RESPECTED.

A tall, fierce looking, redheaded man, with wiry chin whiskers and a gruff voice, was playing billiards with a meek mannered little man who might have been a twin brother to Uriah Heap. The red-headed man made a shot.

"Here," shouted the little man, "that was a push shot, and they don't count."

"What's that?" inquired the red-headed man, glaring at his diminutive friend rather savagely

"Push shots are barred, I said."

"Barred, hey? Well, who in blazes barred 'em?"

"Why, they are barred in the rules."

The redheaded man thumped his cue down vigorously on the floor and with a contemplative expression demanded, "Who made the rules for this game anyhow?"

The little player hesitated. "I'm not exactly sure," he finally said, "but I think it was the French "

"Think it was the French, hey? Well, they're foreigners, ain't they?"

The little man looked embarrassed. "I reckon they be."

"Then I want you to distinctly understand that I'm an American citizen, a dweller on freedom's soil and a believer in home industries and all that sort of thing, and I don't propose to recognize no rules made by any foreigners. American rules are good enough for me. Besides, if the father of the best looking girl you ever promised to marry ain't got a right to make a push shot, who in thunder has?"

The little man was silent and looked sheepish, and when the game was resumed he was so rattled that he missed the easiest kind of a carom.—Washington Star.

THE HOP.

The social dance given in McKinnon's hall last Tuesday night was enjoyed very much by those who attended it. Unfortunately only a few gathered for the occasion, but there was no reason to complain of the affair. Those who failed to attend missed a very pleasant evening. The music given by Messrs. Gibbs and Knox was splendid, and the floor was in excellent condition

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