Bright Prospects that the Present Year Will Be a Prosperous One.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN ALL LINES OF BUSINESS

Completion of the Great Cantilever Bridge Over the Columbia River-Extension of the Pecos Valley Road-General Western News.

Reports from almost every point throughout the west show a splendid outlook for business this spring and summer. Many places report large transfers of real estate. business blocks and residences in process of construction and plans being drawn for many more. There will be a larger crop acreage in most all the counties than ever before, and, taken altogether, the prospect were never brighter for a prosperous year.

Great Western Engineering Feat.

The completion of the great cantilever bridge over the Columbia river at Rock Island, Wash., marks the accomplishment of the greatest feat of railroad engineering in the west. The Columbia at Wanatchee, where the big bridge is being built, is be tween 200 and 1,000 yards in width and from 12 to 200 feet deep at low water. Its channel is worn deep below the general surface of the valley and, though the annual June rise is 25 to 50 feet, it never overflows. After many surveys and measurements the company decided to build a bridge high enough draw bridge at a shallowed point and sup port the same on piers. At the point se-lected for crossing, a basaltic butte rises 500 feet above the valley. The butte drops down to the river in shelf-like terraces and on one of these shelves the western approach of the bridge rests. On the opposite bank stands a similar butte, 200 feet above the water, and through this butte a roadway has been cu eastern approach. Two hundred and fifty feet from the east bank of the river an island, or rather a huge rock, on which the only pier in the river is built. Between the rock and the west bank flows the main stream, which is 416 feet wide and 143 feet

The whole bridge is 91614 feet long, not counting the minor approaches, and feet above low water mark and seventy feet above extreme high water. The first span reaches from the bluff on the west side, 250 feet, to a shelf above the water line The second or main span reaches 41614 above the main channel to the river. weighs 850 tons and in the center is 75 feet from top to bottom of the structure. The third span extends from the island to the bank. The entire bridge is built of steel and wrought iron.

When completed each span will be separ ate and independent of the others. Owing to the great height of the bridges and the depth of the water below, it was impossible to put up any false work to support the main span. Each of the side spans has been erected upon false work, but in an inverted position and in such a way as to act as the arm of a long lever, and the outer ends of each are loaded with 400 tons of steel rails, so as to balance half of the main span as it was projected over the abyss below. The main span having been completed and joined to the others, it no longer requires the sup-port of the end spans and they will be taken down and erected in their proper position. Extension of the Pecos Valley.

Considerable railroad building will be done in the west this spring, the most extensive being that of the Pecos Valley. The Denver News has this to say: "The most important piece of railway destined to be constructed in the transmissouri country this season will be the extension of the Pecos Valley road from Eddy, its present terminus, via Roswell and White Oaks, to a junction with the main line of the Santa Fe at Engel, not far from Las Vegas. While the El Paso-Denver short line has been talken of, and many other railroad enter prises have consumed lots of space in th newspapers, Messrs. Hagerman and Eddy have been quietly at work and have secured the \$5,000,000 necessary for the extension

"The enterprise is an important one and destined to have a large influence on the growth of eastern New Mexico. The Pecos Valley road runs from Pecos City on the Texas Pacific to Eddy, now the center of one of the most prosperous agricultural sections of the whole west. This affords it an eastern connection in a very roundabout way. The proposed extension will carry the road up the rich Pecos valley to Roswell, and thence westward and northward through the wonderful mineral riches of the White Oaks country to the contemplated function with the Santa Fe. The increased outside world is perhaps the least of the advantages to be gained by the Pecos valley by the extension of this line. The valley is now in need of a local mar-The valley is now in need of a local mar-ket for its grain, fruit, vegetables, alfalfa and other products. This it will find among the mines at White Oaks, where develop-ment will be stimulated by the coming of a railroad. The gold, silver, coal, iron, mar-ble and other mineral products of that sec-tion will at once attract capital and become productive. This extension will thus create the market so necessary for the continued agricultural growth and prosperity of the

Pecos valley.
"The local traffic which will spring into ex istence on the completion of this road will render it one of the best paying roads in the whole west, and eastern New Mexico is to be congratulated on the new prospects of industrial development which its construction will assure."

Wyoming Coal Output.

State Mine Inspector D. G. Thomas has been busily engaged the past few weeks preparing his annual report of the condition and output of the mines, which is the most complete ever made in the state and is very lengthy, says the Carbon County (Wyo.) Journal. The report shows a great increase in the output of 1892, while the number of mployes has been reduced. Following is a table furnished by Mr.

Thomas and containing valuable informs OUTPUT BY COUNTIES-1891

Short ton Short ton Ave. No.

County.  Sweetwater Oarbon  Uinta Weston Donverse	355,219 331,397 295,660	Nut. 7,455 9,405 2,984 9,990	
Total Valued at mine		9,506	3,417
OUTPUT	BY COUNTIE	s-1802.	
County	Short ton S. Lump.		
Sweetwater Carbon Uinta Weston	.1,153,234 . 528,488 . 327,935	85,762 16,284 421	1,556
Converse		1,284	
Total. Valued at mine,	\$4,214,288	,75.	

The above does not include small mines ly those that come under the requirements of the state mining law.

Big Idaho Failure.

The well known corporation, McConnell, Maguire & Co., at Moscow, Idaho, the largest mercantile house in the state, of which Governor McConnell is head, has been closed by the sheriff. Although there had been rumors of impending embarrassment the failure caused great excitement. The First National Bank of Moscow issued an attachment for \$20,000. The Moscow National bank immediately followed with an attach-ment for \$25,000. Attorneys for Murphy, Grant & Co. of San Francisco and Allen & Lewis of Portland also served attach running the figures up to about \$100,000.

More attachments are expected, which will materially increase its liabilities. The assets amount to about \$80,000 in stock, large book accounts and the firm's business property.

which is mortgaged for \$25,000.

Governor McCounell originated the firm several years ago, and two years ago it was incorporated for \$100,000. The members of firm are: Governor McConnell, Frank David, J. C. Haskell, W. M. Chambers A. David, J. C. Haskell, W. M. Chambers and J. H. Maguire. A large brick block valued at \$50,000 was

built in which to carry on the business. On this Gilbert Bros. of Salem have a mortgage of \$25,000. Two branch houses were established at Pullman, Wash. The firm made large purchases of wheat, and it was thought profited largely thereby. The reiarge thought profited largely thereby. The re-cent depression in the wheat market, how ever, is said to have caused a heavy loss and the firm was unable to meet its obliga-tions. In order to save themselves the Pullman business was soid last week to R Browne and L. H. Maguire of Moscow and the money placed in the home house. It arrived too late, however. It is thought that with careful management the firm may pay dollar for dollar. The First National and Moscow National banks are not affected cow National banks are not affected by the failure.

Precious Metals. Some of the best mineral-bearing veins in the northwest are found in the camps adjacent to Libby, Mont. The great contact is traceable for many miles and the many mineral locations along its course bear evidence of great wealth. Shrewd mining men have examined the district and are gradually acquiring property while others are investing kisewhere, and many flattering offers have been refused by the owners of various properties. While other camps are booming the erties. While other camps are beoming the Libby miners will make merry music witht ner and drill adn turn out a rich harves of the precious metals, enriching them-selves and adding to the wealth of the na-

Camp Golden is a new mining settlement about five miles east of Whitehull, Mont. The American Mining and Development com-pany has sunk a shaft 200 feet deep on the Golden claim. The ore carries gold and runs from \$\$ to \$50 a ton, averaging perhaps \$12 a ton. With such a body of ore as in the vein this will make a first-class property. About thirty men are employed at the camp under the immediate charge of J. W. Astle It is understood that the American Develop ment and Mining company has the choice of aking a half interest in the property for a development work or of certain amount of development work or o paying \$60,000 cash for the whole property San Francisco is greatly excited over the discovery of a cinnabar mine almost in the heart of the city. The owner has been com-pelled to build a fence around his property o keep out prospectors.

Mr. T. F. Corbett, a well known artesian well driller and mine expert, in a talk with a reporter of a Portland, Ore., paper, grows enthusiastic on the richness of gold deposits in the southern part of that state. He says that some of the largest nuggets ever found in the United States were picked up in Josephine and Jackson counties. One in Josephine and Jackson countries. One man named Casey picked up one in the once famous Althouse district, located near Grant's pass, which weighed twenty pounds or \$3,080 at \$17 an ounce. Another notable find was that of Major Billy Saunders, now living in Grant's pass, who picked up a nugget worth \$1,090 white engaged in surveying a ditch on the Applegate river, about ten miles south of his present home. Another piece, worth \$1,500, was picked up on Steamboat creek, near Jacksonville, a few years ago, and is in possession of Beekman & Reemes, of Jacksonville, who purchased it from the original finder. The quartz mines are being rapidly developed. During the past year fourteen mills, ranging from two to ten stamps each, with a combined capa-city of fifty stamps, have been put up in Josephine county alone. They are crushing fifty tons of ore per day. The ore assays from \$20 to \$2,000 per ton.

A rumored strike of rich ore in Willow Springs precinct, near Ashland, Ore., has stirred up the prospectors.

The value of silver ore shipped from

Creede, Cot., in Februhry is estimated to have been \$50,000. The silver output of Colorado was increased last year by 3,000,000 ounces. The low price of silver has no effect upon the production of the metal in the mines, where the cost ranges between fifteen and forty per cent an ounce. The output this year will probably be very much larger than in 1892.

Colorado Cattle Shipments.

The San Luis valley, in Colorado, will claim front rank this year in that state in the cattle-shipping industry. In fourteen days 128 cars were shipped from the Moffat yards, and in twenty-one days 132 cars from Alamosa, including seventy-five cars which were loaded yesterday. The San Luis valley is coming to be a great place for winter feeding. Of the above 260 cars 140 were shipped in last fall, and a large part of them are now going to South Dakota. Bringing in these transient feeders is a splendid thing for ranchmen, who are thus enabled to find home market for their feed. Inspector John Adams is kept on the go continually to look after these shipments. At Moffat the other day sixty-four cars were loaded in less ever made on the Rio Grande by several

Dr. D. W. Robinson, president of the South Dakota State Board of Health, will attend a conference of the state boards of health of Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and Manitoba, which has been called to meet at Winnipeg at some date in the near future. The object of the conference is to agree upon some plan to more effectually resist the probable invasion of cholera in the northwest should that disease make its way to the United States during the coming summer. Smallpox has also made its appearance in Manitoba. Dr. Robinson says that the South Dalota board will advise vaccination. Most of the young people of the state, especially the school children, have never been vaccinated.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. A cat bit off the finger of Anton Beely's

baby, near Table Rock. A further search will be made for coal near Norfold with a diamond drill.

The Kearney militia company will give a May party next Wednesday evening. The Grand Island wheelmen talk of leas-

ing the base ball grounds and putting in a race track. P. F. Sprecher and M. E. Foster have taken charge of the Norfolk Journal, succeeding William Leavitt.

A district convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society will be held at

Beatrice May 3 and 4. J. W. Sperry of Weeping Water is about to start out on the road with a show "larger and better than ever."

The Auburn Granger has already begun to boom Senator Harris for the independent nomination for lieutenant governor. A young Englishman named Carter was

held up and roobed on the streets of Boat-rice by a man named Hall. The thief made good his escape. Ten thousand dollars will secure for Wahoo a tannery with a new process for curing hides, and the Wasp thinks the amount should be raised.

C. B. Boyce, a prominent citizen of Beatrice, died of heart disease at the age of

 He was a leading grain merchant of southern Nebraska. Because James A. Finlay, the Indian trader at Pine Ridge, voted at the Rushville ity election, he has been arrested and will

have his trial in June. The North Platte conference of the Nebraska synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church was in session at Dakota City last week and was largely attended.

A doctor's horse at Beatrice pulled down a telegraph pole and then dragged it into a wire fence, where the animal suc ceeded in breaking its leg and ending its

Rev. C. D. Day, late pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pilger, has been transferred to the Colorado conference. Rev. Edward Wilson, formerly of O'Neill, will occupy the pulpit at Pilger.

The York Times says that active steps are being taken to secure the nomination of Judge Bates for the supreme bench. It is expected to get the independent nomination and an endorsement by the democrats. Three men robbed a passenger on a Union Pacific train at North Platte of \$110 in cash

and a draft for \$370. The next day three suspects were arrested at Paxton, but they could not be identified, and so were released. A ridiculous, but provoking, accident is re-ported by the Kearney Huo. A runaway horse struck a clothesline filled with clothes that had recently been hung out, about mid-way from post to post. As the horse struck the line both ends gave way simultaneously. The shafts kept the line from going to the ground, and away the horse went carrying a long white streamer floating in the breeze from either side. The line was filled with ladies' and gentlemen's underwear, and as the breeze filled the articles out to their full capacity, they looked like inflated ghosts skipping hither and thither until they became loosened and fell to the ground. One little fellows.

were finally picked up. Those who saw the sight were highly amused, but it was rather provoking to the poor women who had worked so hard to get them on the line.

Mrs. E. Marsh, wife of a well known Cus-

ter countay farmer, has suddenly left the county with her children, and her husband is now a grass widower and considerably poorer than he was, for his better half sold a quantity of stock before taking her departure and pocketed the funds.

The Cass county republican committee de-ided last fall that after all the campaign expenses had been paid, all that was left of the campaign fund should be divided among the newspapers supporting the ticket. the newspapers haven't seen a cent of the funds, it is believed the committee figured out expenses pretty closely.

The last act in a domestic drama came to a sudden termination Tuesday morning, but hardly in the manner fondly planned for by the doting principles, says the Red Cloud Argus. For many the doting principles, Cloud Argus. For a certain married us. For many married man months a certain married man of Red Cloud has been keeping up clandes-tine meetings and correspondence with a well-known woman until matters went so day morning. At almost the last moment, however, the woman in the case repented of the part she had taken and to make amends promptly put into the hands of the wronged wife all the letters which she had received from the gay old benedict. This brought about a crisis in short order. An attorney was consulted who straightway sent for the erring spouse and the criminating evidence was laid be-fore him. Heat first put on a bold front and entered a general denial. But it was no go. He had to 'fess up, and to escape prosecution at once deeded all his property to his wife, and also gave her a bill of sale of all his personal effects. A petition for a divorce was at once filed, but our lothario was in such a haste to leave town that it was with difficulty that the sheriff could find him in order to serve summons in the divorce pro-ceedings. He was finally discovered between two box bars and the summons served. ver with the next thing was a ticket for Indiana for whence one friend departed in the quickest time possible meditatively ponderng upon the truth of the old adage "there's many a slip," etc., etc., and that there is no fool like an old one.

Western Notes.

The Society of Black Hills Pioneers will hold a reunion June 8. King county, Washington, will have a new

or farm and hospital building at a cost of The Black Hills Mercantile company has

decided to remove its business from Rapid City to Deadwood, From January 1, 1892, up to the present

time not one death has occurred within the limits of Custer City. The trial of the case of the St. Louis Min-

ing and Milling company vs the Montana company, limited, is now on at Helena, Mont. Buffalo, Wyo., will hold a special election to vote on a proposition to bond the city in the sum of \$40,000 to construct a water

works plant. The completion and opening of the Yankton & Sioux Falls railroad will be celebrated in Sioux Falls by Ed Riad temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine

The Washington State Fair commission has practically decided the matter of a site. The track chosen lies one-half mile from the corporate limits of North Yakima, in a

southerly direction. A cake of natural crystalized soda, weighing 2,840 pounds, taken from the Downey soda lakes near Laramie, will be a part of Wyoming's mineral exhibit to be placed on

The new shingle mill at South Bend, Wash., belonging to the Willapa Cedar Lumber company, was started last week for the first time. It has a capacity of 100,000 daily. The season's output is already contracted

exhibition at the World's fair.

A number of sales have recently been and at Deadwood of residence lots in various parts of the city, the purchasers in every case having either commenced to build or are having the plans drawn for such homes as they desire.

According to the Portland Oregonian, Washington will in time produce her own salt. Lake county has two salt marshes, one on Silver lake and one on Warner lake and when the railroad pierces that country the sait industry will be a sure thing.

The decision of the supreme court of Wyoming constitutes William S. Metz indge of the new fourth judicial district of that state, thus sustaining the constitutionality of the act creating the district and Governor Osborne's action in appointing the judge.

The bonanza wheat farmers of the North Dakota, James and Red River valleys, are worrying about the crop outlook on account of the backwardness of spring. The bonanza corn planters of the famous South Dakota corn belt are putting in more than the average annual acreage, and are congratulating themselves on the favorable growing pros

The people of the northern part of Fremont county, Wyoming, are jubilant over the prospect of the B. & M. building through there this year. With a railroad through the Big Horn basin, one of the richest sections in the west in natural resources will be open ed up. The country abounds in good farming lands, mines, marble quarries and a great many other resources that will be tempting to capital.

The Cheyenne Leader recognizes that the growth of any part of the state benefits the whole, and generally congratulates the northern portion of Wyoming on the evidences of its increasing prosperity. Reports show that Casper, Douglas, Buffalo, Sheridan are especially receiving the benefits of substantial improvement. The stock busi-ness is looking up, there is increased activity in mining and considerable new railroad building is certain.

John Musselman of Rapid City, manager of the Black Hills telephone lines, has made a proposition to the citizens of Hermosa to extend the telephone line from Keystone to their place for a guaranty of \$600 worth of business for two years. The town, how-ever, is to put up the cash as a guaranty, and on that amount being paid in the line will at once be constructed. Hermosa is the only town of any size in the Hills that has no telephone connection.

Bellingham Bay, Wash., is an important lumber shipping point. Contracts have been made for lumber and shingles requiring 1,500 cars for transportation to eastern points. Shingle mills on the bay and on railroads tributary to the bay are running full force, and the Cornwall mill at New Whatcom is running night and day in an endeavor to keep pace with its orders. W. A. Woodin of Fairhaven is loading a vessel for Australia and the Cornwall mill is loading two for fereign shipment.

In Fremont county, Wyoming, the assess-ment roll shows that it has one company which pays taxes on 11,000 head, two on 5,000 and over, four on 4,000 and over, six on 2,000 and over, six on twenty-one on 500 and over, twenty-three on 400 and over, twenty-five on 300, thirty-seven on 200, sixty on 100, 100 on 50, 163 on 25. Whole number of companies and persons assessed, 420. Whole number of eattle, 55, 193. on 400 and over, twenty-five on 300, thirty-

The Helena Independent rejoices at the abundant signs of prosperity in all parts of Montana, while new electric lines, new buildings, new manufactures and material progress in every form sufficiently attest the active presperity of the metropolitan center of that section. The titles to the new army of that section. The titles to the new army post site property near Helena are also complete and will be forwarded to the War department within a few days. Within a month it is expected the construction of Fort Harrison will be under way. This work will employ an army of men. The permanent garrison of the new post is expected to be one of the largest in the western country. During the coming summer more than \$100,000 will be expended on the work, which will be pushed forward rapidly as subsequent appropriations by congress will allow. The spring outlook is certainly bright for this

region of the thriving northwest. Busy people have no time, and sensible people have no inclination to use pills that make them sick a day for every dose they take. They have learned that the use of De Witt's Little Early Risers does not interfere with their health by causing nausea pain or griping. These little pills are per, fect in action and resulte, regulating the stomach and bowels so that headaches, diz-ziness and lassitude are prevented. They cleanse the blood, clear the complexion and

## A PANTHER FOR A PARTNER

The Strange Companion and Preserver of an Arizona Hunter.

THRILLING STRUGGLE WITH A BEAR

The Panther Saved the Hunter's Life and Feasted on Bear Meat-Interesting Story of Life Amid the Arizona

Mountains.

Frank Nohl, a miner and rancher who ives in the Santa Rita mountains in Arizona, has the strangest hunting companion on record. It is nothing more nor less than a live wild panther that could kill him in a moment, and, on the other hand, that Nohl has had dozens of chances of exterminating.

The beast is his as far as hunting trips are concerned, but in no other way. The two have been on over 100 trips together and the man has never had his hand on the animal but once, but that once was the time the mysterious tie between the two was created. Man and beast seem to understand each other, although Nohl could not tell you how if it was to save his life.

The day of their first meeting was about two years ago. Nohl was out hunting and run down a grizzly, at which he got a good shot that rolled the animal over. The man thought the bear was killed and ran up to it for the purpose of skinning it. Bruin lay very still, but he was far from being dead, or even sleeping, says the San Francisco Call.

Nohl laid his rifle on the ground and drew his knife preparatory to making the first incision. It was a magnificent animal, and the hunter could not help admiring it. He walked around it several times with his knife in his hand, congratulating himself on the good day's work he had done, and finally dropped on his knees by its side for the purpose of going to work.

He felt among the soft fur for a good place and then stuck his knife into it. The cold steel no sooner touched the beast's skin than it gave a deep growl and jumped up, knocking the knife out Nohl's hand and surprising him so much as to almost deprive him of consciousness. The bear no sooner gained his feet than he jumped on his would-be dissector. The man was helpless, and it would have been the work of only a few moments for the maddened animal to make an end of him. Nohl reached out for his knife as soon as he divined the animal's intention, but it was too far away. There was no use in making a fight, so Nohl lay face down on the ground to keep the bear away from his throat as long as possible. Bruin took hold of his enemy and made a great effort to get his paws around him, so that he could crush him to death.

He nearly succeeded, and at the same time was attempting to swallow Nohl's head. It seemed as if it could last only a moment more, but just then another actor appeared on the scene.

It was a panther, and he went for the bear tooth and nail, and in an instant took its attention from the man. When it sprang it got on the bear's back, and there it stuck, biting and scratching fiercely. Nohl had not been hurt to amount to anything, so he got on his feet and took a hand in the fight. By the time he was ready for business

things were looking bad for the panther, which had been shaken from the bear's back and was making a hot fight face to face. In time the bear would have had the best of it, but Nohl put a stop to it by sending a ball into its heart at short range. It rolled over at once, dead this time beyond any hope of re-

As the bear rolled over the panther let go and walked to one side, looking at the bear curiously. Nohl's first impulse was to turn his rifle on it and thereby increase his day's work; but an instant's reflection caused him to change his mind. He knew that the panther had risked his life to save his, and he concluded to let it go unless he attacked him. But this the panther had no intention of doing, nor has it shown any inclination to do so since.

As soon as Nohl made up his mind that he was safe from the panther he went to work to skin the bear. This time there was no trouble and the sharp knife oon had the skin nicely spread out. While the work was going on the panther lay on the ground a few feet away watching the operation. He seemed pleased with all that had been awav done, and whenever Nohl looked his way would raise his head and curl his tail pleasantly.

Nohl is an old hunter, and has seen dozens of strange actions on the part of animals, but he never before saw a wild panther lie on the ground a few feet away from a man unless it was dead. As he went on with his work he puzzled over the animal's strange actions, but could give himself no satisfactory ex-planation. The panther seemed like a dog, and the man rubbed his eyes several times to make sure he saw things right, and the next moment he would make up his mind that he was dreaming and likely to wake up. It was a strange experience, but Nohl concluded he would have the bear skin and not kill 6the panther unless it was absolutely neces-

sary to save his own life. When he had removed the skin from the bear he bundled it up and started home, half expecting the panther to jump on him every moment. But it did no such thing. It simply waited until the man had gone and then went to the

bear's carcass and made a square meal Nohl took his skin home, where he dressed it, and afterwards sold it for a good price. He did not go hunting again for several days, but when he did he was surprised, after walking about a quarter of a mile, to see the panther a few rods from his side. Again the impulse came over him to send a bullet into it, but he stuck to his resolution and allowed it to walk in the same di-

rection he was going. On this trip he got only a small deer, which he skinned and took such portions as he needed, leaving the rest for the

After that it became a regular thing for the panther to got with him whenever he went hunting. At first it would walk several yards away from him, but gradually began to come nearer until it

was walking at his side. It never became tame and Nohl has never been able to put his hands on it. Every time he would make a move to do so it would run until it was some distance away, when it would continue to walk as be-

After this Nohl gave up trying to be too friendly, and the animal soon got to walk at his side as before. The panther always went with him. It made no diference which way he went his friend always eaught up to him when he was about a quarter of a mile from his house, but it was no use; he never saw it until he had gone the usual distance, and then it was at its side before he was aware of its presence. Where it came from or how it got there is something he has never been able to find out.

The time came when he went out hunting without finding any game, and the same thing occurred three other times in succession. He had known itto happen on other occasions and thought t was all right, but the panther did not The next time they went out the panther went ahead when they reached a certain point and seemed as if he wanted Nohl to follow. He did so, and soon was almost on top of several deer. He got three good shots and all the game he could handle. After that day the panther led to the hunting grounds and always found game. He was always ready to take a hand whenever there was any fighting to be done or wounded animals to be caught. He has brought back more than one wounded deer that would have escaped, and also done some good work fighting a pack of wolves. The panther always went out with Nohl, but he had to go back by himself Where the animal disappeared to was a

mystery for several months. On one occasion Nohl was confined to the house for several days on account of a bad cold, and of course did no hunting, but he often wondered how the panthe was getting along. When he got out there was his old friend in the usual place, but he looked lean and sick. was plain that things had not been well with him, and Nohl was in a hurry to kill something for it to eat. He soon saw a wildcat on a rock and concluded that it would be food for the half starved panther. He shot it and without stopping to remove the skin threw it to the famished beast. But instead of eating it the animal picked it up and started down the guily. Nohl was surprised at the strange action and followed to see what it was going to do with the meat. It went about a quarter of a mile and

did not object to Nohl following it, so he could keep pretty close. It finally came to a small cliff in the side of the hill and climbing up a few feet threw the dead wildcat into a small hole. This action was stranger than the other and Nohl made an examination while the panther stood near by and looked at him He soon found that there were some

wild animals in the hole, and a careful examination revealed the fact that the place they were in was once a cave with a large opening that had been closed by some of the rocks sliding down. only place for air was the small hole into which the panther had thrown the meat. It was a foregone conclusion that the animals inside were the family of Nohl's friend and were nearly starved. The first thing to do was to get them plenty to eat, which was soon done by killing a deer and throwing it in to them. Nohl then made a careful examination and found there was one large rock that was almost balanced and could be thrown over without much force. He accordingly found a log that he used as a lever and in a few minutes pried the rock aside, and an old she panther and several well grown cubs ran out into the sunshine. The old lady growled at the sight of the man, and if she had not been well fed would likely have made a fight. As it was there was a sort of family reunion and at the same row over something or time a family other. It ended by the she panther going over the hill in a rage and the young ones all following her, while Nohl's friend crawled into the cave and went to sleep. Nohl went home not knowing whether

to be well pleased with what he had done or not. He only let the family out in the hopes that it would please the panther that had saved him from the jaws of the bear, and now all his work wasted and several ferocious wild beasts were turned at liberty that might as well have been killed.

They never came back, but the old pantner still goes hunting with Nohl, and there is never a trip made without game being found. Nohl enjoys the an-imal's company, and has got over any fear that he once had that the animal would hurt him. But he has a constant fear that some other hunter will see the animal and shoot it, and that is something he would not have happen for a thousand dollars.

Rather Steep Than take in any other form is what many people think, and Parks' tea is made for just those folks. It cures constipation, and though not a cathartic, moves the bowels every day All druggists.

MRS. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE. Visit to the Home of the Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Upon the woman who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has fallen the death blow of the intellect. She is again a child to herself and to others.

A gentleman who spent Easter week in Hartford found Mrs. Stowe "sitting in a rocking chair, her knees crossed, her lap full of old paper and a pair of blunt edged scissors in her hand, cutting pictures," says a writer in a New York paper. "After the manner of lit-York paper. "After the manner of lit-tle girls," the visitor stated, "she assumed the role of critic, and in reprimanding herself referred to the culprit as 'Hattie.' " When the picture cutting lost its interest she would jump up, and, with the indifference of childhood, drop everything on the floor and skip off in search of some other pastime. "She had a case of paper dolls that

she pasted with absorbing interest and much delicacy. She was inclined to talk, but her remarks were either meaningless or insignificant, but she hasn't the vaguest idea of what is going on in "For a long time her health has been poor, but as her intellect diminishes

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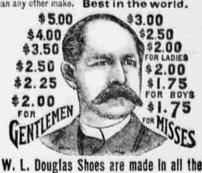
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