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MINOR MENTION.

Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block. The school board failed to meet last right

The Macnnerchor society will give a ball at Masonic temple on the 10th of next month. Dr. H. W. Hart is confined to his home on illow avenue by a severe attack of illness. R. Britton was arrested last evening on a

charge of disturbing the peace by quarreling Michael Moore and Rosa D. Thompson,

both of Lincoln, Neb., were married by Justice Hammer yesterday.

Members of the Council Bluffs and Hawk-eve lodges, Independent Order of Oddfellows, will visit Omaha next Friday night. Henry Titjens and Miss Nannie Scleipach.

both of Syracuse, Neb., were united in mar-riage yesterday morning in Justice Patton's The funeral exercises of the late August

Hoous will take place in the Lutheran church on Seventh avenue at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

James R. Albertson and Miss Ella F. Heywood were married Thursday afternoon at home of the bride, in Garner township. Rev. Mr. Crofts officiated. The meeting of the literary society of the

Western Iowa business college is to be held this evening. The announcement that it was to be held last evening was an error. The case of John J. Framey vs Pottawattamic county, which has been dragging along in superior court for the past five days, was

The case of Isaac and Amos Clark, charged with keeping a disorderly house, has been continued by Justice Patton until the 31st on account of the sickness of one of the defend-

D. Bessonette has challenged "Long Pete" of Omaha to a match game of billiards in the Manhattan billiard rooms for any amount from \$25 to \$200 a side. The challenge has been accepted and the game will probably be played pext Wednesday evening.

Ed N. Brown has consolidated his Council Bluffs and Omaha groceries and will manage both places. His office will be in Omaha, but he will make daily visits to this side. His brother will manage the Council Bluffs busi-

A still alarm of fire called the department to the residence of William Siedentopf at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire was confined to a small building near the barn, used for sleeping purposes by a hired man. It was extinguished without much loss. The alarm came by telephone to No. 4 house, and that company only responded.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Council Bluffs insurance company directors were elected as follows: John Reamers, E. L. Shugart, F. M. Gault, W. F. Sapp, M. C. Brainerd, A. T. Flickinger and J. Q. Anderson, A. T. Flickinger was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel W. F. Sapp, and J. Q. Anderson was re-elected to his position as Q. Anderson was re-elected to his position as

Articles of incorporation were filed yester-day in the recorder's office by the "Little Ella" mining company of Red Cliff, Colo., the members of the company being J. W. Peregon, William Seidentopf, J. T. Hart William Moore and George F. Wright. The object of the corporation is to buy, sell and work mines in Colorado. The capital stock is \$10,000, with power to increase to \$500,000. The principal place of business is to be Council Bluffs, with branch offices at Red Cliff and Denver, Colo.

Dan Anderson's case was called in police court yesterday merning, but the bottom was knocked out of it at the first pop by the statement of Thomas Bowman that he had never given Anderson any money to help bury his dead child. As Mr. Bowman was the only prosecuting witness whose name was men-tioned in the information the case was dropped and a new information filed charg ing him with vagrancy. The grand jury will investigate the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and in the mounti Anderson is in a safe place.

The Chautauqua stockholders held a meeting Thursday night for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. J. M. Oursler was re-elected to the position of secre tary of the association and Colonel L. W Tulleys was elected chairman of the board of trustees. The other officers, viz., the mana-ger and the executive committee, were not elected, as the executive committee of last year had not yet prepared its report and it was thought better to defer further action antil a statement of the finances could be had. An adjournment was therefore taken until next Monday evening.

> Great success. Bottom prices

At C. B. Jacquemin & Co., No. 27 Main street Bell & Son's new grocery takes the lead o Upper Broadway. No old stock.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. S. Shinn left last evening for Fre-John P. Stuhr, mayor of Minden, was in the city yesterday.

Sheriff Garrison of Harrison county was a Bluffs visitor yesterday. J. J. Harris of Sidney, superintendent of Fremout county, is in the city.

Mrs. F. Hollis has returned from a five weeks' visit to her father in Elkhart, Wis.

Pomona Brand Hoarhound tablets will re heve your cough. Pomona stamped on each tablet. Ask your druggist or candy dealer

Buy your coal and wood of C. B. Fuel Co. 539 Broadway. Telephone 136.

An Old Friend, Indeed.

W. H. Robinson of this city was especially nterested in the special telegram published iin yesterday's BEE concerning the celebration of the one hundredth birthday anniversary of Sir Knight Nathan Whitney of Franklin Grove, Ill., the oldest living Mason in years and membership. Mr. Robinson has had a long and happy acquaintance with the old gentleman. He has several photographs of the famous centenarian, and has had many pleasant visits with him. One special bond of attachment between them is the fact that Robinson's father and Mr. Whitney served together in the same company during the war of 1812. Mr. Hobinson parrates many interesting incidents illustrating the wonderful character as well as physical vigor

. Horse blankets and lap rooes at cost at Theo. Bockman's, 297 Main street.

The best French cook in western Iowa is at the Hotel Gordon, Council Bluffs.

Fifty Cents on the Dollar.

Moore & Beir posted a notice yesterday in the window of the Model clothing house, stating that the stock and fixtures are now in their control. One of the attorneys of the attaching creditors stated yesterday that a settlement had been partially made, but that Messrs. Moore & Beir were by means in control of the stock, and would not be until some sort of an arrangement was made in regard to the rest of the claims.

"Out of the six claims which we had charge said he, "four of them have been settled; one of them for 100 cents on the dollar, and the other three for 50 cents. The two unsettled amount to about \$1,700, and that is enough to warrant us in keeping our hand on the goods until we see the color of their

Too much California canned goods on hand must be sold. Keliey & Younkerman.

The American District Telegraph Co. has been reorganized and is now prepared to give prempt service. Special attention to express and parcel delivery.

The Scotchmen Celebrate the Anniversary of Robert Burns' Birth.

AN OLD TIME CROOK CAPTURED.

Judge Thornell and Attorney Mynster Indulge in a Seance-A Settlement with Creditors-Other News Items.

Royal Arcanum ball was the scene of a brilliant affair last evening in the shape of banquet given in commemoration of the birth of Robert Burns. It was under the auspices of St. Andrew's society, an organization of Scotchmen, which was started a year ago. The hall was handsomely decorated, and the banqueters, who were nearly all of the same nationality as the poet, were many. After the feast had been fully partaken of, coasts and music was presented:

Grand March. Music by the Bagpipes. Banquet.

tland, My Ain Country," Response by dusic, National Air, "Auld Scotland I Love Thee," song, Wilson

America, the Land We Live In," Rev. G. W. Music, National Air.
Plano Solo, Miss Anna Patterson.
"Great Britain and America, Always to the ront in Civilization," by Mr. Watts of "Critic."
Music.

Music. Select Reading, by James Johnson. "The Lasses," J. W. Stewart. Music. Song, "Green Grows the Rushes," by James Rurns," Dr. Donald Macrae.

Song, Mary E. Oliver. "Council Bluffs, Our Home," Dr. Mont Music. finished yesterday afternoon and given to the

At the close the floor was cleared and the room was given up to the dancers, who tripped to the music of Dalby's orchestra until a

SECOND ANNUAL CLEARING SALE AT THE BOSTON STORE, FOR TEN DAYS ONLY.

COMMENCING JANUARY 21 Read the following carefully. The prices speak for themselves. The greatest of sales ever held in the west. Below is only a partial list of the thousands of burgains to

Yard wide bleached muslin, 4c. Our bleached and half bleached muslin sold for 9c to go at 71/2c.

42 in, unbleached muslin 8c, bleached 9c.

" 16c, " 21c, BLANKETS. Owing to the mild weather we are over-

stocked on wool blankets, which we will place on sale at extremely low prices. 11-4 heavy white blankets sold for \$3.00, at 11-4 all wool and union blankets sold for \$5.00 and \$5.75, to go during sale, \$1.00. At \$5.00 we show our complete line of \$6.00, \$6.75 and \$7.00, all in one lot for \$5.00.

11-4 gray wool blankts sold \$5.00, during Dr. Price's sanitary wool blankets at specia ale prices; \$5.00 blankets for \$3.60; \$6.00 for S1.78, and extra large size sold for \$7.00, re

duced to \$4.75. COMFORTABLES. Having over 50 bales of comforters on hand we are determined to reduce our stock previous to inventory. Note the following

Our fac comforters for 50c Special value regular \$1.39 comforter for \$1.00. Comforters sold from \$2.25 to \$3.75 all in one lot to go at \$2.00 during sale. Comforters sold \$3.00 to \$3.50, all in one lot

Our finest quality sateen comforters, sold for \$3.50 to \$4.50, to go at \$2.69. 6c canton flaunel 31 c. 25c turkey red damask for 17c. 30c towels for 25c. 25 pieces of bleached and half-bleached

neh, sold at 60c and 67c, during sale 50c. Wash buttons 5c a card (half price). Stewart's linen thread half price, Sc or two

Coats and Clarks spool cotton 4c spool. Children's hose supporters 5c, misses 7c,

adies' belt for 15c. All silk ribbon, satin edge, at manufacturers prices. No. 7 sold for 9c, sale price 5c; No. 9 sold for 1234c, sale price 7c; Nos. 12 and 16 sold for 15c and 16c, sale price 19c. Ladies' natural knit underskirts 39c, worth

sold for 89c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 all at 50c.

Boston Stonz, 401, 403 and 405 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia. New York office, 47 Leonard street.

> Evans' Laundry Co., 520 Peari street. Telephone 200.

Judge and Lawyer.

A lively little set-to occurred in the distric court yesterday afternoon between Judge Thornell and Attorney W. A. Mynster. The case on trial was Lodge & Henry vs Butler in which Mynster & Benjamin are attorney: for the defendant and Shea & Galvin for the plaintiffs. The subject in controversy is a piece of land near Avoca.

Shortly before 5 o'clock, which is the usual hour for adjournment, Myester arose and stated that he was, not feeling well, and would like court to adjourn to the usual hour so that he could go home and recuperate This court would not consent to do, where upon Mynster pressed his claim with re-newed vicor. Judge Thornell ordered him several times to sit down, and Mynster fin-ally did so, not willing to run the risk of being fined for contempt. He gave notice, however, that when the hands of the clock pointed to the hour of 5 he and his client

would leave the court room.

The case then proceeded until 5 o'clock, when Mynster arose and said that the time for adjournment had now come and the court had no right to keep the lawyers at work any longer when they were unwilling to stay, The judge gave an abstracted look in the

direction of Reporter Gaston and said, "Go on with the testimony." "One moment, your honor," said Mynster; "I would like to have time given me to make out an affidavit stating that I am not in physical condition to go on with this case any longer this evening."
"Well," replied the judge, "when I see a

disposition in a member of the bar to act anyway decent, I am always ready to accede to his wishes, but when I do not see such a disposition I sometimes act differently. Go on with the examination."

"Another minute, your honor," said Myns-ster; "I want to enter an exception to the ruling of the court in this case, and I want the exception made a matter of record. This court has no right to keep me here after to clock, and I will see what the supreme cour bas to say about it." And as he said the last word he slammed a book down upon the table Butler, his client, was on the witness stand

at the time, and when Mynster left the room he wanted to go, too. A short argument then ensued between Butler and Judge Thornell, but the court came out ahead and Attorney Benjamin took his witness in hand. Mynster's friends say that when the case comes up before the supreme court there is no doubt but that Judge Thornell's decision

J. C. Bixby, steam heating, sanitary en-gineer, 203 Merriam block, Council Blufts

will be overruled.

To make room for spring stock we offer great inducements in furniture, oil cloths, carpets, stoves, hanging lamps, dinaer and tea sets and toilet sets. We sell for cash, or on easy payments. Mandel & Klein, 320 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Conductor O'Neil's Murderers

There is intense feeling among the railway men over the brutal murder of Conductor O'Neil of the Northwestern. He was buried yesterday by the conductors' brotherhood at Conductor Charlie Hambling, who brought in the limited last evening, says the fellow employes of the murdered man could scarcely restrain themselves when they looked

THE OMAHA BEE THE NEWS IN THE BLUFFS. | upon the horribly mutillated face. They were satisfied the murder was not committed by tramps, but by professional burglars who had committed some recent crime that made them hesitate at nothing to avoid arrest. says the posse following the murderers i says the posse following the murderers is composed largely of railway men, and they will take few chances in capturing the men alive. The following is the best description that could be obtained of the two murderers: One man 5 feet 8 inches in height, weight about one hundred and sixty pounds, red mustache, sandy or redish complexion, about twenty-eight or thirty years of age, gray or drab overcoat and soft black hat. Other man about same size and weight, black mustache and dark complex ion, black over-

coat and black soft bat.

A Much Wanted Man. G. A. Henry, the man who tried to hold up Conductor Mitchell on the Milwaukee road a few days ago, was before Justice Patton yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The prosecution was carried on by Attorney Lindsley of Manning, and John Lingt of this city appeared for the defense. Mitchell was put upon the stand and gave his testimony substantially as given in yesterday's BEE. Attorney Lindt then made a motion to dismiss on the ground that the information was defective, the county where the assault was committed not being specifically stated. After this point had been argued for several hours supper time came and the attorneys consented to continue the hearing until next Tuesday at 9

Henry turns out to be fully as bad as the charge against him indicates. He was iged in a number of scrapes last in this city, but managed to get out of them all without severe punishment. His troubles were not confined to the Bluffs. White boarding at the house of Mr. Langmaideou Mynster street he received a call from the Missouri Valley officers, who wanted him on an indictment. They were met by a woman who claimed to be Mrs. Henry, who told them that her husband was too ill to receive callers. The Missouri Valley men kept watch on the door, while Constable Wesley, who was with them, went for a physical was to the control of the c sician with a view of finding out whether or not Henry was too ill to be arrested. In the meantime the object of the search made a twelve foot flying leap through the sir from a second story window to the ground with his clothes on his arm, thus cluding the officers. When the physician arrived he pro-nounced his patient out of danger. The Harrison county officers state that as soon as the resent case is completed they will take him in charge.

Death of Mrs. Shickentanz.

Anna K., wife of John Shickentanz, died esterday morning of inflammation of the iver, after a nine days' illness. The deceased was born in Brensbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to this country when fourteen years of age, settling at St. Louis, Mo. She was married in Plattsmouth, August 28, 1866. At the time of her death Mrs Shickentanz was forty-five years of age, and she leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral will occur at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the family residence, 105 Pearl street.

Card of Thanks. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our recent afflictionthe death of our little son, Carey
Mr. AND Mrs. T. MANAHAN.

ALL GOOD JUDGES OF WHISKY But Even Kentuckians Sometimes Dif

fer as to the Quality of the Samples. "We have some queer cases to adjust in this branch of the service," said an official of the internal revenue bureau to a Washington Post reporter. "I never thought before that there was any doubt about a thorough Kentuckian's ability to judge good whisky, but it seems that things have come to such a pass out in Breathitt county, that state, that a number of the citizens there deem it necessary to make affidavits to the fact. Some time ago a small distillery in Breathitt county was destroyed by fire, and a question arose as to the payment of the government tax on about 800 gallone of liquor There was also a dispute as to the quality of the stuff, and the department has been deluged with evilence of one kind and another.

"What has amused us all so much is that in the various affidavits submitted these Kentuckians, with scarcely an exception, have deemed it necessary to swear that they are all good judges of

"There is another affidavit from a man who states that the morning after the fire he rode his horse along the road he was in the habit of traveling very often and about a mile below the spot where the still formerly stood the animal was accustomed to drink water from the

'The horse had never before failed to drink at that place, but on this particular morning he elevated his nose in the air and positively refused to touch one drop of the fluid because it was impregnated. We have concluded that inasmuch as the average Kentuckian takes his liquor straight the horse decided that he would take his drink straight or not at all.

This same official says that the Breathitt county case has brought to mind a story that was told several years ago on Senator Blackburn and the late Senator Beck. A friend of theirs knowing that all Kentuckians are fond of good bourbon, is said to have sent the senators a whole barrel of the best whisky the state could afford. It was a prime article, and when the barrel was tapped and the senators had sampled it they pronounced it fine, but each of the gentlemen declared that there was a slight taint in the taste.

"I am of the opinion that it tastes of iron," said Mr. Beck. "I do not agree with you," replied Mr. Blackburn. "According to my taste Blackburn. somebody has dropped a small piece of

leather in the barrel. As time wagged on the contents of the parrel were consumed, and when at last the barrel had been emptied by the aid of a hundred or two of the friends of the enators Mr. Beck is declared to have insisted on having the barrel opened. with a view of determining whether he or his colleague was right. So the barrel was smashed all to pieces, and after a dilligent search a carpet-tack was Mr. Beck was right. There was taint of iron, and his friends admitted

that his taste was decidedly acute. When Mr. Blackburn first became a senator he had an experience that will be appropriate to relate just here, though the story has, perhaps, been told in print before. He was speaking to some was speaking to some friends in one of the senate committee rooms about a celebrated brand of whisky, and made a statement which one of the party disputed. There was nobody present who could decide the question, however. In a few moments Senator Blair, who has been an ab-stainer from alcoholic beverages all his ife, entered the room. The New Hampshire man was in a dreadful hurry to get a report, so he snatched it up and was about to leave the room, when he was accosted by Mr. Blackburn and asked what he thought of that particular brand of whisky. Mr. Blair quite rudely replied, as he drew himself away and snatched the door open: "My dear

sir, I cannot tell whisky from brandy. Mr. Blackburn, not knowing that Mr. Blair was such an enemy to intoxicants, turned to the other gentlemen present and said: "A man's stomach must be in a devil of a condition when he can't tell whisky from brandy."

Mrs. Winslow's Southing Syrup for children teething is the family benefactor. 25 cents a bottle.

North Dakota's New Governor Once a Homeless Waif.

PICKINGS FROM WESTERN JOURNALS.

Plucky Miners Rewarded Growth of Montana-Fruit Growing in Alaska -Fearless Seal Poachers-A Land Swindle.

A nice little story of the possibilities or advancement afforded by American nstitutions comes from North Dakota in the shape of a statement by Governor Burke as to his childhood. He says: "Yes I was a child of the streets myself once. I was a New York walf. My mother died when I was born and my father when I was four years old. Well, the New York children's aid society took care of me, and when I was eight years old they sent twenty-four of us out o Indiana, and I was placed on a farm. When I was twelve years old I went into the army as a drummer boy. If there are any men in the world for whom I have a profound respect they are men who are providing homes for the homeless little ones, and any time I can do anything for the waifs I want you to call

Plucky Miners Rewarded.

Matt and Pat Condon have been mining in Tintic the past ten years says the Salt Lake Tribune. Few men have done harder work or stuck closer to a mining camp than these prothers have to Tintic, and few have had a more abiding faith in the final outcome of that mineral district. They still own some claims there one of which promises vell. They did own a group of claims joining the Centennial-Eureka on its south end and extending over south across the summit for nearly a mile. The group consists of the Belcher, Lucky Jack, Rosa, Red Pepper, Cane, Molliet and Contact. Some time ago they agreed to give one-fourth interest in each of these eight claims to New York parties if they would sink a shaft 700 feet deep or run a tunnel in 700 feet, deemed best. The parties started in to sink a shaft on the Belcher and put in some machinery for that pur-In November last they took a bond on an another one-fourth interest in these claims for \$23,000 and later they got an option on the one-half for \$100,000. Last week they closed the contract and paid the first \$10,000 in cash. The new owners are to go ahead and develop the property and pay a royalty on all extracted until the mines are paid The Condon brothers thus get \$123,000 for the eight claims besides what they may receive in royalties up till the final payments are made. Lying as this property does on the Centennial-Eureka extension and running off towards the Mammoth, with ore on the surface running 40 to 50 ounces silver, it certainly romises well for becoming a great nine. The vein crops out 200 feet wide and can be traced out all of 4,000 feet. Shafts have been sunk at five different places to a depth of eighteen to twenty

feet, in each place exposing good ore. Montana is Growing. In Governor Toole's message to the Montana Legislature these points were brought out about the growth of the

state:
A year ago Montana's total assessment was
Now it is
A year ago the mineral output
was
Now it is
A year ago the number of horses,
sheep and cattle was
Now it is
A year agothe number of bushels
of wheat, oats and barley produced was
Now it is

year ago the number of pounds wool was.

Now it is.

A year ago the number of quartz
mills and reduction furnaces operated was.

Now it is.

low it is... year ago the number of bushels completed railroad was.

Now we have A year ugo there was collected in revenue from all sources..... This year was collected.....

Fruit Growing in Alaska A company of local capitalists is about to try the experiment of fruit-growing in Alaska, reports a San Francisco paper. It is claimed that the territory can be made a competitor of Oregon and Washington in the raising of the more hardy frufts, such as apples and cherries. The next steamer sailing for Sitka will carry in her cargo a large consignment of young apple trees. It is said that people in the states do not realize the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the territory. island for instance is larger than some of the New England states, with a climate similar to that of Maryland, and is capable of supporting a large agricul-

tural population. Seal Poachers Not Afraid.

The poaching fleet from Victoria durng the coming season will be increased by additional vessels purchased here and in the east, says the San Francisco Chronicle. An instance has come to the surface in the sale of the coaster Sylvia Handy to one Thomas Earle of Victoria. Mr Earle purchased the schooner for \$6,000, and has already commenced fitting her out as a sealer. He pur-chased a small cannon, to be used as a signal gun in case a United States cutter is seen approaching. Negotiations are now pending for the sale of three other well known schooners to parties in Victoria. Half interests will be owned and controlled in this city. The Victoria fleet in the Behring this season may number fully sixty vessels.

Idaho Land Swindle.

Investigations of land entries are now eing made in Idaho by the United States land office, through Special Agent Tyner, says the Boise Statesman. gentlemen recently discovered a fraudulent scheme of enormous magnitude seeking to appropriate 20,000 acres of fine timber land in the Payette valley. A syndicate of eastern men had caused the location of an irrigating ditch, thence proceeded to New York, opening an office on Broadway and commenced disposing of the bonds of the new company at fabulous prices. In its prospec tus the company claimed to have a paid up capital of \$50,000 and assets to 20,000 acres of the finest agricultural land in Idaho. Agent Typer found the land actually as described, but learned that it could not be irrigated without raising the water some eighty feet. The plan of operation on the part of the schemers was to succeed in floating the bonds and skip, leaving the matter of irrigation to their victims. Typer has defeated their scheme by recommending the caucellation of the entries and throwing the land open to bona fide settlement.

Coursing in Utah.

Major D. L. Levy was for many years in California a leading patron of sport and was so enthusiastic that he found t necessary to purchase a paper, the Pacific Life, in order to work off his surplus steam. Since coming here, says the Salt Lake Tribune, he has been

WAS A CHILD OF THE STREETS organizing a kennelclub. When that is accomplished a bench show and a coursing match will quickly follow. He says he is meeting with a great deal of the couragement and that if the proper amount of interest can be awakened he is confident that a most successful bench show can be given, as there are more fine dogs of every variety here than in any city of its size in the country. He is not so confident of having a successful coursing match for some time, as there are but few greyhounds in the territory but after the initial course he antic pates that there will be a great number of foreign entries in each succeeding course and that home lovers will soon supply the deficiency by importing a sufficient number to make the sport interesting. If the project meets with favor Major Levy will bring his string of hounds from California and inaugurate coursing in this territory at the opening of spring.

> Opening of a New Idaho District. Ex-Senator Tabor's latest mining acquisition is a 1,600-acre tract of placer ground in Lemhi county, Idaho, reports the Denver Times. The property is situated near Clay creek, about one hundred and twenty-five miles from the nearest railway, and in a section that i as yet almost entfrely undeveloped Captain E. A. Streeter located the property, and two weeks ago was accompan ied to the scene of the discovery by mining experts, who made a careful examination of the section, and on whose report ex-Senator Tabor made the pur chase. The price paid was \$100,000, al though it is estimated that the tract contains not less than \$30,000,000. ator Tabor has already ordered an ex tensive hydraulic mining plant, which will have to be carried in sections from Red Rock, on the Union Pacific, to Sal mon City, the outfitting point. The deal, it is predicted, will have the effect of opening up a rich and hitherto unknown mining section, rivalling the great placer districts of California.

A Buffalo Herd. The buffalo out at Buffalo park have a hard time because of the vandalism, says the Salt Lake Tribune. Last week a yearling was shot in the groin with shot and it died on Saturday. It is not known who did it, but the people out that way seem to take delight in tor-menting these animals. These thirtyfive remnants of the great herds tha once roamed ever the plains all came from one pair which was brought here last spring with the herd. is still hearty, while the bull died lately from getting his leg broken and the being gored by another buil. These buffalo are as docile as cattle, and yet that old bull, after being wounded and with a broken leg, ran away and could not be captured, so active and ferocious

How is this for climate? queries the empleton (Cal.) Lothrop, whose ranch is situated a short distance from town, brought to this office a monster watermelon, just plucked from the vine and as fine in ap-

pearance as any ripening in the month of August, It measured 66 feet in circumference lengthwise and 31 inches in ircumference the small way and 104 inches in diameter! It was rich in color and flavor and was ripe from rind to rind. If there is any locality under the sun that can beat this we have never heard of it. The melon was no hothouse production, but was grown and ripened in the open field. Few people

Watermelons in Winter.

are so fortunate as to have watermelon on their table at Christmas time.

Mike Hyde of Oreana, Owyhee county. Idaho, who for two years was one of the largest cattlemen in Idaho, reports that all stock there this winter is doing well and the animals are fat. This is very different from some of the experiences Mr. Hyde has passed through in his stock business. He has had cattle roaming over much of that country and off into Nevada and Oregon at times, thousands of which never returned to his big ranch. He says that in one winter he lost fully ten thousand head of cattle from the severity of the winter and the want of food.

Monster Plow. Fully 1,000 persons visited Chine from all parts, coming from Los Angeles, Pomona, Colton, Ontario and all the surrounding towns, says the San Ber-nardino (Cal.) Times-Index. The steam olow recently put to work by Richard Gird was in operation, and was watched with interest by all present. This immense plow stands eighteen feet high, weighs thirteen tons, and with twelve twelve-inch plows, turns under forty acres per day. It consumes one ton of coal per day and can be kept up to a speed of four miles an hour,

Splay-Footed Mormon. A short time ago W.O. Lundy brought a wild goose—a big gander-from Carson and turned it loose with Judge Mattly's poultry at Mono Lake, says the Lundy (Nev.) Index. One morning he—the gander, not the judge—flew away, re-turning at night with a mate. Next day he did the same, and has kept it up unti he now has quite a harem. The judge looks on and remarks: "You d-dreadful old splay footed Mormon, will you never let up?"

MUCH LIKE A MODERNLOCKOUT. The First Strike We Know of Was in

Egypt Three Thousand Years Ago. Pall Mall Gazette: "There is nothing new under the sun," receives nowhere a more startling verification than in this matter of strikes. The way in which our workingmen of modern Europe try to coerce their employers was in substance the way adopted by their dark-skinned, meanly clad, poorly fed predecessors in the land of the Nil before Moses led the Iraelites out of Egypt. M. Maspero, who is well qualified to speak on all points of Egyptology, devotes several very interesting pages in his charming "Historic Readings," which have just been published. It seems that the families of the working classes were quite as improvident in Egypt thirty centuries ago as some of them are in England at the present day At the beginning of the month, when they had just received their month's rations, eating and drinking went on without restraint. By the mid-dle of the month the stock began to fail, and famine began to stare the thriftless households in the face. So again and again they went out on strike in order to extort more from their superiors. A strike of masons is described by M. Maspero in detail, and some parts of the description might almost be taken for extracts from an English or German newspaper in the nineteenth century of the christian era.

The 10th of the month the builders employed at a temple rushed tumultuously out of the place where they were working and sat down beside a chapel in the temple precincts, exclaim-"We are hungry and there are eighteen days before the next pay day. They charged the paymasters with dishonesty, asserting that the latter gave false measure. The paymasters, on the other hand, charged the men with want of foresight, alleging that they spent their wages as soon as they touched them. After some further negotiations with officers of the government the men

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the king himself should receive their complaint. Two days later Pharoah actually visited the temple, and when the ! matter was laid before him ordered re lief to be given to the woebegone masons. For a short time there was quiet, but soon provisions failed and discontent broke out again with renewed violence. On the 16th of the following month the strike was in full force Not a man would work. On the 17th and 18th they still refused to lift a tool. On the 19th they attempted to reach the precincts of the temple in order to carry their grievances into the outer world, but found that the person who was placed over them had taken precautions so effectively that no one one could leave. So they spent the whole of that day in laying their plans On the following day they resorted to more noisy methods. After vainly appealing with loud cries to their man ager, they decided to apply to the gov ernor of the city, and therefore rushed through the busy streets to the inconvenience of pedestrians, not stopping until they reached the governor's man-palace. Like their European successors, these disconted artisans stubbornly refused to work, spent many hours in discussing their positions and prospects, disturbed the order of the streets by their impetuous movements, and ulti-mately obtained part, at least, of their back for 3,000 years; that is, of a period when Rome was not built and even Greek civilization was still in its in-

How old the method was at that time it is at present impossible to say. Perhaps the custom is old as the pyramids. Perhaps the first strike preceded the most ancient of the existing monuments of civilization.

Sympathizes with the Indians. General Schofield, commander of the army, sympathizes to a certain extrat with the Indians in their recent troubles. He says that much of the trouble is brought about by an uneven administration of their affairs. In saying this he does not for a moment criticise congress or the interior department, but merely alludes to the fact that in the appropriaof money from time to time for the Indians the amounts vary and so the supplies for the Indians must vary also. This is not understood by the Indians and is charged up against the economy of the interior department. The interior department has nothing to do with these economies. It simply with these economies. It simple obeys the law, If it had been posible to have had \$100,000 more for the Sioux this year there might have no trouble. General Schoffeld says that the enlistment of Indians as scouts in the army will in the end avoid future There are but few really hos tile Indians in the west. Under present regulations the secretary of war has authority to enlist 2,000 or 3,000 Indians. Three thousand Indians, General Scho field thinks, represent the disturbing element among the nostile Every tribe passes through what he calls hostile period. The majority of the Indians in the west tranquil and beyond reach of the possibility of making trouble. He says that the Indians make fine soldiers. They are natural

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The Wool Market.

HOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wool market continues firm and the sales are quite large, amounting to 2,699,600 pounds of all kinds. Sales of territory 3,699,000 pounds of all kinds. Sales of territory wool were \$16,000 pounds, including fine at 500, 55c, and fine medium at \$250c, clean. Fail Texas sold freely at 20,235c, but spring Texas was quiet and in small stock, Sales of Oregon wool have been good at 17625c, and California wools sold well at 15625c for spring, and tegeste for fail. Considerable sales of secured Texas, California and territory wools are noticed in the range of 50c to 65c, Ohio Secures are dull, sciling at 35635c for XX and XX and above at 35635c. Michigan X 1s firm at 25635c. In combing and delaine selections there have been sales of No. 1 combing at 49563c, Ohio fine delaine at 35635c. Michigan fine delaine at 35635c. Large sales of one-quarter and three-eighths combing at 2523 c. Australian wools are strong and active at 2523 c.