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Delorade's Recent Acquisition a Gold Mine of Fabulous Value.

MILLIONS OF TONS OF GOOD PAY ORE

Pronounced the Greatest Deposit of Preclous Metal on the Continent-Arlzona People Alarmed-Trouble Over a Rich Mine-Northwestern News.

S. H. Baker, the trice fortunate discoverer of the "Baker" contact, is authority for the prophecy that the golden era is about to dawn in Colorado, says the Denver News. In his statement of the value of the discovery. an account of which was recently reported in The Bee, he is corroborated by J. W. Pender, one of the greatest experts upon mining in

"The 'Baker' contact," said Mr. Pender, "is the largest ore deposit that has been discovered on the American continent. No engineer can figure out how many tons there are in that great bank of conglomerate, but at a low estimate there are 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 tons aver ging \$5 per ton."

Mr. Baker, the discoverer of the now noted contact, is a tall, gray-haired gentleman, 62 years of age. He is a lawyer by profession and came to Colorado twenty-two years ago. For twenty years he spent a large part of each summer prospecting in the mountains. October 3, 1893, will remain indelibly fastened in his memory, for upon that date he made the great discovery of his

"Two years ago," said he, "I began an earnest search for the origin of the gold deposit in the San Juan river. Last summer, in company with a young man named Graham, I traced the 'float' with pan, pick and shovel from the La Plata river up one of the side streams and up the side of the mountain to an altitude of 10,500 feet, where the contact is located. The ore body lies exposed in a mountain gulch near the timher line, probably half a mile from the top of the mountain. The contact is exposed to a depth of 250 feet between walls which are

depth of 250 feet between walls which are 700 feet apart. The guich is right in the middle of the ore body.

"I regard the La Plata region as the greatest mining district of the state," said Mr. Baker in response to an inquiry. "The mineralized territory is ten miles wide and fifteen or twenty miles iong. There are many barren spots in the region and many locations where the ore runs \$8 or \$10 to the ton up to as many ounces in gold. Much of ton up to as many ounces in gold. Much of the ore is highly refractory and will require new processes to be successfully worked. The free milling ore is the exception. There are now seven or eight mines shipping selected ore regularly, and about 500 men are working or prospecting in the region."

The magnificent ore body known as the

Baker contact is described by an expert as an oblong vault of conglomerate, 2,600 feet long on the surface, and containing dykes which were forced up from below ages ago. It is estimated that the actual cost of producing the yellow metal from the immense gold quarry will not exceed \$1.40 a ton. This includes mining, delivering at the mill and cost of reduction

Mr. Baker first saw the Rocky mountains in 1850. In company with a party of forty-four Georgians he made the journey across the continent to the coast, returning to Georgia a few years later, where he met Greene Russell, the pioneer gold discoverer of Col-orado. An uncle of Mr. Baker's was with orado. An uncle of Mr. Baker's was with Russell when he panned gold out of the sands of Cherry creek, and the Colorado man remembers distinctly the prophecies of Russell that the gold supply of the United States would be mined in Clear Creek canon and other canons of the Rockles.

Last summer Mr. Baker spent several weeks prospecting along Cherry creek and in the region where the first discovery of

in the region where the first discovery of gold was made in this state. His theory is that at one time the region south of Denver for fifty or seventy-five miles was the bot-tom of a great sea. The water deposited a coment, which was permeated to a limited degree with fine gold. "The cement has gradually been dissolved and washed away," said Mr. Baker, "and the gold is distributed over a wide region, but not in bodies rich enough to pay for handling the gravel under present conditions. In the Cherry creek bottoms the gravel contents of the conditions of the cherry creek buttoms the gravel contents of the cherry creek s the gravel contains perhaps \$1 a ton

THE UTAH COMPANY.

The people of the territory are watching with a great leal of interest for the promised developments in connection with the Utah company, and the indications are that they will not have long to wait. The return of Messrs. Cannon and Clayton with encourage ng reports means much, says the Salt Lake Herald, for upon the reports of their hasty wisit to New York and other financial centers everything depended. Meetings are being held almost daily, and according to the statements of the promoters of the enter prises it will not be many days before the company is ready to move with all of its

Speaking of the workings of the company, Mr. Clayton stated that it is an enseparate enterprise from any other project ever set on foot in this territory and upon its own bottom it will stand. While the detailed plans have not yet been approved, the road to Coalville from this city completed at once, work on the terminal having already been inaugurated. A force of graders is now engaged in pre-paring the grade for the first six miles of road, and this section is to be pushed to an immediate completion. When asked whether or not the Utah company would absorb the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs, or any of the other projected systems between Salt Lake and Coalville, Mr. Clayton stated most emphatically that such was not the planof the company. Some time ago the di-rectors of the Utah & Wyoming made a proposition to the Utah company people for the purchase of 'he old roadbed constructed by the Sait Lah & California at a cost of in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The negotiations having fallen through, the Utah & Wyoming company proposes to make use of the grade for its own extension to Coal-

GOLD IN THE BIG HORN RANGE. A few months after the massacre of Custer men a party of soldiers were scouting after hostiles in the Big Horn, says the The country was terribly rugged and broken, progress was very dicffult, and, after proceeding for some days in the midst of the wilderness of peaks, the mide was forced to admit that he had los his way. The captain seated himself on ledge, while the guide lay down on the ground near by, holding the reins of the An earnest conversation followed as to the proper course to be taken in order

to get out of the hills. fou maye say what you please, but think we ought to go that way," said the captain, and as he spoke he picked up a bit of stone from the ground and tossed it in the direction indicated. The guide plared, then made a rush for the bit of It was a piece of quartz so thickly with gold to form a specimen of wonderful richness and beauty. agreed to keep the matter a secret until they could return and take possession of the mine. A few days later the guide was mine. A few days later the guine was killed and the secret remained with the cap-tain. Time and again after his troop had been extricated from the mountains did he make efforts to relocate the hill of gold, but every effort was doomed to failure; it could never be traced. It is possible that it may have been the "Lost Cabin;" of this there is no certainty, but, if not, it was a mine of such wonderful richness that nothing like

it has ever been discovered in the Big Horn range. AN OLD MEXICAN LEAD. The recent discovery of gold in Little Creek canon, near Paragoonah, by two ex-perienced prospectors, says the Salt Lake perfenced prospectors, says the Sait Lanc Herald, has given considerable of a revival

to the mining excitement which was the re-sult of a former discovery of gold bearing quartz in the same neighborhood. It is thought that at last one of the leads of the old mines which were worked by the Mex-leans long before the territory was settled than been located, and it is understood that some systematic development work is to be done at once for the purpose of ascertain-ing exactly what the district can produce the way of minerals. In the archives of se government at Washington there are a the government at Washington there are a number of interesting records of the min-

ing operations of the Mexicans on what is now United States soil, and one of the places described as being near some very rich gold mines which had been worked for years is a counterpart of Paragoonah or Red Creek, as it was formerly called. The opinion seems to be general that the "lost lead" has

It was always the custom of President Brigham Young to make regular periodical trips into the southern part of the territory, and these trips partook considerably of the nature of an ovation, continued from the time Sals Lake City was left to the arrival at St. George and on the return. The president was always attended by a large com-pany. On the first trip south the route taken took the party over the mountains from Circlesville, Garfield county, to Red Creek, and while coming down the divide known as Buckskin pass, George W. Bean, one of the president's attendants, picked up a large piece of quartz which was filled with free gold, some of the fiskes being of considerable size. The rock was shown to President

size. The rock was shown to Freshorn Young, and by him brought back to this city, where it was tested and found to be fabulously rich in the precious metal. A party was outfitted here and sent in search of the mother ledge, but although a great deal of time was devoted to the prospecting the results were barren of the rock. good, and the members of the party came to the conclusion that the rock had fallen from the pack of some Mexican who was carrying quartz down to the headwaters of the Santa Clara, or still further south, for milling. It is now thought to be possible that the rock came from Little Creek canon, which is a short distance from Buckskin, having been dropped there by some Mexican prospector. The discovery and the stories which are being circulated are creating a great deal of inter-est and the indications are said to be very good for the development of some rich proprties in the district John S. Jones, the Chaparral gulch mining

man, is in 500 feet on his 1,150-foot tunnel. The tunnel will piece the mountain which separates the Little Jessic mine from the mill, and the tramway to go through the tunnel will do away with a long and most circuitous ore baul. The tunnel will cut through the Gladstone, Union and Star veins. belonging to Mr. Jones, and also through the Postmaster and Ticonderoga, belonging to another group. These mines can be worked from either side of the tunnel and the ore chesply transported to the mill. The ore taken from the tunnel will in all probability pay the expenses of driving it.

AN ARIZONA CAMP. Ed Austin has returned from Austin City, on the Santa Maria, says the Prescott Jour-nal. Tom Pitch has located there with his family and has put twelve men to work on the mine he bonded from Austin & Owens, As work progresses the mine is showing up better and all parties are satisfied. Dan Thorne is pushing development work on his properties, and strangers, mostly prospectors, are continually pouring into the district. This is one of the few districts in Arizona where rich ore in abundance and everlasting water for all purposes are found together. TROUBLE OVER A MINE.

W. S. McMurren, a prominent lumber dealer of Baker City, Ore., while conversing with a Statesman reporter at Boise, Idaho, revealed some interesting facts concerning the Virtue mine, located near Baker City, which is now involved in litigation. The mine is now held by George W. Grayson, an old time Idahoan, who spent years in the Owyhee country, where he is still interested. He is defendant in the action brought by Porlland parties to recover the property and \$75,000 damages. The Virtue has been almost a steady producer since the early 60s. It was supposed to have been worked out several times, but further development al ways brought something to light and the mine was practically never shut down. Some time ago Grayson, evidently becoming dis-satisfied with the Virtue, sold it to Portland parties for \$45,000 on the installment plan. The Webfooters seemed to be very unfortunate and the time came when they could not pay and the time came when they could not pay their employes. After some parleying with the miners, the latter took charge of the mine for the purpose of taking out their wages. About this time the Portland parties learned that an immensely rich pocket had been cut into on the 400-foot level, but that water poured into the level with such a rush it was impossible to get at it. As the time for making the lest payment or the the time for making the last payment on the property had not elapsed, they made an as-signment and sent the assignee from Portland to take charge of the mine. He arrived in Baker, and, engaging a team, started out to the mine. The miners had heard of his coming and were prepared to give him a warm reception. He was met by a strong guard while yet quite a distance from the to proceed no further. Threats of personal violence had the desired effect and he retraced his way to Baker City, the maddest man in Oregon. It was at this time Grayson, through his repre-sentatives, reappeared on the scene and, pay-ing the men the balance due them, took charge of the mine. The work of pumping out the 400-foot level was commenced at once and prosecuted vigorously. Finally the water was lowered so it was possible for a man to get into the level. One evening the superintendent, with a few trusted men, enered the level. They waded through water to their waists until they reached the rich pocket they had been endeavoring to get at so long. In the morning they brought up ore representing \$10,000—a pretty good night's work. Mr. McMurren says he knows that night's work netted \$10,000. Whether any more ore was taken the pocket he does not know. The parties who brought suit claimed there was in the brought suit of \$75,000 taken out. Whether any more ore was taken from the McMurren says that for some unaccountable eason the pumps were shut down shortly after the eventful night's work and the level allowed to again fill with water. The Portland parties allege, he says, that the miners organized and took the mine away from them, that they did not voluntarily give it up. Mr. Grayson claims that by their abandonment of the property they waived all their rights in the premises, thus permitting him to step in again.

FRUIT DRYING IN UTAH. One of the most important industries in Utah's Dixie, and one of considerable consequence to the entire territory, is that of fruit drying. The dried fruits of this territory rank second to none, except the evapo-rated article of California, and the amount of revenue derived from the sale of fruits s always represented by six figures at least The indications are, however, that there will be considerable of a reduction this year and unless some immediate change takes the people of the territory will receive about cent less for their unpeeled peaches than the quotations for 1893. This will make considerable of a difference to the fruit producing districts.

Present advices indicate that the prices of all kinds of dried fruits will be considerably lower this season than was the case last year," said Superintendent Webber of Zion's Co-operative Mercantile institution, to Herald reporter. "The reasons for the change in the schedule of prices are patent, one of them being the enormous quantities of fruit dried in California this season. Had it not been for the railroad strikes and the consequent tieup of all roads leading out from the coast an extra amount of fresh fruit would have been sent to the eastern and foreign markets, but the lack of railroad transportation forced the orchard owners of the coast to dry their fruits, and on this account the markets will be flooded with all classes this fall. Utah's dried fruits are in algh favor with the eastern people, but it is extremely difficult for us to compete with the coast. No heavy movements of fruit take place in this territory until about the end of October, when the southern stores and commission people begin to unload upon us and the market takes on considerable activity. The reports received from the producing districts are to the effect that the crop is about the same as in 1893, with a noteworthy improvement in quality, due to the extra care given to the orchards. The local grow-ers are already sending in their crops, the season for dried fruit being considerable carrier in the northern part of the territory than in the southern, that is, the movement takes place somewhat in advance of that in Practically all of the Utah fruits will go to the eastern markets, where they will be thrown into direct competition with the product of California, but the result will

not be detrimental to the interests of this territory. RAILROAD INTO MERCUR DISTRICT. After many unexpected and provoking de lays work is at length begun on the laying of the rails on the read from Fairfield to Mercur. Rails have begun to arrive over the Union Pacific, and Manager Jacobs has

that construction to the Mercur mine may be finished by November 1.

The Mercur Mining company awaits the progress of the road with considerable anxiety, as its own future operations depend upon its early completion. It now has ready the machinery for enlarging its mill, but will be upable to set it up until the road is finished. As the grading of the roadbed is complete as far as the mill site, and all that remains to be done is the laying of the rails, it is expected that this portion of the road will soon be ready for use. Should road will soon be ready for use. Should that be the case, the Mercur company will proceed with its improvements without delay. The improvements will consist chiefly in the enlargement of the mill to a 150-ton capacity from a 100-ton capacity, as it stands at present. The leaching tanks will be enlarged and some other new machinery in-

RECORDS OF EARLY NAVIGATION. A number of interesting documents con-nected with the business of the old Oregon Steam Navigation company, and incidentally with the history of the state, which had floated out of some place where they had been stowed away by the railroad company, were picked up among other flotsam et jet-sam of the late flood by Mr. John Gill at The Dalles a short time since, and presented to Mr. Frank T. Dodge, in whose handwriting many of the documents were. Among them is a fragment of the cashbook of The office, showing the receipts from tickets sold in that office to miners and others for trip No. 7 of the steamer Tenino, up river, in May, 1862. There were thirty-two passengers for Wallula at \$15 each, and 315 for Lewiston at \$30 each, the total amount for passenger fares for the trip being \$10,930. Those were the days when steamboating paid, and when the stockholders of the Ore-gon Steamship and Navigation company laid the foundations of their fortunes. There was no law in those days restricting the number of passengers a boat should carry. The rush to the mines on Salmon river, Oro Fino and Elk City began in the fall of 1861, and for three or four years the Oregon Steamship and Navigation company enjoyed prob-ably the finest run of business ever known. The mines were placers, and the miners flocked up to them in the spring, and when the water froze in the fall they flocked down again, loaded with gold dust. Portland being but a small place, most of them went on to San Francisco, or on to the "Bay." as they styled it, to spend the winter, and ofter their earnings. NEBRASKA.

There are four artesian wells now flowing a different parts of Platte county. Purses to the amount of \$1,000 have been ung up for the races at Alliance October 11, 12 and 13.

An election will be held at Nelson October to vote on a proposition to issue bonds to build waterworks. A Gering boy tried to cut a pumpkin, but he made a miscue and severed a finger from

the hand of a younger brother. There is talk of a tar and feather party at Dakota City in which a resident of the eastern part of town will be the guest of honor.

The High school at Hastings is so crowded with pupils that it has been found necessary to fit up a private residence to accommodate the overflow. Instead of feeding several thousand head of sheep this winter on his ranch near Grand Island, as he has usually done, Robert Tay-

lor has shipped the last of his sheep to his Wyoming ranch. Reports of the harvest in Scotts Bluff punty are most satisfactory as to the yield, The same encouraging condition of affairs exists in all the countles where irrigation has secured a foothold.

George W. Prather, the populist candidate for county attorney in Franklin county, has brought suit against the editor of the River-ton Review for slander and defamation of

character. He asks for \$2,000 damages. The 17-year-old son of J. A. Orr of Scotts Bluff county tried to ride a horse and carry a pitchfork at the same time. He carried the fork all right, but two of the times pierced his side and made a wound that nearly proved fatal. The horse stumbled and fell.

Ray Tabor, a 3-year-old boy living at Bennett, fell into a cistern the other day, but was discovered by his 5-year-old sister, who held his head above water until 6-year-old Eddie Jones came along and helped her to pull the baby out. The only harm done was the wetting of the little one's clothes. The Haigler News reports a school district in that precent where the school house was located so far from anywhere that only the children of one family could attend. The teacher appreciated the in-justice and resigned. Then the mother of attend. the family living near the school finished the term without getting a certificate and drew full pay.

THE DAKOTAS. Custer expects her new opera house ready

by November 1. A heavy fall of snow has fallen in the

The grain palace at Aberdeen is reported to have been a great financial success The water works almost completed at Dell Rapids were tested last week and burst an

eight-inch main. Commissioner Browning has gone to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek agencies on a

our of inspection. The state Women's Christian Temperance union met at Wahpeton, N. D., with the largest attendance ever had in the state. Stockmen along White river and in the

Bad Lands country have formed an associa tion for the purpose of ridding that country of wolves. The James river valley fair, in many respects rivaling the state fair, was held at Jamestown, continuing four days from Sep-

tember 25 The third annual fair of the James River Valley Fair association has closed. The at-tendance was large. The fair was regarded as a great success.

The Methodist conference for the state will hold its sessions at Watertown during the first part of October. Bishop Fowler is expected to be present.

The ferry boat Josie L. K., in service between Yankton and the Nebraska side of Missouri river, was sunk by a fortymile wind. She will probably be raised. The Chicago & Northwestern railway has made another contract for transporting sev-eral thousand head of cattle from Forest City The first 150 carloads will be

shipped this week. Thus far this season fully 10,000 head of cattle have been shipped from Belle Fourche and Brennan stations in the Black Hills. It is estimated that the shipments this year will be heavier than ever before.

Chairman Peterson of Lead of the regent ommittee of the State university at Vermillion has called a meeting of the committee in Vermillion on October 1, to consider matters pertaining to that institution.

A convention of all the county auditors the state met at Jamestown, N. D., to determine upon a more uniform system of accounts for each organized county and to review the present revenue and taxation laws, and all other laws pertaining to county The Lead City Call, which is presumably

the official organ of the county seat executive committee, once more asserts that the county seat fight is not dead, but merely sleeping, and that the committee is still quietly at work laying its plans for a contest two years hence.

Entries in the various classes for the American coursing meet, to be held at Huron on October 9, are more numerous than those at the international meet last and everything points to an attendance equally as large. Several strings of grey hounds have already arrived.

P. B. McCarthy, one of the fish wardens of Pennington county, received a letter from Creston informing him that owners of irrigating ditches had taken all the water ou Rapid creek, so that only pools remained in different places in the bed of the creek and that fish in consequence were dying by thousands. The fish wardens at once took hold of the matter and will prosecute parties future if they do not leave sufficient water in the creek to form a current.

According to a statement of a St. Paul man on his way to Fort Sully, that military post will soon be abandoned, and numerous changes of troops at stations in this depart-ment will soon be made. A part of the Eighth United States cavalry and one or two troops from the Tenth cavalry will be sent to Fort Assinaboine and Fort Meade, to relieve a part of the Twentieth infantry now there, which with the remainder of the been informed that a force of sixty teams
had been put to work and that sixteen more
would be added. This will enable the company to push the road with all haste, \$50

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place, a horse at another and a set of harness of 297,892 cattle at Chicago.

being at Leavenworth, Kan., under command of Colonel Townserid; all will be sent to Niobrara, Nebanil's.

James Hardin, working the stamp mills at Perry, near Deadwood, milled fifty tong of ore within the past few days, and the not result was \$2400. While prospecting in a place whofe it would be easier to handle the ore they such a shaft twelve feet deep and uncovered a body of ore that goes from \$150 to \$160 to the ton.

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It is reliably reported that a worm has made its appearance in Edmunds county. South Dakota, that is destroying the Russian thistle. It is said that there are literally millions of them in a small area. They are small green worms, less than an inchin length, and appear to attack the Russian thistle only. The state entomologist has been asked to make ap investigation of this matter and report results.

WYOMING.

Casper has found a purchaser for her \$20,000 water bonds.

Good ore has been discovered in the Mollie

Good ore has been discovered in the Mollie Gibson mine near Laramic.

Several patches of Russian thistles have seen located near Laramie recently. The canal at the headwaters of the Lar-amie river is soon to be enlarged.

The Carey Cattle company shipped three train loads of stock from Casper the other It has been decided to hold the State Teachers association of Wyoming at Rock

Springs on December 21 and 22. There has been a call for fruit cars on the Southern Pacific. It is reported that there is considerable late fruit awaiting shipment. Careful judges estimate that nearly 20,000 bushels of corn, all of an excellent quality, will be harvested in the Big Horn basin this

The Fort Collins Express says that garden ers who have hauled their product to the Wyoming markets this fall (have barely made expenses.

The Sheridan Journal says that a hastily taken census of that city shows a population of 1,937, and that from fifty to seventy-five persons were missed.

There is every prospect that Tie Siding will soon have a boom. Copper has been dis-covered there in large quantities and Denver capitalists are going to invest and develop The Carbon mines are doing more business low than in years. About sixty new miners

shortly until the working force numbers 350 men again. Bear are said to be numerous in the Seminoe country this fail, and have on several occasions came down from the mountains and killed a number of sheep which have been grazing in the foot hills.

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The troops at Fort Russell are now packing up most busily, and the entire scene at the fort is one of activity. The cars for packing up were placed on the sidetrack and everything will soon be in shape for the move to Columbus, O.

A car loaded with twenty-nine elk and one antelope passed through Laramie in charge of a keeper. They were loaded at Ham's Fork and are consigned to Walter S. Webb and will be placed in the Adirondac mountains in New York state.

Ranchmen in the Ashley country reports hat horse thieves are numerous in that section. Over 200 head have been stolen within the past month. It is believed the thieves have confederates in Montana who find a market for the stolen property. The Pennsylvania Oil company is making

preparations to begin the shipment of oil from their Salt creek wells in large quanti-General Superintendent Harris and other Eikhorn railroad officials were at Casper on the 21st, making arrangements to handle the oil. The company expects to ship several cars of the product each week.

H. L. Perkins, one of the Greybull ranch-men, says the Buffalo Bulletin, is the owner of a ten-acre field of alfalfa which he thinks. as a matter of fact, beats anything in the state. It was sown on the 16th of May, and he has already cut a good crop and expects to gather another, a second one, this fall, an unusual occurrence for the first year with that product.

Tom Carroll brought in from his Little Horse creek ranch near Cheyenne a surpris-ing collection of vegetables. Everybody who saw them seemed amazed that they Wyoming raised, but were more surprised to learn that the showing was in no respect unusual. In the collection were several Hubbard squashes weighing fifty pounds or more, extremely large turnips, cabbage,

Private James Martin, troop I, Seventh cavalry, won the gold medal in the cavalry empetition of the Department of the Mis souri, which has been in progress since September 21 at Fort Sheridan. His aggregate score for a known distance and skirmish firing is 535 points. This makes the fourth consecutive year the department medal in ompetition has been won by a member of the Seventh.

The Laramie Republican states that the city is in danger of losing its free mail de-livery system from the fact that the receipts of the office are falling below the \$8,000 limit annually. If the receipts fall below that amount the posoffice must be put in the second class, and would then lose the free delivery attachment. The Board of Trade in Laramie will endeavor to take some action looking to an increase in the receipts or making up the amount by subscription.

COLORADO. One firm has sold 179 harvesters in the San Luis valley this season, A new Congregational church has been

completed and dedicated at Lyons. Work will be continued all winter at the Mastodon mine, Silverton district. The Horseshoe concentration mill, Park county, is running on ores from the Emmons mine. It is a big producer of lead. Arrangements are in progress for the erec-

tion of a canning factory at Delta. The plant is to cost from \$2,000 to \$4,000. . The Fairview mine, near Silverton, has resumed shipments to the smelters at Durango. The shipments will average thirty tons per

A three-fourths interest in the Sulphurettes mine, Silverton district, recently changed hands. The ore runs \$11 per ton, mostly in silver.

On sixteen acres of land, says the Long-mont Ledger, Milton Matthews claims to have harvested 36,000 pounds of oats, which is about equal to ninety bushels per acre.

The Western Oil company started the an nex to its refinery at Florence. This plant has a capacity of 900 barrels a day and will give employment to im men at a good salary The closing down of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company at Newcastle has thrown great many miners out of work. The

miners are making strenuous efforts duce the company to resume work. They promise not to strike The Las Animas Leader is informed that the grass on the southern range has suffered much from the late rains and that the new impetus for growth given the grass will be met by fall frosts which will kill the grass

and cause great loss of cattle if the winter

The Redondo Mining, company, with a capital of \$500,000, his secured possession of seven patented gold properties in the Idaho Springs district. These include four Freeland surveys—the Toledo, the Toledo Extension and the Freeland placer of fourteen acres. From these mines ore to the value of \$3,500,000 has alressly been extracted, while an abundance remains in the unde-

veloped ground.

The San Luis fair, which is the event of season in the valley, opened with a large attendance. The exhibits caused tre-mendous astonishment, not only to strangers, but to those who have lived in the vicinity for years. Wheat, oats, sifsifa and potatoes were known to flourish here by all who have made the least inquiry concerning the agricultural products of the valley, but the present exhibit shows that not only do all the hardlest grains and vegetables grow here, but they grow to enormous size and still retain excellent flavor.

OREGON. Forty immigrants from Iowa have arrived at La Grande, to locate. A Tillamook farmer has cleared \$6,000 on his sales of chickens and eggs to San Fran-

Wallowa county will turn off \$190,000 worth of cattle this fall, and eastern buyers

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Schanno, the Wasco county fruitgrower, has received from California a col-ony of Australian ladybugs, which he will put out along Mill creek.

Mr. Leonig, a farmer on Wolf creek, has finished harvesting. From a tract of twenty-three acres he threshed 2,200 bushels of Some of the heads had as many as ninety-six kernels. The J. E. Miner timber land contest be-

fore the Roseburg land office is still grindng serenely along. Fifty days have been consumed in hearing the testimony in one of the thirty or forty separate cases. Several farmers in the vicinity of Silverton are now making preparations to cut the sec ond crop of clover this season. Clover is a profitable crop. From the first cutting it rields a heavy croy of first-class hay, and from the second growth from 100 to 200

pounds of seed per acre can be procured, which sells readily at from 10 to 15 cents The gentleman from Flagstaff, Ariz., who recently purchased an interest in the Pioneer stone quarry has arrived at Yaquina bay. He expresses himself as well pleased with the outlook, both at the quarry and in the market. He brought some additional machinery up on the Scotia and expects to put more machinery at the quarry at an early date.

WASHINGTON. Tramps in the Puyallup valley are intimidating housekeepers for meals in preference to picking hops.

Arthur Jell of Lind, a railroad station be ween Pasco and Sprague, has been notified f a bequest of \$2,500 left by an uncle The Pullman college will be asking the

legislature for \$75,000 as its biennial allownce, against \$97,000 given it two years ago. This will include \$20,000 for a girls' dor-The Tacoma smelter is receiving 800

of ore monthly from the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine. The contract is for six months. This order alone will keep the smeiter busy for fifteen days of each month. The big raft at Stella is slowly being framed. It now has about 250,000 feet of piling in, and 150,000 feet more will finish it. The top will be built out of spars. Thirty

men are at work on the raft, and it wil take fully one more month to finish it. Chehalis county has sixty organized school listricts and sixty-five schools. The county received \$1,331 last year from the state school fund. The average wages of teachers, including graded schools, is \$58. Female

teachers get from \$33 to \$60 per month. The following statistics were submitted to he recent session of the Puget sound conference of the Methodist churches: Mem-bership, 8,187; churches, 111; value of churches, \$312,250; parsonages, 57; value of parsonages, \$53,575; paid for buildings and improvements, \$5,482; paid on old debts, \$7,192; present indebtedness, \$69,093; Sunday schools, 150; teachers and officers, 1,408; scholars, 9,692; current expenses of churche

\$8,737; expenses of Sunday schools, \$3,743. There is much excitement in Chewelah over the prospect of the Cleveland mine lately discovered on Hunter creek, about fifteen miles west of that place. As soon as a road can be built to the railroad, they will ship a car of ore per day. A party of citizens has gone to the mine to locate a Springdate is also trying to get i road from the mine, but men who know the lay of the country think a better and shorter road can be built. Those who have seen the new mine say it is the largest body of ore they ever saw.

MISCELLANEOUS. The shortage of Texas cattle so far this season is 58 per cent. A party of Comstock miners will soon leave Nevada for South Africa. Los Angeles proposes to have a smelter with espacity for handling 499 to 500 tons of ore per day.

Seventy miles of new steel rails and 325,600 of new ties are being put in on the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific. Captain Silton, who has returned from Alasks, thinks that the government should do something for the natives.

Shipments of live elk and other game animals of the Rocky mountains are frequent over the Union Pacific. A plant equal to 100 tons per day, using the Engelhardt bromine process, is to be erected at Helena, Mont., for the treatment

of gold ores. The western rangers contributed slightly more than 18 per cent and Texas slightly less than 18 per cent of last month's receipts

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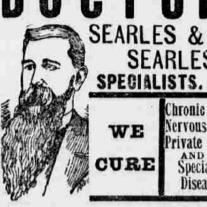
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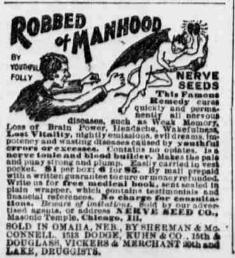
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