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PULSE OF WESTERN PROGRESS

Renewed Activity in Black Hills Mines Promises a Big Annual Product.

HOPES OF A NEW SUBTREASURY AND MINT

Immense Wool Shipments-New Railroad in Arizona-Promising Placers Opened-Experiment with Mustard Seed-Occidental Jottings.

Nearly every mill in the Southern Hills, except the tin mill of the Harvey Peak company, is now in operation. The Stand-By at Rockford, Omega, near Pactola, the Grizzly Bear and J. R. mills near Hill City, and the Keystone at Keystone, are in successful operation, says the Sloux Falls Argus-Leader. The Stand-By, after several years of idleness, now bids fair to become a regular producer. A force of men has been busy during the winter driving a tunnel into a new ore body, and the mill is now in operation with a large body of ore in sight and every prospect of continuous operation. The most favorable reports also come from the Grizzly Bear. A large ore body has been opened up and it is said that as much as \$3 was re-cently panned from a single bucket of ore cently panned from a single bucket of ore-The Omega mine near Pactola, which is now owned by wealthy New Yorkers, is working continuously, and the plates are yielding a rich return. Mr. Clark of New York, one of the owners, is expected to visit the mine at an early date, when arrangements will be made to enlarge the plant.

When all three mills have been in opera-tion for a few months the effect in stimulat-ing mining industry can hardly be overestimated. The success of a single plant is the best of arguments for the establishment of others, and when the development of these mines is assured the future of Rapid City and the other towns of the Hills is assured.

A gentleman interested in mining and well informed as to the industry recently expressed the opinion that the present gold out-put of the Hills would justify the establish ment of a sub-treasury and mint in the re-gion. The annual gold product of the Hills is conservatively stated at \$6,000,000, and it is constantly increasing. All this gold has now to be shipped east at a large expense to the miners. The Homestake company alone ships \$400,000 to \$500,000 monthly. It would seem that such a product of gold would jus-tify the establishment of a min, especially as Wyoming near at hand promises sooon to

greatly increase the output. HEAVY WOOL SHIPMENTS.

Since the fast service wool specials were Since the fast service wool specials were inaugurated several weeks ago by the Union Pacific the shipments along the line have been something unprecedented. Instead of ordinary trains of twenty cars or so, which was all the company anticipated when the venture was put into effect, the business has amounted to thrice that, and during one work the stated that were 100 solid cours of week it is stated that over 100 solid cars of wool have gone eastward over the main line. The Salt Lake Herald gives the cause for the rush as follows:

The schedule rate on wool has been re stored by both the Rio Grande Western and the Union Pacific and as a result there was a great deal of the territorial clip shut out from the cut rate. During the past few weeks the rush of wool through Wyoming has been very great, the greater portion of the shipments having been made on consignments. The endeavor of the growers is to get their product on the castern market before the increase of the railroad tariff, which hereafter will be \$1.90 to Boston.

GOLD IN EMIGRANT GULCH. Standing on an elevated plateau on the east bank of the Yellowstone river, the eye takes in at a glance one of the most symmetrical and remarkable ranges of mountains to be seen anywhere in the west. Emigrant peak, a high volcanic cone 10.625 feet above tide water, rears its snow crested summit majestically as the apex of the range. The eastern surface of the range is compact basalt, in which the gold is found. Emigrant gulch, a deep narrow gorge, cuts through the basalt deep into the granitoid nucleus, revealing the mineral character as

best surface showing he ever saw in the gold belt. It is believed that this float is from the East Granite mountain vein. Messra, Stanley and Adams, owners, leased and bonded the property to Denver parties this week. A shaft has been commenced and if the vein from whence these big chunks came is located the Hilltop will be a bonanza.

A RICH VEIN. Charley Benson was seen by the Durango Southwest and gave some points of interest about the famous Columbus group, in which he is joint owner with Messrs. Dotson and Williams. This valuable property was boulded last January to the owners of the celebrated Homestake mine in the Black Hills and \$5,000 cash paid on the bond. A second pay-ment is due June 1 and Charles Wright of Omaha, who represents the prospective purchasers, came out last week to examine the property. He returned to Omaha we'l satis-

fied with the showing and will arrange for e payment due to be made June 1. The Columbus is situated at the head of

the Silver lake bain on the divide overlook-ing the headwaters of the La Plata, Mancos, Bear creek and San Juan river. About \$18,000 worth of development work has been done on the group. The Columbus ven is tone on the group. The Columbus ven is ver twenty-one feet wile and has been prospected at different points along the entire cropping for 4,500 feet, covering the three cropping for 4,500 feet, covering the three locations comprising the group. The ore has been pretty thoroughly tested at the cyanide mill on Junction creck, where a lot of thir-icen tons, representing an average of the entire vein, yielded \$38 a ton in gold, the mill saving 94 per cent of the total value. Another lot of thirty-three tons yielded \$79 in gold to the total in gold to the ton

ROAD TO MILL CREEK.

The gold field at the head of Mill creek is attracting considerable attention, says a special to the Denver Times. The drawback has been the lack of a wagon road to the camp, but this obstacle will now be removed as the parties directly interested, with the assistance of the Board of County Commissioners, are extending the road which leads from Dumont up Mill creek to the camp. As soon as the road is finished a stamp nill, the machinery for which is already on a side track at Duraont, will be e. seted.

A BOVINE HAY RAID.

Mr. Fulton relates to the Boston Herald an experience he underwent on the ranch in Nevada of Russell & Bradley. The firm had about 4,000 head of cattle, and as the supply of hay was running low, that which was on hand was surrounded by a fence, and was doled out to the cattle in small wisps, just sufficient in quantity to barely keep the ani-mals alive. Mr. Fulton states that one night after everybody on the ranch had re-tired they were awakened by a low, rum-bling noise which sounded like the approach of some great atmospheric disturbance. Be-coming louder, the men discovered it to be the lowing and bellowing of the cattle, who were soon making a hideous noise. Hastily dressing themselves the men hurrled forth to ascertain the cause of the trouble, but before they had reached the herd the vast body

animals had hurled themselves against the fence surrounding the stacks of hay and were piled in a compact, struggling mass which had literally leveled the hay from view. Nothing could be done with the cattle at the time, and the next morning an investigation disclosed that 350 head had been literally trampled to death in the mad rush of the excited herd for the tempting stacks of hay.

THE DAKOTAS.

Diphtheria has been raging at Willow Lakes for the past two weeks. The schools are closed and great terror prevails. The annual reunion of the Missouri Valley Veterans' association of South Dakota will ccur at Yankton June 12, 13, 14 and 15.

It is expected that a colony of between twenty and thirty families of Russians will be located on farms in Potter county within the next sixty days.

An artesian well 1,300 feet deep at Edgerly N. D., is throwing an intense stream mixed with mineral. A big lump of gold was found there recently. The annual conference of the Catholic

The principle involved in the invention h regarded as very valuable, as figures esti

mating the value of the same have been placed as high as \$25,000 and \$30,000. A New York firm has made a proposition in-volving \$20,000 and the probabilities are that

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clergy of North Dakota, the stale being one diocese, will be held from June 4 to 8, at the residence of Bishop Shanley, Fargo. The grand lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, which has been in session for the past two days, has finished its work.

Watertown was chosen for the next meeting. not undertake the trip. The latter is deter-mined. He has forty-five men armed with The Elkhorn railroad company has pur-chased the Hay Creek coal fields, paying \$100,000. The road will no doubt be extended in charge of the flock, and he to that point this year and the mines will be declares he will go through. WYOMING. pened up The 190th dividend of the Homestake com There have been 30,000 trout recently placed pany of 15 cents per share was paid at the office of the company in New York on the in Green river. Over 2,000 feet of roadbed was washed 25th ult., amounti date of \$5,156,450. unting to \$18,750, a total to way at Arlington. Cheyenne is arranging for a firemen's tournament in August. William Mahannah, a prominent artesian well contractor, who had just loaded up an outfit to start for Cumberland to sink a well, The Burlington is building 4,000 feet of rack every day on its Sheridan extension to was put in jail at Miller for refusal to pay a board bill. This is the first conviction in the state under the new law. Montana A carload of elk will be shipped east as soon as the water in the Snake river gets low enough to ship them. Mary E. Lease has signed a contract to speak for the populists of Sioux Falls on the Fourth of July. Senator Orville H. Platt will speak for the republicans. Representa-tive W. J. Bryan of Nebraska will most likely speak for the democrats. The city A very large acreage of grain has been put in about Sundance. There has been an abundance of rain and crops look promising. Casper's wool industry is assuming large will have the biggest political tournament ever held in the northwest on the Fourth. proportions and over a million and a half inds of the product will be shipped east this season. A Custer merchant named Mason refused permit the stars and stripes to float from Advices from Lander are to the effect his store Decoration day in honor of the nation's dead. Two members of the Custer that rich strikes in both quartz and placer gold have been made near Lewiston, in Freguards, a local military organization, were detailed to keep the flag floating at the point mont county. Four gray wolves were brought to the city Four gray wolves were brought to the city from Laramie peak alive, says the Boomerang. They had to be killed, how-ever, before the bounty of \$8 on each hide could be paid. These young animals were of the bayonet. Mason complied, but with poor grace. He is a Missourian and this was his first Decoration day in the northwest. The so-called June rise in the Missouri river has set in in earnest and the stream is again on the rampage. The steamer Last Chance has returned from Yankton and is run down and caught by a dog. J. K. Graves of Dubuque, Ia., has concluded the sale of the Larrabee coal lands in Wyoming. The transaction was made in Chicago, and the purchasers are eastern capitalists. The coal is of superior quality and very abundant. The figures in the transnow engaged in transferring to the west side of the river hundreds of cattle and a large number of prairie schooners that ac-cumulated at Chamberlain since the por-tion of the pontoon bridge was carried away action are not made public. by the high water of over a week ago. The pontoon cannot be placed in position The work of putting the track in better condition on the Union Pacific main line by laying new rails, which was begun two again until the water subsides. The apportionment of the state tuition years ago, will be continued this summer. The work of laying seventeen miles of new school fund for the quarter ending April 1 has just been made by the state superintendrails on the sixth district will begin on Wednesday of this week at Fort Steel. and start of instruction, and amounts in the aggre-gate to \$141,818.40. There are 59,091 pupils in North Dakota, and the first quarterly apportionment this year amounts to \$2.40per capita. This fund is increasing so J. B. Long, an Illinois sheep raiser, has shipped 16,000 head of western sheep to Indicated the second of the second safety to London and sold them at a profit over the prices paid in this country. He is now buying western sheep, which he will fatten in Minnesota and Illinois and then send them across the Atlantic. Wyoming men rapidly that even now some counties do not raise any school tax further than the state school tax of 2 mills. The fund, which has only been established for a very few years, now amounts to about \$2,000,000, and is conare watching his scheme with much interest. Gus Rydeen, formerly of Red Cloud, works out in Wyoming for the Warner Live Stock company. The other day he, with five other men, were sent out with 5.000 sheep to Goosehill, or some such place in the mounstantly increasing. The case of the American Investment company against Beadle county, that has at-tracted unusual attention, has been decided by the supreme court. The question involved tains. Before arriving at their destination they were waylaid by bandits and two of the men were wounded and 250 sheep killed. was whether or not the county was liable for taxes where the land had been sold at treasurer's sale, and for taxes paid after such sale, where the land taxed was subse-The round-up boys inform the Paint Rock The round-up boys inform the Paint Rock Record that very few dead cattle are to be found on the range, and that unless they begin to show up very soon the loss in range cattle during the past winter will not be any larger than usual. This is decidedly encouraging news, and it is to be hoped the facts will verify the statement. Judging from the reports from various quarters the above is the case in all sections of the basin. quently canceled by the government. The decision affirms the finding of the lower court and is in favor of the defendant. Nearly every county in the state has cases hinging upon the decision of this case and many thousand dollars held by treasurers will now be placed to the credit of the The sums vary from \$3,000 to ounty. above is the case in all sections of the basin. \$10,000 It is expected that the Burlington will be It has been known for some time that the completed to a connection with the Northern Pacific at Billings by October 15. Comlate Captain Farrell, a farmer of Stutsman county, North Dakota, had patented before his death a valuable invention, but the exact mercing at Alger, Wyo., eight miles beyond Sheridan, the builders have begun track laying, and having about twenty miles of his death a valuable invention, but the exact value of the same has not fully been realized until recently. The patent is a steam, wagon, the principle in which is said to be applicable to other machinery. M. B. Far-rell, the brother of the deceased, has lately road bed that was graded last year to begin with, will make rapid progress. A large part of the line from that point on to Billings is being graded, and subcontractors are stringing out their men along the route. They have about 1,400 men now. received letters from eastern parties endeav-oring to negotiate for the sale of the right.

take thirty passengers and will make the round trip of the lakes in twenty minutes. Grand Junction strawberries have ripe for a week and are finding a ready market in Glenwood.

According to the Breckinridge Journal there is a daily output of gold in the Kokomo district of \$4,500.

The new workings in the Belden at Red Cliff give promise that the mine will soon be a wonderful lead producer.

The La Plata News is informed that the surface dirt on the Kate group runs well in gold—so well that it might be worked as a placer. Niwot has a cheese factory. It has a capacity of 10,000 pounds of milk a day, which means in round numbers 1,000 pounds

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A great many young grasshopeprs are hatching out in the gardens about Boul-der and some of the farmers down the valley say they are coming by millions. From the present outlook Grand valley will

hip to Denver this year more fruit than that city will receive from any other one source, not excepting California. A pocket of hirsite ore has been struck in the main channel of the Forgery-Notting-ham lease near Red Cliff, which gives the remarkable assay returns of \$98,000 per ton.

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cars of cattle and several hundred cars of potatoes and other produce shipped from ort Collins during the past winter and pring. Heavy rains ,says the Las Animas Leader. have fallen to the south and west, and in onsequence the Purgatoire is booming ween its banks. A rise can be expected in

the Arkansas. The feeling is so very bitter over the killing of Road Overseer McCarthy at Mesa, that another sheep war may break out, many claiming that it was his siding against the sheep men that brought about his death.

The Standard smelter will start their lead furnaces in a few days, according to the Durango Southwest. Three hundred bars of buillon are being forwarded from the San Juan smelter to charge the furnaces with. The Pueblo Canning company has now

taken form, and in the near future the sounds of the wheels of industry and progress will mark the addition of another nufactory to those already centered in and around Pueblo. Prospectors in East Beaver, a new gold

camp fifteen miles from Cripple Creek, are sanguine. The county commissioners of El Paso have given assurance they will build a new road, now badly needed and which is expected to boom the camp.

The development of the Fitzhugh, aban-

doned in 1831, is one of the most important enterprises in Lake county. A formation has been found similar to that in the shaft of the Bankok-Cora Belle. Eighteen men are employed now, and an additional force will be put on as soon as the ore is reached. There is considerable excitement at the camp at Hahn's peak over the fact that a lead has been struck by D. Humphreys which is claimed to be a voin to the great

placer fields which have on an average for twenty-six years yielded an annual output of \$60,000. Operations will be made on an extensive scale.

W. A Koneyman, superintendent of the United States Reduction Works company, says that contracts have been let for erecting a 125-ton plant at Florence, which it is expected to increase to 500 tons during the year. Grading has commenced for the switch and side tracks to be put in by the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad company, and an order has been placed for 100,000 fire

brick A flock of 10,000 sheep at Grand Junction owned by Mr. Martinez is being driven to-ward the Grand mesa. Mr. Martinez says that he has the permission of the governor to drive the sheep through the mesa and on to Sagunche county. Inspector Mason says, however, that he has been authorized by the governor to notify Mr. Martinez that he must

camas and the like by the aborigines of a great many years ago. Cottage Grove had its gold excitement for

nothing. The quarts had been dropped into the well by some practical joker. So says the Eugene Register. A nice shave, seafoam and haircut was

untimely interrupted in Thompson's barber shop at Eugene the other day. While the barber's back was turned a sneak thief carried all the razors off. Dalles business men have subscribed \$700

with which to build a road over to the Cur-rant Creek mill. The county adda \$300. The road will be an inestimable been to the freighters from Canyon City, Dayville and Mitchell more ditchell way, Alfred Rasch, who owns a half interest in

a band of \$,000 sheep in Klickitat county, Washington, has just shipped from Arling-ton to San Francisco over 53,000 pounds of wool, and expects to receive therefor 11 conts per pound, and would clear about 30 per cent on his capital invested. He thinks there is a profit in wool at 8 cents a pound. The following are the new officers of the Oregon State Grange, elected at the meeting at Eugene: Master, J. Voorhees of Marion; overseer, A. S. Roberts of Wasco; chaplain, J. C. White of Polk; treasurer, J. B. Stump of Marion; lecturer, A. F. Miller of Mult-nomab; steward, J. H. Scott of Linn; as-sistant steward, G. B. Stanbargan of Clacka. sistant steward, G. R. Stephenson of Clacka-

The party that recently went to the Bohemia mines country to search for the bodies of the two men who perished in that vicinity a few months since, has been un-able to find them, and intend returning. It is now the opinion that the bodies will not be recovered before the last of June, as the snow still lies on the ground from ten to twenty-five feet in depth.

The report of the loss of the Canyon City stage and mail in the John Day, is confirmed. The driver's name is Frank Amell and it was with great difficulty he extri-cated himself from the wreck and swam ashore through the swift waters. Mr. Mc-Ewen, the owner of the stage, picked Amell up on the shore half an hour after the accient, in an exhausted condition

W. G. Nesmith of Independence shows the enterprise several copies of the Oregon Spectator, the oldest copy dated May 3, 1847; Spectator, the oldest copy dated May 3, 1847; a copy of the Oregon Free Press, dated Sep-tember 9, 1848; several copies of the Oregon Statesman, of which the oldest copy is July 12, 1853; also a copy of the Milwaukee Star, December 19, 1850; a copy of the Portland Times, September 4, 1857; a copy of the Democratic Standard, December 27, 1855, and a copy of the Umpqua Gazette, March 24, 1855.

J. S. Shirley had made arrangements be-fore leaving his home at Union to have started toward Pendleton from that section 1,000 head of cattle. Eight men will drive them through the timber, over the mounthem through the timber, over the moun-tain, and stop them at Athena, where the cattle will be kept to await the arrival of the big bunch of 2,000 or 3,000 head which Adams and Daughtry will bring from the John Day country. The two bunches will be united and shipped to Cut Bank, Mont., for the Cochran Ranch company.

WASHINGTON.

Over 100 witnesses are subpoenaed in the Parker murder case at Colfax.

The Everett paper mill has made another arge shipment of paper to Australia.

A co-operative creamery is to be put into peration by Whitman county farmers on inion fint. Whitman county's slice of the state school

fund is quite liberal. For its 8,412 children it receives \$46,002. A survey is being made by a detail from

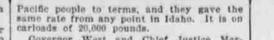
Fort Walfa Walfa for an accurate contour map of the military reservation. In Kittitas county twelve creameries are

n operation, and it is said their patrons are he most prosperous of the population. The Reynolds mill at Wickersham burned down. The dry house, full of shingles, was saved. The nall was worth \$10,006 and was insured for \$2,000.

Fruitgrowers in Walla Walla valley are a good deal worried at the prospect for scarce help in the picking season. Few inquiries are being made for situations.

The steamer Messenger, a pioneer Sound steamer, built in 1876 and formerly operated between Tacoma, Olympia and Port Townsend, was burned. She is a total loss.

A Tacoma dispatch says that Secretary of the Navy Herbert proposes to have Presi-dent Cleveland and his cabinet visit Puget Sound and the northwest next spring.



Pacific people to terms, and they gave the same rate from any point in Idaho. It is on carloads of 20,000 pounds. Governor West and Chief Justice Mer-ritt of Utah and Mayor Baskin of Salt Lake have received postal cards which contain threats against their lives if they do not have the tertions within four days leave the territory within four days.

A. K. Yerkers, editor of the Chronicle of Bozeman, and president of the Montana Press association, has notified the members that the annual meeting of the association will take place at Great Falis June 14.

There was a lively runaway in Stockton few days ago that had a remarkable fea-ure. The man who climbed into the wagon nd guided the frightened team through the treet until they came to a halt had but one

An Oroville man has gone into the poultry usiness on a large scale. He now has 600 oung chickens, and expects to hatch from 0.000 to 14,000 this spring. He has ten inubators in use at present, but will add to hese scon

It is quite the fashion for the train men to have to lay over at Silver Bow, Mont., to put in their time panning for sapphires in the old placer diggings at that place. Sev-eral of the boys have found stones of good size and flawless.

Eight throusand of the 15,000 steers re-cently purchased by Mossrs. Saunders & Tisdale in the southern part of Utah are now headed toward the Union Pacific, and will be loaded this week at points in Wyom-lar and Urah for shipment to the Indetang and Utah for shipment to the Dakotas A cloudburst occurred in the Sierra Madre mountains about seventy miles nouth o Durango, Mex., and a camp of charcoal burn ers was washed away by the flood, which ame raging down the mountain gulch. Ter charcoal burners were in the camp and all were drowned.

The Bourne wine cellars, near St. Helena the Bourne wine certary, near St. Helena Cal., have been sold to C. Carpy, a wine dealer of San Francisco and Napa. This cellar is the largest above ground winery in the world. It has a capacity of almost 4000000 gallong. The price wild is sold 000,000 gallons. The price paid is said o be considerably less than \$600,000, the riginal cost.

A petition has been started at Fresno, Cal. asking the Board of Supervisors to call a special election to vote on a proposition for assuing bonds in the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of the construction of a navigable canal from Fresno to the San Joaquin river. Much enthusiasm is manifested and the petition is being generally signed. The cattlemen of Grant county, New Mexico, are hurrying their cattle out of that section, the most of them going to the sunflower kingdom. These cattle are mostly young steers, and it is calculated to keep them on grass till fall, when they will be taken to the market if in beef condition, or old on the range as feeders, according to their condition.

A special from Boise, Idaho, says: "There is great excitement in the city over the dis-covery of wonderfully rich diggings south of Idaho county. Prospector Williams, an old Californian, arrived here from the diggings recently, and to a few confidential friends told the story of the valuable find. Williams says he took out \$100 a day with a rocker, and that there is plenty of rich ground there.

Some time ago Joe Lazue, while pros-Some time ago Joe Lazde, while pros-pecting in Box canon, near Florence, dis-covered a gigantic ledge which has been overlooked for many years as worthless. He brought some of the rock in and made a test. About two ounces were pulverized and put in the pan, and a marvelous quan-ture of fine gold was the rocally of work tity of fine gold was the result. A work-ing bond of \$10,000 was at once offered, but refused.

C. Mathews, who lives near the Pacific beach race track at San Diego, was digging tree holes when he was attracted by a yellow glitter on some of the pebbles he threw out. Closer examination showed that the pebbles contained free gold in sufficient quantity to make them valuable as spec -The stones were worn smooth and mens. were probably pieces of float washed down from the mountains.

Found a Cure for Sciatic Rhenmatism.

Mrs. A. Inveen, residing at 720 Henry St., Alten, Ill., suffered with static rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottle of Chamberlain's Pain balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her as she wants others simil





well as the future history of this range writes a correspondent of the Anaconda Standard. Lying along the flank of the range is a belt lode on which numerous claims are located. It is an enormous fis-sure vein several miles long and over 100 feet wide in places. On one of the claims a tunnel has been run 140 feet, with a crosscut of 60 feet, and only one wall in sight The group of claims are all on a direct line running southwest and northeast, and, in the hands of men who know how to extract values, will yield richly, by free-milling process, from the grass roots down. There numberless other quartz mines in the are numberless other quarty has a greater Emigrant district upon which a greater amount of work has been done, and all that is necessary to make the district one of the eavlest gold producers in Park county is capital.

PROMISING PLACERS.

Besides the quartz mines of the district, there are placer diggings which have been worked on a small scale for a number of years. Some of the ground is immensely rich in both fine and coarse gold, but owing to the enormous amount of money that i would take to build a canal suitable to carry the necessary volume of water on to the ground for sluicing purposes, the owners of the placers have had to content themselves with working the poorer ground, close to the river, and upon which water could be run vithout too great an expense. But a bright day is about to dawn for the patient miners of Emigrant.

Charles R. Glidden, who owns some of the richest placer ground in Emigrant guich, re-cently formed a pool of several owners of ad-jacent claims, and he has bonded to eastern capitalists a tract of placer ground three miles long and over a mile in width. The first payment on the bond is to be made early in June. A representative of the east-ern syndicate visited the guich but a few days ago, and from him it is learned that the syndicate contemplates the immediate expenditurs of \$250,000 in preliminary work on the group of mines under bond. The plan contemplates the construction of a large canal from the Yellowstone, near Gardiner, and the immense volume of water thus se-cured will be used for working the placers by hydraulic process. Should the contem-plated plan materialize it would give em-ployment to a large force of men and make Emigrant second to no placer camp in Montana

RICH IDAHO PLACERS.

The Murray Sun reports that James A. Ward found a handsome piece of gold, weigh-ing four and one-half ounces, valued at about \$70, near the head of Trail gulch. He was on his way to the Wake Up Jim quartz lode, but the snow being too deep he concluded to work over an old dump of placer gravel. He rigged up an old sluice box near the dump. He shoveled in for several hours, cleaned up and had the nugget with some fine gold. The nugget is nearly round, smooth, and con-tains some rose-colored quartz. The claim on which it was found has been prolific in similar larger slugs. The Steinmetz chunk is also said to have been found there. And Ward and many others incline to the be-

Mr. Ward and many others incline to the be-lief that the Wake Up Jim, Crown Point and other ledges crossing the head of the Trail guich are the sources of the wealth. A party of capitalists have located four mfles of the South Fork of Clearwater for placer mining, commencing at the reserva-tion line and running up stream. They pro-pose to work the bed of the river by means of steam machinery which forces a jet of steam from a bucket on the bedrock, and by team from a bucket on the bedrock, and by means of another stream of cold air con-denses the vapor, and thus creates a vacuum which is filled by the sediment on the bed-rock. The bucket is then hoisted and the contents are prevented from escaping by a dve. On arriving at the surface the gravel washed by ordinary placer process. The machine is the invention of an old Cocur d'Alener named Walker, and was tested some years since on Feather river in California.

CHUNKS OF GOLD.

A rich discovery was reported in the Hilltop lode, on Granite mountain, by the Pit-kin Miner. While working near the surface George Adams encountered huge chunks of ore, which could not be holsted without breaking, completely covered with free gold. A piece of one of these chunks was pounded up and panned and an unusual amount of coarse gold washed out. A rough estimate places the value of the ore at from \$150 to \$450 per ton. Thomas Stanley, a ploneer \$16 miner of the district, says that it is the

OREGON. Some 500,000 pounds of wool are stored at

Heppner. The floods in Oregon are unprecedented The river at Port and has reached 29.9 feet

above low water mark. W. Perkins of Kingston came into Albany with about 2.000 pounds of wool, which he sold at 10 cents a pound.

Surveys are being run for a motor line between Albany and Sodaville. It will miss Lebanon about two miles. A company is being organized to establish an enterprise at Danby, Columbia county, to smoke sturgeon and other fish.

A scow containing 800 bundles of has left the Young's river pulp mill for Oregon City, to be made into paper.

An electric yacht is almost ready to be launched on Lake Minnequa at Pueblo. The yacht is thirty feet long and will be run by electricity by a storage battery. It will

The Monte Cristo smelter received 100 ton: of silver ore from British Columbia Tuesday. It made five carloads, and was detained some all druggists. ime at Sumas, till the customs people could be satisfied about its value.

Two female prospectors arrived in Ken-Each bought a "cayuse" and started dricks. for the Pierce City mines, with the determination not to be outdone by any man. They leclared their intention of sinking a shaft. President E. A. Bryan of the agricultural college at Pullman has proved his intention of settling down in Washington by purchas-ing a 200-acre farm about three miles from the college and preparing to establish a ountry home

The Blaine church school has asked the nsurance company to rebuild the school house recently destroyed by fire, and the insurance company will do so. As soon as the building is completed it will be ocupled by the Episcopalian school.

Ben Young, Andrew Young and John A. Devlin are building a cannery near Blaine, on Point Roberts, and will pack salmon this season. Its capacity will be 20,000 cases, and the Astoria Iron works are now building the retorts and other canning machinery. The Northern Pacific contemplates the erection of new coal bunkers at Tacoma this fall. They will be nearly treble the size of any other bunkers in the northwest, having capacity of 15,000 tons, and costing \$60,000. At the new bunkers a 5,000-ton cargo will be loaded in eight hours.

A women's political association has been formed by a number of Tacoma women. The resolutions adopted favor women taking an interest in political issues, and declare that the railroad companies should carry Coxeyites instead of hauling half empty cars and compelling the Industrials to walk. Frank McDavitt of Port Townsend, a restaurant keeper, lately of Port Angeles, turred up as a long lost heir to an estate in Chattanooga, Tenn., valued at \$50,000. He had been absent from home for fifteen years, and several thousand dollars have been spent in vain endeavors to ascertain his whereabouts.

The golden wedding of Ashbury and Ruth Pugh, aged 74 and 73 respectively, was cele-brated at Spokane. The old couple are the parents of Sheriff McK. Pugh and Felix parents of Sheria acck. Fuga and Felix Pugh. They were married in Iowa and came across the plains in 1846 to Oregon, where they lived forty years. They have six children, thirty grandchildren and six great grandchildren MISCELLANEOUS.

quickly.

Hop culture is being tested about Reno,

Reno has a population of 5,000, and 1,000 children attending the public schools. Many acres of Egyptian corn have been lanted in the Pecos valley in New

planted Mexico About twenty-five men are engaged in

lacer work on Granite creek a few miles from Prescott.

Boise, Idaho, is excited over the discovery of wonderfully rich placer diggings south of he Salmon, river in the vicinity of Loon lake, in Idaho county.

Alfalfa cutting in the Pecos valley about Eddy, N. M., began two weeks ago and now all growers are engaged in the harvest, if not already through the first cropping.

It is said on good authority that in the event of the canal to Indian Wells Valley, Nev., proving a success the Carson and Col-orado people will complete their line to Mo-

A big land case, involving 640 acres, said to be worth half a million dollars, will be tried at Perry, Okl. It is a dispute between townsite settlers and twenty home stead entry men.

A gathering of national import will take place in Santa Fe in July, at which time nome 150 teachers employed in the Indian schools of the country will meet "for the good of the order."

The E. & P. R. R. company have men employed in taking up the rails of the Ruby Hill railroad in Nevada. This indicates that no more ore will be hauled from the old producing mines on Ruby Hill.

producing mines on Ruby Hill. Idaho wool growers are jubilating over their recent triumph in obtaining a reduced rate on wool to Boston. The rate heretofore has been \$2.86 per 100 pounds. As they could do better, Idaho sheep men hauled their wool to Kelton, on the Central Pacific rail-way, and shipped from that point at \$1.90 per 100 pounds. This brought the Union



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