A Ledge of Almost Solid Ruby and Native Silver.

A NEW EL DORADO IN WEST KOOTENAY

Placer Mining Pays in Wyoming-A Square Mile of Wheat Under Exhibition-Sold Part of a Rattroad-General News.

Jack Henderson, an old prospector and miner, has just returned from what is known as the Seafoam district, about 100 miles from Boise. He reports a big find on Sulphur treek, near Seafoam.

The strike is in the "O. K." mine, owned by John Early of this city. The ledge is four feet wide, carrying quantities of almost solid ruby and native silver. It is the biggost ledge of ruby silver, Mr. Henderson says, that has ever been discovered. The owner of the Mountain King mine assayed some of the rock and it went \$20,000 to the top. Mr. Henderson brought some of the ore in with him, and it is wonderfully rich. A small shipment of the ore was sent to Salt Lake, but returns have not yet been received from there.

When Mr. Henderson left they had taken but about nine tons of this ruby silver ore. Some fifty miners have rushed into the district to make locations. Mr. Henderson has s claim, the O. K. No. 2, which is a continuation of Early's ledge. In addition to this, Mr. Early has a number of other mines that show phenomenal wealth in silver, with

Mr. Early will start for his mines in a few days. The new mine, the O.K., is being worked by two men, to whom Mr. Early has given a one-third interest. He will proceed to Seafoam, and will pack some of the ore to Boise. He expects to reduce it by a new process in which he is interested. He thinks the new process will win. Seafoam is destined to be one of the leading silver camps of Idaho.

A Ledge of Silver.

One of the most surprising and sensational finds yet recorded in West Kootenay was discovered recently in the White Grouse mountains, on the divide between East and West Kootenay. Here, about fifteen miles from Kootenay lake, in a fine, open grass country, the wonderful claim, or claims, were struck. Forty feet between walls, such is the ledge discovered, and highly mineral-Ized from wall to wall. Assays from this tremendous body of ore ran from 350 to 9,000 ounces in silver and 55 per cent copper, with about \$2 in gold. The country rock is slate and lime, the vein a contact one, the croppings of which can be traced seven miles and

is easily visible at ten.

This new El Dorada is but fifteen miles from Marysville, on the Kootenay lake, fol-lowing up Lockhart creek, and abounds in cariboo, deer, grouse, and the rare white grouse from which it takes its name. The whole way from the lake to the claims is easy and open and is most favorable for a trail or wagon road at a minimum of cost. Much excitement has been caused by the find, and already about seventy or eighty prospectors have left this place for the seat of the new discovery. Such an immense body of ore returning such magnificent results is enough to give any one prospectors' fever. The names of the discoverers are James Black, David Gibson, John Noble and Robert Lockhart, and the number of claims they located were seven; their names are Silver Tip, Banner, Colby, Mammoth, Morning Star, Copper King and Big Four, all of which were recorded in Ainsworth August 1, and united under the name of Copper King group, the name of the big discovery.

An Old-Timer's Views.

Mr. Hurley, one of the old-timers, has worked in Lincoln gulch for thirteen years, and before that was six years on Spring sreek. He has also been in Montana, but sreek. He has also been in Montana, but declares he never saw such gold there as has been found in Wyoming. During all the time that he has been in this country he has made his living by placer mining, and never a year has rolled around that he has not made a good cleanup. He says that he has done fairly well this year, but that frost and low water had to be contended against. Yet with the frost reaching down two feet in the ground last remains. against. Let with the frost reaching down two feet in the ground last spring he man-aged to "pouch out," as he says, \$10 a day. He has not been at work for two months, but says that he will probably do something in the way of improving his property soon. He now has a reservoir, which he has been improving steadily, and which backs the water up 900 feet. He will probably do some work upon this in a short time.

Mr. Hurley has bonded his gulch property to Danyar carties and should the some time.

to Denver parties, and should they decide to buy it he will transfer his operations to another claim which he declares is just as good if not better than that which he has been working so long.

Rich Earth in Washington. DPeter Koontz, the pioneer prospector in the Green river country, has come in from that mineral field, bringing with him speci-mens taken from the mine his party is de-veloping, which specimens assay from \$600 to \$1,000 per ton of gold and silver, the former metal predominating. For six consecutive summers Mr. Koontz and his party pros pected the St. Helens country, and were the first to discover any minerals of a quality and quantity sufficiently abundant to justify any considerable amount of developmen work. Last year the region of the "find" was made known, and a great rush of gold hunters resulted. Three parties in particular—the Maker party of Chehalis, Duffy's two camps, and the Koontz outfit—are doing a vast amount of work on their respective claims, and are taking out ore in abundantly paying quantities. The mineral vein in each mine so far developed increases, in size and quality as it is followed further into the hill-side. Mr. Koontz returned to the mines, side. Mr. Koontz returned to the mines, having only come out to secure a supply of provisions. The mineral springs located about midway between this place and Mount St. Helens, are also attracting considerable attention. They are soda springs, the principal one of which bubbles up in the center of a group of a half a dozen, and overflows the land to such an extent that fully an acre of land has been hidden from sight by a ferthe tand to such an extent that fully an acre of land has been hidden from sight by a for-mation of the salts of seda and other ingredients of mineral waters, pro-ducing a crusting strong enough to bear up the weight of a horse.

A Colorado Strike. Frank C. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the Whale Mining and Milling company, is in from the Yankee Hill gold district. He shows a certificate from the Chamberlain sampling works at Idaho Springs which credits ore from the ten-foot shaft of the Little Clair mine with thirty-four ounces in gold and seven ounces in silver to the ton. The discovery was made last week, the ore examined having been taken from the vein by the editor of a paper at Idaho Springs.

The Little Clair shaft, in which the rich pre is found, is located on a small strip at the end of the Whale territory and has probably out the Whale vein probably cut the Whate vein.

In the Whale mine the main shaft is down forty feet. The ore body widens and grows richer as depth is attained, which leads to the supposition that several veins merge

run together at the point where the shaft is A Novel Wheat Show.

Modern science and the skill of the best farming talent of the greatest farming country in the world combined last week in giving to the nations of the earth an exnibition such as they never before saw and which made an impression surely fated to bear fruit in later years and in other climes. Before the eyes of the foreign commissioners sand visiting newspaper men a square mile of ripe wheat melted away like snow before a summer sun, and when noon came over 320 tores of waving grain had been iaid low and stacked up in symmetrical heaps about one of the finest and best equipped farms in North Dakota. North Dakota

The town of Larimore is nothing but a corner of the vast estate of N. F. Larimore, whose acres number 16,000, of which 10,000 are sown in wheat. An army of men work in the great fields and reside in the hamlet bearing the name of the proprietor of the

From the railroad tracks to the south lay the square mile of wheat waiting for the harvest. The slightest possible touch of frost the previous night had not injured the grain, but had given a hint of the necessity

DOINGS OF THE WILD WEST of action. The guests arrived during the night from Grand Forks.

Gathered to see the attack, and at a word

Gathered to see the attack, and at a word from Mr. Larimore, forty-three self-binders, manned by 150 men, started from one side of the field, and with all the speed of the most modern appliances, cut great swaths and threw the grain behind them in even and well-stacked rows. It was more like magic than reality to many of the foreigners, who gazed spellbound at the work. Others, more accustomed to modern agricultural methods, watched with approval for awhile and then went shooting or on a tour of inspection went shooting or on a tour of inspection about the farm, as their tastes dictated. In either case the visitors had a treat, for the prairie chickens were plentiful and the farming methods a most interesting study. The trip to Larimore was taken after midnight, until which time the people of Grand Forks entertained the visitors at the Pioneer club,

oncluding one of the pleasantest days of the trip.
A Missouri Pacific Annex.

It is asserted by projectors of the Yankton Norfolk railway that eighteen miles of his roadbed havesbeen sold to the Great Northern, and the contractors now con-structing the Sioux Falls-Yankton extension of the latter road expect to begin ironing the new acquisition by September 5. The purchase of only eighteen miles of Yankton & Norfolk roadbed is interpreted to mean that J. J. Hill intends extending his road in a more southerly direction to connect with the Missouri Pacific. The Great Northern extension from Sieux Falls will be compieted to Yankton next week. It is understood that Senator Pettigrew has transerred his franchise for a railway bridge across the Missouri river to J. J. Hill, and that Yankton is to be made division headquarters for the Great Northern.

Mrs. Bruin's Luncheon. A few days since Paul Pascoe, wife and friends took a day off and went berrying on the head of Four-Mile. Mrs. Paul hied her away to the head of the gulch, where she soon succeeded in filling her two-gallon pail with luscious raspberries. Just then the circus opened and the fun began. A huge circus opened and the fun began. A huge cinnamon bear had evidently been patiently awaiting her efforts to fill her pail and, unexpectedly to Mrs. Paul, put in a sudder ippearance.

Mrs. Paul did not wait upon an order to

go, but neglecting her pail of berries, started down the gulch at a 2:11 gait, her feet dislodging the boulders of the glacia era, turning a sharp corner she struck bed-rock and one of the aforesaid prehistoric rocks went bounding over her form. Upon recovering her equilibrium she stole a hasty glance backward and beheld her bearship and family of eleven cubs quietly lunching off the berries, the fruit of her patient labors for full six hours. Mrs. Bruin evidently believed in Jacksonian democracy—that to the victor belong the spoils.

Wants a Game Warden. Henry Shafnit, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., arrived in Denver to confer with the state game warden in relation to the viola tion of the game laws. He reports that the destruction of deer and elk in Routt county is something appalling, and that the car-casses are lying around the country spoiling and furnishing food for covotes and wolves, Wagon loads of game, he says, are being slaughtered and hauled away, regardless of any restrictions the law may impose. The Yampa river country is about the best game district in the state and the people of that country have taken considerable interest in preserving the game that the fine hunting might be prolonged as an attraction as long as possible. It is a camping resort and in-experienced riflemen gather there in the summer provided with big guns and shoot at everything in sight.

Mr. Shafnit will ask that a game warden

be placed in that district. Fear the Apaches.

Members of the annual roundup party which started from the San Bernardino ranch on the Mexican line last week, report naving encountered two bands of Apaches in the Animas valley, fifteen miles north of there. One band was composed of fourteen bucks and the other of six. They were well armed and mounted. The two parties were seen on different days.

The larger band was encountered at the

mouth of a canon. The Indians, evidently expecting an attack, rode rapidly up the canon. The roundup party, composed of thirty-five cattlemen, had their herd together and feward the cattlement of the cattlement gether and feared a stampede if they fol-lowed the Indians. Had they done so they would undoubtedly have been ambushed and heavy loss of life resulted.

The troops under Lieutenant Wallace, which have been camped in that vicinity, have been withdrawn, and the renegades from San Carlos are roaming at will unmolected. ested. Unless prompt action is taken to capture or drive these Indians back on the servation a raid equaling that of Geronimo's several years ago is predicted by the frontiersmen of this section. A courier from the roundup brought the news to Tombstone with a request that the proper authorities be notified.

Nebraska Fairs.

Dates for fairs in Nebraska have been set Omaha Fair-September 5 to 8. State Fair-Lincoln, September 8 to 15. Adams County-Hastings, September

Antelope-Neligh, September 20 to 22. Boone—Albion, September 20 to 22. Boyd—Butte, September 27 to 29. Brown—Long Pine, September 28 to 30. Buffalo—Kearney, September 19 to 22. Burt-Tekamah, September 20 to 22. Butler-David City, September 19 to 22, Cass-Plattsmouth, September 19 to 22, Cedar-Hartington, September 26 to 28, Colfax—Schuyler, September 4 to 7. Custer—Broken Bow, October 3 to 6. Callaway District-Callaway, September

Cuming-West Point, September 27 to 30.

Dawes—Chadron, September 20 to 23. Deuel—Big Springs, October 5 to 7. Dixon—Ponca, September 12 to 15. Dodge -Fremont, September 18 to 21. Fillmore-Geneva, September 19 to 22. Gage—Beatrice, September 5 to 8, Gosper—Elwood, September 21 to 23. losper—Elwood, September 21 to 25. Iall—Grand Island, September 25 to 29. Hamilton—Aurora, September 5 to 8. Harlan—Stamford, September 27 to 29. Hitchcock—Culbertson, September 19 to 22. Holt-O'Neill, October 5 to 7. fferson-Fairbury, September 27 to 29. Kearney-Minden, September 19 to 22, Knox-Creighton, September 5 to 7. ancaster-Lincoln, September 8 to 15. Madison—Madison, September 19 to 22. Nemaha—Auburn, September 26 to 29. Otoe—Syracuse, October 11 to 13. Pawnee—Pawnee City, September 5 to 9. Perkins—Madrid, September 22 to 23. Platte—Humphrey, September 25 to 27. Platte—Columbus, September 27 to 29. Polk—Osceola, September 5 to 8. Red Willow-Indianola, September 5 to 9. Richardson-Falls City, September 5 to 8. Sarpy—Papillion, September 20 to 22. Saunders—Wahoo, September 10 to 22. Sheridan—Rushville, September 26 to 28. Seward—Seward, September 26 to 29. Stanton—Stanton, October 3 to 6. Thayer-Hebron, September 27 to 30. Valley—Ord, September 25 to 30. Wilcox District—Wilcox, October 4 to 6. Washington—Blair, September 26 to 29. Wayne-Wayne, September 20 to 22. York-York, September 19 to 22.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. Hitchcock county republicans will hold heir convention at Trenton September 30. A Beatrice man is negotiating for the purchase of the electric light plant of York. R. Gilbert, an aged resident of Pawnee

City, fell down a cellarway and broke his A. Mekin, a farmer near Brock, became insane from the effects of a sunstroke and was sent to an asylum.

Fire destroyed McCafferty's barn at O'Neill, and a team of horses and a pony perished in the flames.

One thousand people attended the Hay Springs firemen's tournament last week, and Rushville won the hose team race. Eleven children with their families at tended the silver wedding anniversary of Hon, and Mrs. A. Zimmerer at Nebraska

The Sons of Veterans of Papillion will give a grand ball during the county fair for the purpose of raising money to buy parapher-

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Loup and Elithern Baptist association will be held in Norfolk on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1. The fifth convention of the Christian En-

deavor societies of Cass county was held at Avoca and there was a large attendance from all the towns in the county. H. A. Gurinian, an Armenian jeweler of Holdrege, was taken before the Board of In-sanity and found to be suffering from a mild

form of insanity. His brother from Chicago will endeavor to take him home with him. It is thought a change of scene will bring him around all right.

A Perkins county farmer has discovered that thirty drops of carbolic acid in three gallons of water, given to hens or hogs in their food, is a sure remody for choiera. The democrats of Hitchcock county have had no organization for four years, but now they propose to get into shape and a mass convention has been called to arrange for

consolidating the party. Says the Lyons Mirror: H. L. Twiford of the reservation brought totown on Saturday a sample of winter wheat of his own raising, which weighed at the rate of sixty-eight pounds to the bushel. Who says winter wheat can't be raised here?

The residence of Banker Chambers of Herman was burglarized the other day dur-ing the absence of the family and jewelry of considerable value was stolen, among which was Mrs. Chambers' gold watch, bracelet, pair of valuable cuff buttons and other good ewelry. The thief escaped with his booty. Pyle & Briggs, the Syracuse horsemen, have just lost Gumbo, one of their most promising horses. Mr. Briggs was speeding him on the track, and had gone but a quarter, when the horse suddenly dropped dead. Gumbo made a record last year of 2:2914. and this year had paced a quarter in 30 se onds, and was giving promise of becoming

one of the fastest pacers on the turf. The loss is a severe one to his owners. W. E. Gleason of Hoskins has just sold his fine farm to F. Wickert of Iowa for a handsome price, says the Norfolk News. Northeastern Nebraska lands are in good demand. The fact that the soil is unusually productive and good crops always insured in this portion of the state, is one that has not escaped the observing eyes of hundreds farmers from other states, who are com are coming

n daily in search of purchasable lands. Burglars broke into a saloon and drug tore at Hardy and made a rich haul. In the store at Hardy and made a rich haul. In the saloon they took about \$300 in money and goods, including several jugs of whisky, cigars, clothes and about \$40 worth of lottery tickets. At the drug store they secured some money and a quantity of perfumery, amounting in all to about \$25. They had evidently taken their time to the job, for in the saloon they had made themselves several lemonades and smoked several cigars.

Tue Dakates The state tax of South Dakota is 41/2 mills. In two big prairie fires north and south of Highmore, 700 tons of hay and a good deal of pasture were destroyed. Russian thistles are getting so thick

around De Smet hat the newspapers are calling for an organized effort to weed them One of the features of the exposition at Mitchell will be the wedding of an Indian couple from Yankton agency, the ceremony

to be performed by a native preacher. Tests of the wonderful artesian well at Chamberlain show the spouter to have a force sufficient to throw a three-inch stream of water 175 feet in the air. The well is the

There are ten wells in Yankton city alone, four of which are larger than the largest well in Brule county. This county went into the artesian well business thirteen years ago and has been actively engaged One hundred and depth wells is the number in Yankton county. Representatives of a colony of 200 families

in Rockford, Ill., have inspected lands west of Pierre on the recently ceded reservation and have decided to have the colony locate upon these lands and go into farming and the stock business. The land opened for settlement between Sturgs and the state capital is fast being settled up. The people of Spearfish are preparing to hold a grand demonstration on the occasion of the entrance of the first locomotive over

advent of a railway, connecting with one of the great trunk lines of the west, is occasion for rejoicing in any city and Spearfish will probably be duly heard from when the

Ore from the Fountain, Turkey creek, in El Paso county, is running \$15 gold and some

A lengthy lead carrying \$160 gold and thirty ounces silver has been discovered near Taylor river, Gunnison county. The committee of sheep and cattlemen which met at Parachute the other day failed

to agree and trouble may begin again At a depth of eighty-eight feet the Blue Bird, Cripple creek, has a two-foot streak of high-grade ore running five to seven ounces

Six inches of rich ore like that in the Sultan has been struck in the Free American mine at Duncan. Another rich strike is reported on Short creek. Mr. Callicotte, fish and game warden of

the state of Colorado, will visit Elk creek soon, where he will distribute 15,000 rainbow trout in the stream at Pine Grove. l'ourteen miners are cleaning up the Columbus mine near Mancos, which was re-cently sold to a Boston syndicate for \$150,000.

The four-inch pay streak runs \$150. The potato crop is unusually large and of a very fine quality at Greeley, exceeding last year's crop by 12 per cent. The shipments will probably exceed 5,000 cars. A set of tools weighing 1,000 pounds has

been blown out of a 1,490 foot hole at Coal creek by natural gas. They were lost by the Colorado Coal and Iron company nineteen years ago. The Pike's Peak, Cripple creek, is down eventy feet and has seventy feet of drifts.

Forty pounds of the ore panned \$350. Steady shipments will be made to both the smelters and their milis. The Holden works of Aspen were closed under an attachment in favor of Charles Graham of Philadelphia for \$199,000. Losses in silver and general depression in

business are given as the cause of the trouble. The United oil refinery at Florence is running full capacity, 1,000 barrels a day. The Rocky Mountain refluery at Overton is running 800 barrels a day. The consumption of crude oil now exceeds the production, but

there is a reserve of 250,000 barrels. Chlorination, which has proved so success ful in connection with the big Homestake mill, Black Hills district, is about to be introduced at Cripple creek as an adjunct of the Rosebud mill. All the concentrates from the stamp mill will be treated by the chlorination process and refractory ore run-ning from \$40 to \$50 per ton can be worked cheaper in this way than by smelting.

Wyoming. Major Schnitger, the fish commissioner, has distributed 3,000 fish in the streams of Uinta county. John Cudahy, who lost so much m Chicago by the fall in pork, has 10,000 head of cattle in Wyoming.

The Union Pacific is only shipping 200 cars of coal a day now, 100 cars less than it was shipping this time last year. The Blue Jay and Eyestone mines of the Otras Mining company, were sold at public auction. They brought \$3,650. They cost

the company nearly \$100,000. The Sarton's ranch property, near Laramie, was sold the other day for \$30,000. It includes 60,000 acres of land. This same property was invoiced in 1887 and was then valued at \$700.000. valued at \$700,000.

A war between sheepmen and cattlemen is imminent near Laramic peak at the north line of Albany county. Sheriff Frazer left yesterday for the scene. The cattlemen for-bid the passage of sheep.

Sir Peter Walker Bart of England has contracted with Colonel William H. Root to furnish him with a car load of eik for his estate at Osmaston Manor, Derby, England. The carload is to consist of twenty head, one-third to be male. There is supposed to be a case of leprosy at the penitentiary. It is Ed Fisher, sen-tenced to one year for grand larceny from Sweetwater county. Secretary Barber called at Laramie to inspect and Governor Osbarne will come.

Osborne will come. M. W. Dillon expects to continue the de-M. W. Dilion expects to continue the de-velopment of his recent coal discoveries near Rawlins. He will drive a slope on the four-teen-foot vein, north of the Union Pacific railroad track. A test has been made of the surface coal, which proved very satisfactory, but no complete analysis will be made until the stope is driven in at least 100 foot on the

Oregon. The 13-year-old son of Lewis Paddock killed a lyax near Vale last Friday which measured four feet from tip to tip.

The estimated yield of hops in Polk county this year is 1,800,000 pounds. The quality of the hops this year will be better than last.

A Willamina man has sevented a hay press that presses two baies at once. It is a self-feeder and will bale straw as it comes from the thresher.

Pendleton's telephone subscribers are com-bining to have their monthly rental reduced from \$5 to \$3, on penalty of withdrawing their united patronage. The Oregon Pacific office at Chitwood has

peen ordered discontinued, says the Albany Democrat, but the agent, refuses to discontinue until his back salary, including the old one, is paid. He continues to do business, and the company seems unable to get rid of

There is a curious looking car at the Southern Pacific depot at Corvallis. It was built at Chehalis, Wash., and has made a trip to Dakota and back to Corvaliis. It is one of six of its kind that are scouring the United States in the photographic business, and in the last six years their proprietors haven taken 25,000 dozen pictures. Sheriff Furnish of Umatilla county, found

five horses lying dead in a room of an unoc-cupied house on his ranch. They had been there for some time, and had evidently been placed there by some person or persons who had killed them. At least, this is the sheriff's conclusion, as the door was shut and only one pane of glass was broken in the Mr. Willis Brown of Eugene, has received returns from the carload of peach plums

shipped to Chicago. Seventy-eight cents per crate was realized from the fruit. This was fully 10 cents a crate above California fruit of that description on the same date, but was not what it should have been, as the railroad delayed the car on the route and some of it had decayed.

The wild parsnip has taken quite a hold of the cattle ranging on Buck and Hiatt prairies. Nine head of fine bovines have uccumbed to the flatulent properties of the root of that sweet smelling but death-deal-ing herb. These cattie strayed to the herds of Barron and Butler. As the ground in that section is soft the wild parsnip root comes out easily, hence it is feared others may go the same way.

Washington. Vandals are shooting sheep on the ranges about Laurel. A Montesano man captured two sea parrots at Westport.

The Pomeroy Independent reports a sheriff's sale of 100 horses for \$90. A New Whatcom mill turns out 70,000 shingles daily for eastern orders. Settlers west of Custer are building a bridge more than 200 feet long over Califor-

nia creek by donation work. The Simpson logging camps near Kamilchie have closed down and about 300 men turned out of employment. This is one of the largest logging companies west of the mountains, averaging 375,000 feet a day. The body of Frank Switzer of Kaslo, the the two men killed by the snowslide on the Freddie Lee mine last January, has been recovered by his brother. It was in a perfect state of preservation and showed little mark of injuries.

H. C. Walters passed through Ellensburgh last week with a carioad of ore from his mine in the Slocan country, which assays \$225 in silver and \$50 in gold to the ton. This is the first shipment from the mine and the company has plenty of it on the dump. Two of Simpson's logging camps at Monte-

sano, employing about 100 men, closed down last Saturday evening, and it is rumored that the remaining two camps will also soon shut down for the season. There are now 16,000,000 feet of logs in the sound at Kamilchie which have been cut in Simpson's Several prospectors have arrived from the

mouth of the American river with samples of sand running from \$8 to \$14 per ton. Bill Tibb, the cook at the camp, came to Tacoma with some very rich samples, and reports those already there taking out from \$3 to \$4 a day with rockers. It is estimated that from \$10 to \$20 a day can be taken out with sluices. Mr. Tibb was among the first to take up claims on the American river placers, and he piloted in the first party. He has been prospecting since the gold fever days in California.

Near Fairhaven a few days ago a cougar visited the house of a farmer. The animal came up to the door, which was open, and a little girl, who was alone in the house it. She didn't know what kind of a beast it was, but the cougar blinked at her and she says looked at a piece of bread she had in her hand. She threw it to the beast; it ate the bread, took another look at the child and quietly disappeared into the forest. When the child told her story an examination of the footprints showed them to be those of a large cougar.

Four men in a boat had an exciting scrimnage with an enormous bear on Lake Whatcom. They were on a fishing trip and were armed only with an ax and a pistol. They saw it swimming in the water and opened fire. The bear made straight for the bow of the boat, with its eyes like small balls of fire and its mouth open wide. It seized the boat, tearing a piece of wood off the gunwale several inches in length; then dodging the blows from the ax that were directed at him, Bruin gave the side of the boat a swipe with his paw, nearly overturning it. just then the pistol and the ax got in their work and the bear gave up the fight and the ghost. The carcass was towed ashore.

Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy she uses the gent e and pleasant liquid laxative Syrup of

COURTLAND BEACH.

arge Crowds of Excursionists Swell the Gate Receipts. Yesterday was the largest day, numerically and financially speaking, that Courtland beach has enjoyed this season, exceptmg the Fourth of July.

The Union Pacific railway brought into Omaha about 3,000 Courtland beach excursionists, in two sections, while the Elkhorn road's special excursion train contributed another thousand, the Burlington adding 200 beach visitors from Plattsmouth.

Leuvenmark made his live in the presence

of 4,000 spectators who stood on the beach His tactics, as usual, caused jeers and shouts when he made a mental survey of the distance from the tower to the water with ap-parent fear, but in due time he made his usual matchiess dive which was received with great applause and attended with char-

acteristic success. The Bicketts gave their regular aerial exhibition. On account of the high wind Jes-sie Zelno only made one balloon ascension, which closed the balloon contracts at Court land for the season.

Leuvenmark closes his third and last week tonight. So do the Bicketts. Two ex-hibitions will be given today in commemoration of Labor day Tomorrow night will be fireworks night, and on Wednesday, All Saints church will picnic at the beach while the University of Omaha picnic occurs Thursday, and that of

St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday. 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 fittle pills are perfect in action and result, regulating the stomach and bowels, so that headaches, dizziness and lessitude are prevented. lassitude are prevented. They tone up the system. Lots of health in these little fellows.

The average yield will be less, but it will be made up in nerengo. Hop tickets will be legal tender for the first week of picking.

Scheme to Open the Sand Hills Engineered by Cattlemen.

HOW A THOMAS COUNTY MAN FIGURES

Details of the Manner in Which the Wealthy Stock Basser Would Crowd the Ploneers from Their Hard-Earned Homes.

THEDFORD, Neb., Aug. 31 .- To the Editor of Tuz Bzz: Believing that you have at heart the best interests of Nebraska and its farmers, we would like to ask the aid of your paper in giving publicity to a matter which threatens to bring upon us considerable trouble.

The situation is this:

as the "sand hill region" of Nebraska, after locating here and taking up homesteads, have made for themselves fairly pleasant homes in what was a wilderness when they came. Before the farmers came the cattlemen held all this country and used it as a cattle range, but as settlers came in the cattlemen were gradually pushed back and have not operated in this territory for several years, and our present grievance is that the cattle men are now trying to get back here and crowd the settlers out and make of this a cattle range once more, after we have suffered all the privations of frontier life and labored five or six years to plant trees, build houses and otherwise improve and beautify the country and make of it a productive ag-

range. Naturally, we object. The herd law of Nebraska provides that the owners of stock must keep their herds off of the farmers' crops, and the farmers need not fence their crops unless they wish

ricultural region instead of a lonesome cattle

First Act of the Opposition.

The first act of the opposition was to call a meeting of the settlers in the early summer to consider the advisability of trying to have the herd law changed, just in this county, so that farmers should be obliged to fence their crops and the owners of stock be allowed to range their herds at large-in other words. a free range.

The meeting was held and nothing done for out of a large number of settlers present or represented, only two or three were in favor of the change, these two or three being men whose farming operations are conducted on a very small scale, and who mainly de people at so much a head per season. The majority of the sentiment was in favor of leaving the law just as it is, for there is no timber growing in this county, absolutely none, and ail the posts for fencing, and, of course, the wire would have to be bought outside and hauled or shipped here from a great distance. All this would put each farmer to a heavy expense, and as building up a home in a new country is an uphill struggle at best, very few of the settlers are financially able to fence their farms; besides it is just the next thing to an impossibility to construct a fence which will turn range steers anyway. Barb wire has no terrors for them and if they see a cornfield on the other side it just about takes a stone wall or a regiment of cavalry to keep them out, so, we fear, if free range is permitted, the settlers will be driven out of the country, their stroyed and their many years of labor and privation brought to naught, while their farms become once more a wilderness and a cattle range.

Not Eastly Discouraged.

As stated above, nothing was accomplished at the meeting and so the few in favor of the change schemed around and managed to have a committee appointed to call another meeting in hopes, perhaps, of having enough of their sympathizers present next time to make it appear that a majority of the settlers in the county was in favor of having the herd law changed.

July 4, and the result was the same as be-fore—nothing done, only a committee ap-pointed to call still another meeting, and it began to appear as though a waiting game was being played, the idea being, apparently, to continue calling meetings indefi-nitely until finally such an attendance nitely until finally such an attendance should be secured as would give an expression of the sentiment desired and enable the matter to be railroaded through. The next meeting was held at Thedford July 27, delegates being invited from several of the adjoining counties. Logan, Cherry, Hooker, etc., and this time a new sensation was sprung when it was proposed to try and secure a change in, not the state herd law, but the United States law, just in these few Nebraska counties, and give to each settler enough land, in addition to what he already holds, to make him the possessor of one square mile of land, and then after this to permit the cattlemen or companies to buy all the remaining land from the government, no one company being allowed to buy more than one township in a place, they to fence all their land and keep their cattle inside their own fences, thus relieving the farmers

of the necessity of fencing their crops, nothing more being said about free range.

Farmers Not Satisfied. On its face this seems to be a fair enough proposition, but the farmers are afraid of it, for from what they have observed of the experience of other states they think it is im-possible for range cattle and farmers to exist in the same territory. One or the other is generally crowded out and unless there is some law like our present herd law tect them the farmers are usually the ones to suffer; and so, believing that it is more to Nebraska's interest to make of this an agri-cultural region than it would be to make it a cattle range, they, in self preservation, object to any change from present conditions and view with suspicion all encroachments

of the cattle men.

There was some hot debating at the Thedford meeting on July 27, but as before no definite conclusions were arrived at, and the waiting game was continued by adjourning the meeting, first appointing the usual com-mittee to call another meeting. It is said that two or three of our

legislators are in favor of bringing about this change and letting in the cattlemen, but the farmers have confidence to be-lieve that they would not favor anything detrimental to the agricultural interests of the state, and think that the matter has been misrepresented to them. A petition is now being circulated among the settlers, and when the signatures are secured will be forwarded to the legislature, requesting that no change be made from the present order of things.

Feeling is beginning to run a little high on

the subject, although trouble is not seriously feared, the other side keeping very quiet, except at the meetings, which are always called by committees of their own friends and which they are always careful to adjourn before any decisive vote is taken which would show a majority of the settlers opposed to the change they desire. opposed to the change that desire nap-thought perhaps to catch the settlers nap-ping and "trick" them into consenting to their wishes at the very first meeting before they fully realized what was being done; but the farmers did realize what was going on right from the start, and they are decidedly opposed to admitting the cattle companies and wish to ask the aid of your paper and its influence in shedding light upon all sides of

the matter, and then whatever is found to be right and for the best interests of Ne-braska we will gladly accept. A FARMER OF TROMAS COUNTY.

"HIS FIRST NAME."

How Sergeant Ormsby Was Cleverly Caught on the Witness Stand. Police Sergeant Thomas Ormsby is an inveterate joker, and is constantly springing some "gag" on his friends. Sergeant Ormsby sometimes has the tables turned on himself. but he appreciates the joke the same as if it was on some one else. Some time ago he acquired the habit of turning the laugh on story tellers by earnestly inquiring, just as the laughing point came up: "What is your first name?" Not long ago Attorney Will Gurley was caught in this manner and an-

Gurley was caught in this manner and answered the question by saying: "William; darn it, haven't I been in this town long enough for every one to know me?"

The reply cost Mr. Gurley several cigars, and he swore vengeauce. Some weeks later on Gurley was defending a man whom Ormsby had arrested on a charge of larceny. Ormsby was the principal witness and Gurley's face became illuminated with one of his most childlike smiles as he realized that the opportunity to "get oven" with the sergeant The settlers-farmers-in what is known opportunity to "get even" with the sergeant had arrived. After asking the usual queshad arrived. After asking the usual ques-tions, he suddenly inquired: 1 "Sergeant Ormsby, what is your first name?" The sergeant was caught and knew it, but he would not answer the question a Guriey repeated the question a couple of times, and then turning to the judge requested him to compel Ormsby to answer the question under pain of being in contemp of court. The court did so and Ormsby meekly answered "Thomas."

"What is your other name?" asked Gurley. "Jefferson," said the sergeant meekly. "Now please tell the jury what is your full

name," said the attorney.
"Thomas Jefferson Ormsby," said the witness and the court was compelled to join in with the roar of laughter which went up as the sergeant was excused from the witness stand. It cost the sergeant quite a tidy sum to square himself and he is still laying for

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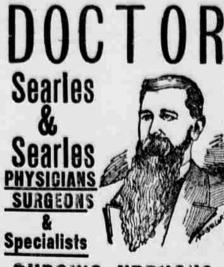
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