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Dame Nature's Munificence Made Manifold Through Her Mineral Mints.

GREAT UNDERTAKINGS AND DISCOVERIES

Dayton Gutch to Be Worked - A Red of Coke Saiton Sink to Be Drained-Geueral News from the Far West.

The crop outlook throughout the agricultural sections of the trans-Missouri country looks better than at any time this season and promises in the main to be equal to or above the average. The fruit crop along the Pacific slope, with the exception of slight local defections, will be immense. Mining in all sections is showing a vigorous activity affording every indication of a prosperous season ahead. All mall the general indica-tions throughout the western half of the country were never brighter.

The Bowels of Bald Mountain.

"During the past week or two," says the Sheridan Post, "considerable interest has begun to be manifested in the opening of the mining season at Bald mountain and other camps in the Big Horn range. Although it will be three or four weeks before the road will be passable for heavily loaded teams, many will get to the camps before that time, and others will follow as soon as they

"There is no longer any doubt but that Bald mountain will be called upon to give up much of her rich treasure this year. The machinery placed there last fall by the Fortunatus Mining company is all ready to begin operations, and a new and much larger plant is coming to increase the much larger plant is coming to increase the facilities of the company for saving the gold. A letter received from Mr. H. H. Hawkins, secretary of the company, states that he will arrive here from Albany, N. Y., somewhere about the 12th or 15th of the present month, and that work will be vigorously prosecuted. Hon, George T. Beck, who has just returned from a trip through the eastern states, informs us that he will resume active operations with his hydraulic plant in tions with his hydraulic plant in Dayton Gulch as soon as the snow is out of the way, and that he expects to make a rich clean-up from the work done there last fall. Mr. John B. Dougherty with four machines, which he has thoroughly tested for saving fine gold, and will place them at Bald mountain. Mr. Dougherty visited that camp two years ago, and thoroughly satisfied himself as to its richness. He would have returned a year ago had it not been for the cattle troubles breaking out at that time, the reports of which were magnified to such an extent that he thought it better to wait another year. So much for the placer districts. While it may not be generally known, because there has not been much said about the matter, it is a not been much said about the matter, it is a fact nevertheless, that the most promising quartz lead in the state has been located near the crest of the main range, about twenty-five miles from Sheridan. The discoverer is Mr. H. H. McNeil, who is in the city now equipping himself for the season. Interested with him in the camp is Dr. H. L. Ross a mineral expert assayer and capital-Ross, a mineral expert, assayer and capital ist from Nova Scotia; Captain G. G. Stock-well of the British army, also a capitalist, and a Mr. Slater, who comes from Canada on a tour of investigation.

A Coke Discovery. What is probably the most important dis-

covery ever made in Archuleta county has just been made known. It is a whole mountain of coke 'ich has been produced by nature and pronounced by experts to be far superior to that made by artificial means. The deposit is on a flat top mountain and is

covered by from six to twelve feet of decomposed shale and dirt. The vein of coke is from four to six feet in thickness and is underlaid by a strata of what seems to be a superior quality of graphite from three to five inches thick.

Underneath this is a deposit of fine clay

two feet in thickness. Samples of the graphite and clay have been sent away for tests and until these have been made no estimate of their value can be made, but of the coke there is no question as to its genuineness and quality

The coal fields of this country have for a long time been supposed to be great, but since this coke has been found, prospecting by expert and experienced miners has develope the fact that the coal deposits are simply Mountains of it are found with one, two and three stratas, ranging in thickness from four to sixteen feet.

Aside from this coal it is estimated that the timber of this county will make a solid body ten miles wide by sixty miles in length or 400 square miles of solid timber of first-class quality that would average 4,000,000 teet of lumber per square mile.

On every stream and in aimost every canon is found indications of petroleum and natural gas. Oil springs furnish all the oil used by the ranchmen for their machinery.

Petrified Logs of Copper.

Wonderful stories are those that come from New Mexico concerning an excitement over

mineral discoveries said to have been made in the vicinity of the ancient Spanish mission of Abiquin. "Something entirely new to the science of

mineralogy has been unearthed. It is a forest of logs petrified into rich copper ore that averages 60 per cent copper and thirty to forty ounces of silver to the ton. The logs seem so have floated in some kind of a mineral solution, evidently in the carboniferous period. A sediment of conglomerate—peo-bles, sand and calcareous matter—settled between them, dividing them as they are now found. The seam of conglomerate is about thirty feet thick and extends on both sides of the canon a distance of eight miles each way, so there are sixteen miles of a copper-bearing seam, filled thousands of feet back with copper logo. There is about 600 feet of sand rock above them, which shows the great antiquity of the copper for mation. Some of the logs have already ylelded over two carloads each. There are logs over four feet thick. At first it was thought that the little branches and knots of the trees were only small pockets of cop-per, and little attention was paid to the canon. It was only when its true nature was discovered that it began to boom and is now full of prospectors, many of whom already have several carloads of ore to

A Gigantic Enterprise.

Collis P. Huntington has recently made sale of a tract of land comprising over 1,000,-000 acres in Southern California, to a party of capitalists of New York. Chicago and Denver, for \$2,000,000. The tract includes the famous Saltan Sink which mysteriously filled with water a couple of years ago, and the enterprising promoters of the scheme propose to make it a permanent lake by ca-nals from the Colorado river, ultimately re-

claiming an immense acreage near it.

It is proposed to build a canal from the Colorado river, at a point about 100 miles east of Yuma, which will be simply a new channel for the Colorado. It will extend through the entire Salton territory, and will also be carried by another branch into Mex-ico, into which the territory owned by the

company extends.

If the purposes of the capitalists are realized that section of the country will be so reclaimed that it will be possible to establish a colony there of more than 2,000,000 people, who will not only be able to support themselves but export almost anything that can be raised in a temperate or subtropical climate.

Marshall J. Kinney, one of the oldest and most extensive salmon packers at Astoria. Ore., makes an important statement regard-

ing the Alaska salmon industry. He says: "I consider the Bering sea and Cook's inlet will be the future field for the salmon indus-I think the pack of northwestern Alaska will reach over 1,000,000 cases in less than five years. Half of the salmon streams, as near as I can learn, are not even touched.
When we have better railroad facilities to
Astoria I expect the cold storage and fresh
fish business on the lower Columbia and in
Alaska will be simply enormous. Alaska is

the coming field for the salmon industry, and I fully expect that the production will double inside of five years."

Mr. Kunney shows that the pack has increased from 36,000 cases in 1893 to over 480,000 cases in 1892. He says that the stores and gear sent north this year indicate that the Alaska cannerymen are preparing for the largest pack on record. He calculates that it will reach 800,000 cases and quotes an estimate by Mr. Morgan, who is well known in the San Francisco trade. Mr. Morgan estimates the coming Alaska pack at 620,000 cases, of which 105,000 cases will be packed in southeast Alaska and the remainder in northwest Alaska.

New Pincer Mines.

In constructing the Great Northern railroad it was necessary to change the channel of the Wenatchee river for a short distance at the old Indian mission, eleven miles above Wenatchee. This river bed has been staked off as placer claims and the locators anticipate that they have got a veritable bonanza. Colors are found in every pan, and although the gold is very fine, it is reasonable to suppose that coarse gold will be found on the bed rock. Only a minimum expense will be necessary to sluice on an extensive scale, as there is plenty of water convenient and the topography of the land is such that any fall desired can be obtained. A St. Paul capitalist is interested in the company. He has had eyears of experience in British Columbia during the first gold excitement there.

A Mining Sale.

One of the most important mining deals that has taken place in the Hills of late was quietly consummated yesterday between the Stewart Mining company and the Golden Reward Mining and Milling company at Deadwood, by which the latter assumes the control of a valuable single claim owned by control of a valuable single claim owned by
the former company in Ruby basin, adjoining the ground of the Golden Reward company. The amount purchased was 180,000
shares, at 25 cents per share, a total of \$45,000, which amount is divided between O. J.
Salisbury, Moody & Washabaugh, T. J.
Grier, R. H. Discoll, B. P. Dague, D. A. McPherson. The Stewart, besides being very
rich, has the distinction of being the first
claim located in the Ruby basin district,
and it is estimated to contain at least \$1,000,000 worth of ore.

Oregon Improvement Company in Trouble. It is reported from New York that there is considerable friction among the members of the management of the Oregon Improvement company. Messrs. Prince and Edgerly of the executive committee are expected to resign before the annual meeting next month, and the cancellation of the sinking fund provision of the 6 per cent first mortgage is a question about which there is ser ious discussion. There is also talk of retiring the 6 per cent mortgage altogether in exchange for the consolidated mortgage ines. The authorized consolidated mortgage is \$15,000,000. Of this \$4,168,000 are exchange for the consolidated mortgage fines. The authorized consolidated mortgage is \$15,000,000. Of this \$4.168.000 are said to be outstanding. The change in the directory, it is said, will leave the management entirely in the hands of a single fac-

Gold at Olympia.

Eugene Monroe, an old prospector, has occasioned endless excitement and interest by displaying samples of gold ore of an unusually high value discovered within two miles of Olympia. He says he has been prospecting in the vicinity for three years and has found a ledge of burnt quartz, through which a thread of gold runs in large quantities and unusual purity. The ledge is half a mile long with outcropping of native quartz. He exhibits one piece of free gold half an inch long and one-sixteenth of an inch thick picked from the ledge, and says that assays show that the ore will run from \$75.000 to \$30.000 per ton. \$75,000 to \$80,000 per ton.

A Good Find.

A Mr. Lawrence from Denver, who is largely interested in the Four-Mile placers just south of the Wyoming line in Colorado. left on the stage this morning for Dixon to begin active operations. He will use water out of the Willow Creek ditch. The Rock Springs company have their ditch, which they are taking out of Four Mile creek, nearly completed and expect to begin sluic-ing in a few days. One of the Booth boys, who has a claim in a gulch near Timber lake, which is fed by a spring, cleared up over \$200 in a ten days run.

The Deerhorn Sold.

Messrs, de la Bouglise and Chartier, repesenting the French syndicate t the Rosebud mill at Cripple Creek, Colo. have purchased from Messrs. Walfley and Walsh the Deerhorn mine at Cripple Creek

for the modest sum of \$40,000 cash.

J. Stanley Jones drew up the papers and the entire amount in cash changed hands at the First National bank this morning. The sale is considered the best bargain ever made in Cripple Creek, although Messrs. Walfley and Walsh have realized a very handsome profit on their investment.

The Dakota & Wyoming Railroad.

The steel rails have now been laid up to the company's present terminus at Rapid City. It is thought that the force of men will be put to work next on sidetracks for yard facilities. The force of men will be largely increased the first of next week and work will be rushed on the rock work west of the city, as it is proposed to complete the line to Dark canon and thus be able to run excursion trains to that place during the day of the picnic held by the Society of Black Hills Pioneers at Cleghorn grove June 8.

Nebraska and Nebraskans.

Lightning shattered the house of Joachim Bull, near Etkhorn, but none of the inmates

Business men of David City talk of boycotting the Union Pacific because it will not build a new depot in that town.

Monroe people have raised a bonus to build a bridge across the Loup at that place and the structure will soon be finished. The Dodge county Sunday school workers will hold a convention at Jamestown May 24 and 25, with a basket picnic thrown in to eniven the occasion.

A Madison incendiary poured kerosene over a building twice in one week and fired it, but the fire boys prevented the destruc-tion of the structure.

A heavy chandelier in the Baptist church at Pawnee City fell the other day and set fire to the carpet, but the blaze was extinruished before much damage was done.

The old Union Pacific car which President Lincoln used during the war, and which has been at North Platte for a number of years, has been sold to a syndicate and sent to Chicago

The Hastings presbytery at its meeting at Culbertson decided in favor of the revision of the confession of faith of the Presbyter-ian church. The fall meeting of the presbytery will be held at Axtel.

Mrs. Frank Nermuth, living near Lynch. Boyd county, was burning grass around a garden plot and her dress caught fire. She ran to a creek near by, but before reaching it her clothes were all allame and her body

erribly burned. Mrs. L. H. Douglas, a Broken Bow widow, owed a debt of \$42 which she was unable to pay and her creditors started to foreclose on her property. Charitable people discovered the fact, raised the \$42 and presented Mrs. loughas with \$35 besides.

County Attorney Al Tingle of Bassett and J. Likens, the ex-county treasurer, came blows on the streets of Bassett the other day, and when the fight was over it was found that Tingle's thumbs had been chawed" to a jelly by Likens.

At the examination of candidates for the At the examination of candidates for the West Point cadetship from the Third congressional district, Zeno Briggs of West Point passed the best examination, having an average of 8i, but on account of his age was appointed an alternate. Mr. Williams of St. Edwards was next with an average of 77, and was awarded the cadetship.

The Crete Chautauqua will hold its sessions this year from July 5 to 15. This Columbian year promises to repeat and even exceed the successes of last year. Popular evening entertainments are being arranged to be announced in full later, which will maintain the high average of previous years. They will include two oratorio evenings by the chocus of the assembly assisted. years. They will include two oratorio even-ings by the chorus of the assembly, assisted by the Lincoln Oratorio society, and one evening by the Chorus of Misses of Lincoln (200 young girls), under the direction of Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond. There will be two evenings of stereopticon lectures on the architecture and art of the World's fair by Lorado Taft of Chicago, one of the artists of

the exposition, showing all the buildings and vividly picturing their style of architecture, statuary and decorations. The list of entertainments is not complete, but it is well under way and will maintain the as-sembly's record for first-class programs.

Colorado.

Long Bros. are sacking ore at Bear Creek which averages \$1,000 per ton. The fish gillers are already operating with dynamite down the Rio Grande.

After a long season of drought the eastern part of Colorado is being visited by rain. The Amethyst has contracted with three smelters to furnish each fifty tons of ore

A large body of shipping ore has been struck in the Guston mine, Red Mountain district.

Articles of incorporation of the Pueblo Water Works company were filed with the county clerk with a capital stock of \$1,500,000.

The sale of the Deerhorn at \$45,000 seems to have affected Anaconda stock only frac-tionally. A big drop was expected when the sale was announced. It seems to be a well grounded rumor that

a railroad is to be built through Fort Collins at no distant day, and that the new line will be pushed on to the coast. No credence is placed in the rumored kill-

ing of Lieutenant Plummer by Navajos. The latest news from the San Juan is to the ef-fect that everything is quiet. The men on the chain gang at Colorado Springs went out on a strike and refused to work any longer unless they were given three meals a day instead of two.

A great strike has been made in the Springdale Gold Mining and Milling company's property. Some telluride of gold was taken out which was worth \$15 a pound.

Gentlemen in from Aspen report the location of a large body of ore, the result of re-cent development, in the Mineral Farm, which is located in Hunter's Creek valley, above the Smuggler.

The closing down of the Eurydice mine at Platora is announced, owing to the failure of miners to get their pay since November, 1892. The owners are Barth, Anderson, Harman and others of Denver. The Eurydice is rated as one of the best properties in the Conejos river section.

The Home Cheyenne company obtained an option upon five acres of land between Colorado Springs and Washington Heights. The property is rich in cryolite and the company will engage extensively in the manufacture of glass. A plant costing \$30,000 will be erected in the near future and employment given to fifty men. The Union Pacific will build a branch road

to the pressed brick works and Case stone quarry at an early day. E. A. Cordman, roadmaster, was out yesterday looking over the ground and will report at headquarters today. A road to those industries will give a great impetus to Boulder business, and it is hoped that the road will be built at once.

Wyoming.

The overnment contract for supplying beef to Fort Russell was let at \$5.38 per hundred pounds. Jesse and Sam Yoder brought in sixteen wolf hides from Horse creek. They received

\$128 of Laramie county money. Reports from the shearing pens of the north indicate that the quality and quantity of wool this year has never been surpassed The Cold Springs Stock company of Aurora, Albany county, has been incorporated, with \$20,000 capital, and will conduct a general ranch, fish hatchery and a live stock ousi-

In Fremont county the assessment roll shows that it has one company which pays taxes on 11,000 head; whose number of companies and persons assessed, 420; whole number of cattle, 55,193.

Ed Dolan, a tramp, is in jail at Rawlins, Wyo. He stole the telephone from the office of Judge Homer Merrell. Dolan says he did not know the nature or value of the instrument, but thought it would sell for something Work has been commenced on the telegraph

line from Clearmont, on the B. & M. rail-road, to Buffalo, and it is expected the line will be in operation in less than twenty days. Connection will also be made with the Fort McKinney military post, three miles Nebraska men have incorporated the Val ley Townsite company to do business with the Alcova hot springs in Natrona county,

where a resort has been established. The capital is \$2,000,000, and operations are to be conducted on a large scale. An electric rail-way sixteen miles long will be built. Indian arrow-head mine is one latest mineral discoveries in Wyoming.

has recently been found forty miles from Laramie peak in Albany county. The min-eral was from an agate ledge, which shows extensive work. It is estimated that it would take 100 men two years to do as much work.

Governor Osborne has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$250 for the apprehension of Charles T. Gale, the defaulting city treasurer of Laramie. This is in addition to \$500 posted by the bondsmen. Gale handled \$30,000 while in office a year and was short \$12,000. Pictures and descriptions have been scattered broadcast. One of the most curious and interesting

mineral discoveries is the recent find of a natural soan mine on the line of the Bur-lington, near the town of New Castle. The deposit is from fourteen to twenty feet in thickness, and is a kind of tale saturated with potash. In its natural state it makes fair laundry soap, and when softened with water increases its bulk about four-fold and makes a rich lather.

The Dakotas.

Hot Springs is promoting a paper mill. A four ton plant is projected.

Citizens at Aberdeen have perfected bond guaranteeing a right of way and depot facilities to the proposed Black Hills road. Gophers are becoming a pest along the James river north of Yankton, and farmers have inaugurated a crusade against the ani

The Central Dakota Veteran association will hold its annual encampment at Lake Preston, S. D., on the week commencing

The pontoon bridge at Chamberlain, S. D., is in position again, and hundreds of cattle and scores of land-seekers are crossing daily on their way to the ceded Sioux lands. Complaint is being made that the fish in Canon lake are being wantonly killed by the use of dynamite. This method of fish-

wasteful. Harry L. Williams, a young school teacher. has been indicted for stealing three 2,000-mile mileage books from the Chicago, Mil-waukee & St. Paul depot and for forging names to them

unlawful, besides being cruel and

White-Face-Horse, the Indian implicated in the killing of cowboys some weeks ago, and said to afterwards have com-mitted suicide, is alive and well, hidden at Pine Ridge agency.

The procrietors of the Wind Cave have planned an excursion for the editors of the Black Hills, and individual invitations have been extended to each of the members of the fraternity and to their wives.

A large force of men is at work on the Yankton & Sioux Falls railroad and the grading is being pushed all along the line. The piling of the bridges is all on the ground and a crew of bridge builders is crowding that branch of the work. The Yankton end of the grade will be ready for the tracklayers before many weeks are past.

Contractors on the government artesian well at the Indian school at Pierre struck a flow of water yesterday at a depth of 1,000 feet. This establishes the fact of the existence of an artesian basin in this part of the state, which has always been questioned. The well will be sunk about 100 feet deeper, when the contractors expect a gusher. DEADWOOD, S. D., May 8.—The new foundry and machine shops have started up and are now running out first-class work. The institution will benefit the various other mills in this section, as it will be able to Iur-

nish immediately any casting which is bro-ken and to repair machines otherwise dam-aged, thus doing away with much delay heretofore necessary when a breakdown oc Stockmen west of the Missouri river are Stockmen west of the Missouri river are protesting against the section of Governor Sheldon's cattle quarantine procumation which says. "Provided that cattle brought into this state from certain portions of Texas shall come into the state of South Dakota only for slaughter or grazing, and shall not be shipped from South Dakota into any other be shipped from South Dakota into any other state or territory in the United States be-fore the 1st day of December, 1853." The stockmen ask, if the cattle are fit to be ad-mitted into the state, why are they not in a

Every schoolboy also knows that the Encyclopedia Britannica is justfull of things that he likes to read about. Every

It tells all about horses and dogs, pigeons and rabbits. It tells all about different countries, and the strange customs of strange people and strange lands. What boy does not love to read of the Sea and all the wonderful things connected with it? The curious creatures

to schoolboys, as are the little coral insects and the wonderful Islands they build up from the bottom of the sea. These tropical islands, how beautiful they are, and what an interest they hold for every boy, with their strange

natives, their cocoanut and date palms and their coral reefs.

Every schoolby ought to have a set of the Britannics, and all parents ought to make it their duty to put aside 10 cents

fit condition to ship when an owner of such stock sees it to his advantage to sell? Stock that is held on the ranges until December 1 will have to remain there during the winter and the following summer.

Like It."

A large number of physicians and sur-geons of the hills will meet in Hot Springs on Saturday next for the purpose of organiz ing a medical and surgical staff for a pital to be established at this point. proposed to locate a first-class institution, equal to anything of a like nature in any of the eastern cities.

Colonel T. E. Dawson of Grand Forks, N Colone I. P. Dawson of Grand Forks, N. D., owns the first military order issued by General Grant. It is a simple document, is No. I, dated July 2, 1861, appointing Mr. Dawson quartermaster and commissary of the Twenty-first Illinois. It is signed Colonel U. S. Grant, Springfield, Ill. Mr. Daw-son has refused \$3,000 for it.

New artesian wells near White lake are becoming quite frequent and the Wave records a new well nearly every week. latest one is on the Cooper farm near t where a very heavy flow was obtained. water flows through a six-inch opening and rises to a height of six feet before breaking. The well is 942 feet deep and was put down less than five weeks, H. M. Miles doing the work.

Last winter the legislature passed a law empowering the state railroad commissioners to fix maximum passenger rates. The rail-road commissioners came to consult the Interstate Commerce commission on the con stitutionality of the statute. The national body, after a careful examination, decided that there are so many glaring errors in the bill that it would not stand. On this advice the state commission will refuse to act under

During the year elapsing since the opening of the Sisseton reservation 2,950 homestead of the Sisseton reservation 2,450 homesteads have been filed upon it, leaving less than 400 open for settlement. These remnants are largely fractional and are chiefly located on the hills. The soil generally is rich, but the pieces left are not, of course, choice tracts, though well anapted to stock and general farming. Three fourtshing towns have also recovered to Sisseton Semmit and Efficiency. grown up—Sisseton, Summit and Effington— so that it is safe to place the white popula-tion of the reserve at 10,000, a clear gain to the state in twelve months.

What is claimed to be the largest book ever made has just been completed by Brown & Saenger of Sioux Falls. It is called the Visitors Register, and will be shipped in a Visitors Register, and will be shipped in a few days to Chicago, where it will be put into the South Dakota, building, and every South Dakotan is expected to register in it. The book contains 2,000 pages, and will accommodate forty names to the page. It is 25 inches long, 27 inches wide, when shut, and 13 inches thick. It weighs 175 pounds, and it took the whole hide of a cow to bind it. Through the hollow of the back when the book is open, a 7-year-old boy can crawi with ease. The board is three-quarters of an inch thick. The book cost the firm \$100, and will be presented to the South Dakota commission.

Scarlet fever has broken out among Cree Indian children, and thirteen cases and three deaths are reported from a camp eight miles north of Anaconda.

William Matthews, the king and last of William Matthews, the king and last of the cattle rustlers, who for a time in 1890 and 1891 defied law successfully in Wyom-ing, Idaho and Washington, was brought to Great Falls heavily ironed by Deputy Sheriff Dwyer. He was captured in Choteau, where he was traveling under the name of Thomas Briggs.

"John J. Zimmerman is a cattle owner of Montana," runs a dispatch in the Chicago Tribune. "Though well-to-do so far as this world's goods are concerned Mr. Zimmerman is wholly unaccustomed to the ways of the wicked city. Accordingly when he ran against Philamon Austin and his wife Margaret he parted with money and notes to the extent of \$7,500 and has his experience in exchange for his money. In the hope of getting

back at his alleged swindlers Zimmerman has filed a bill in the circuit court asking for an injunction restraining them from disposing of the notes he gave them. He also began suit against Austin for \$20,000 damages.

The women of Bozeman have sent to the The women of Bozeman have sent to the World's fair a magnificent jewel in the form of the state's coat of arms. It is composed of gold, silver, copper and precious stones, all of the most artistic and excellent workmanship, weighs five or six pounds, and cost an even \$500—the entire sum being raised by the united efforts of the Ladies' Columbian association of Gallatin county.

The court has overruled the motion for a non-suit made by the defendant in the cele brated St. Louis-Montana mining companies' case now progressing at Helena. This rul-ing is construed as favorable to the St. Louis company, in that the senior right of the plaintiff gave it the privilege to follow the mineral vein into territory to which neither of the parties to the suit has United States patents.

What will very likely turn out to be the most important mining suit ever brought in the United States is now on trial in the United States court. It involves a question that has never yet been settled in the courts and which is a disputed one under the min-ing laws. The question is whether the first discoverer of a mineral vein, the apex of which is on his claim, is entitled to all the ore found within the walls of that yein, no matter whether it stays within the lines of that claim as it deepens or goes outside.

The apparently interminable Davis will case is again on the docket of the circuit court for a new trial. Reports have been current that a compromise had been effected between the different factions, especially in view of the recent death of one of the prin-cipal litigants, but this is denied by the law-yers on both sides. The special administrator has over \$1,000,000 in cash on hand, in addition to nearly 1,000 shares of bank stock. No attempt has so far been made to collect on the notes for \$500,000 that bear the signa-ture of Irvin Davis, prother of the dead mil-

Washington.

A company has been negotiating for the site of a 10-stamp mill at Swauk and will put it in operation if a ledge can be secured. J. H. Jansen of Tacoma has purchased Dexter Shoudy's claim at the mouth of Williams creek, Swauk district, for \$3,000. Gus Nelson is reported to have taken out

a gold nugget at Swauk last week weighing twenty-eight ounces and valued at \$420. The Crispin Mining company is developing gold mines in the Green river country. lock claims to be the nearest town to this

There is a possibility that the Langenour woolen mill subsidy may yet be raised. Of the \$15,000 asked as a bonus ₹10,500 has been subscribed. The Washington Reduction company of Ruby City has commenced milling again after having been shut down since Novem-ber 29 on account of frost.

Operations have been going on all winter at the Rainbow mine on Palmer mountain, and a 12-foot lead of rich rock is being worked with good success.

The new shingle mill of the Willapa Cedar Lumber company at South Bend has been started in full operation. The mill turns out a carload of shingles a day and is undergoing changes which will increase the daily output to 180,000. The diamonds and other valuables stolen from the residence of J. E. Boss of Spokane,

have been recovered and returned to the

owner. The total value of the stolen jewels amounted to \$800. The theft was traced to a youth of respectable parentage, who, when confronted with the evidence of his crime, broke down and confessed all. It is reported that the great monster ser-pent that lives in Rock lake near the mouth of Rock creek, has been seen lately and is supposed to be 100 feet in length and as large around as a barrel. There is an old tradi-

tion that a regular man-eater dwells in Rock

Director Ames of the Union Pacific railroad writes that the company is making an active inquiry with the view of extending its track to Astoria, and expects to reach conclusion in a few weeks.

Shyster locators and timber sharks are locating eastern suckers on land in Tilla-mook county at from \$25 to \$75 per head. The Sheridan Sun says: A few of the swindled immigrants ought to make a hang-ing bee and string up a few of the aforesaid locators.

Mrs. Eliza Lovell Francis died at Portland Sunday, aged 100 years. She was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and the relict of Major Simeon Francis, U. S. A., ed-itor of the Portland Oregonian for several years, beginning with 1861.

W. W. Cavines of Pendleton, having been pressed by creditors, has sold to R. S. Stra-han, J. W. Whalley, G. W. Hunt and asso-ciates the well known Foster ranch property on the Umatilla meadows, and also his stock in the Columbia Valley Land and Irri-gation company, for \$40,000. Josiah Taylor, the oldest man in Oregon,

died near Sheridan, Yamphill county, aged 104. He was the oldest of seven children, the other six of whom are still alive, the youngest being now a woman of 80 years. Josiah voted for the fourth president of the United States in 1812 and has been a democrat ever since. Last November he wal seven miles to cast a vote for Cleveland.

The telephone line now building from Pen-dleton to Canyon City will be what is known as a "metallic circuit," the same system as in vogue between Chicago and New York. There will be two wires the entire distance, The company behind the enterprise is known as the Blue Mountain Telephone and Telegraph company, and was recently organized at Pendleton with a capital stock of \$50,000.

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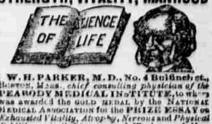
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