

FIRE INSURANCE.

Small Associations Alarmed at the Influx of Foreign Capital.

Probable Effect on Local Companies

N. Y. Times. The influx of foreign fire insurance capital to this country is increasing so rapidly and assuming such large proportions that the officers of many local companies have become greatly exercised...

well-established foreign companies would be seriously affected.

Q.—Is there any other reason besides the one you assign why these companies should venture to extend their lines to this side of the local time? A.—Yes, and some of the local managers may blame themselves for it. Up to a few years ago several of the foreign companies with branch offices in this city and a few of the large local companies remained part of their risks in companies which were not represented here...

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Ten thousand dollars have been subscribed by the people of Red Bluff to secure a wooden mill.

The Masons and Odd Fellows of San Diego have combined forces, and will erect a fine building, to cost \$25,000 or \$30,000, for halls, etc.

A pair of avaricious celestials in San Francisco were taken in to the extent of \$5,000 by a native sharper with two gold-washed "million bricks."

Two youthful adventurers, aged respectively eight and thirteen years, left the parental home at Los Banos, Fresno county, the other day, and started out to see the world. Their outfit consisted of two horses, a pistol and a dog.

The contract for building a new court house for San Mateo county, at Redwood City, has been let to Jacob Lessem, of San Jose, for \$12,750. The supervisors have also taken steps to purchase the toll-road between San Mateo and Half-Moon Bay at a fair valuation.

Mammoth City, with the country about, had 4,000 inhabitants in July, 1879. It now has not ten. The buildings have been burned, or moved away to Bishop Creek, and the town is a ruin.

The electric light question is being agitated in sixty-eight individuals and firms have signified their readiness to take one of the lights.

The electric light towers in Denver are not a success. There are 106 pupils enrolled in the Evanston public school.

The recent fair of the Colorado industrial association cleared \$4,500.

The Ames monument at Sherman is now about thirty feet in height.

A company of Chicago capitalists will here for silver in Irwin, Col.

The July-burg cut-off is completed, and trains are now running over it.

Laying iron on the main line of the Denver & New Orleans railroad has begun.

The Colorado high line ditch, now being constructed, will render arable 800,000 acres of now waste lands.

The returning Utes are reported as saying that they "don't like the new reservation; white men heap damn lie."

The projected Presbyterian church at Cheyenne will be 60x85 feet in dimension, built of brick, and costing \$125,000.

The Rio Grand company at Kakona has received for the month of September for freights \$10,872.24 and for passenger traffic alone, \$1,515.00.

WYOMING. Samples of ore from the Crown Point mine, North Park, assay \$80 to the ton.

The Cheyenne Leader printing establishment has been sold to a stock company for \$6,000.

Harry Schrimmer, of Cheyenne had his collar torn by a buck while running in the vicinity of Fort Steele.

A general round-up is now being made in the North Park, and a finer lot of beef cattle were never seen anywhere than this fall.

The digging on Douglas creek, with hydraulic power, will pay out \$20 to \$30 per day to the man. Even with a common pan from ten to fifty cents in gold can be washed to the pan.

The lands along the course of the Powder and Tongue rivers have been taken up by actual settlers and new farm houses are bringing up in every direction. Fully five thousand settlers have gone into Crook and Johnson counties this season.

DAKOTA AND THE BLACK HILLS. Deadwood has 250 pupils attending the public schools.

The silver mines at Galena are attracting general attention.

A ranchman living in Custer county has produced 500 gallons of sorghum syrup from 10 acres of cane, which sells in activity in Deadwood at \$1 a gallon.

Lead City claims to have one of the best public school buildings in the Hill country.

The public schools of Deadwood open with the names of three hundred and sixty pupils enrolled.

It is reported that richer ore has been found in the Tonolowick vein than was ever before seen in the Hill country.

In two shafts, seventy-five feet apart, in the Bengal Tiger mine, is found ore which is estimated to yield hundreds of thousands of tons.

OF OREGON. The roadway of the Oregon railway and navigation company into East Portland is completed and all hands are discharged.

The medical department of Willamette university has bought the lot of the old Pathan academy, and will erect a suitable building.

On the night of the 31st instant an embankment eighty feet long and fifteen feet high, near Hood river, fifty miles east of Portland, gave way and fell with terrific force against the dwelling of Lynn Smith, in which a family of nine persons were sleeping, and knocked it down the hill.

A fire broke out in the house of a furniture dealer, and although all the occupants were warned, not one was seriously injured. The escape from death was miraculous.

ARIZONA. The shipment of bullion from mines in the vicinity of Phoenix is constantly increasing in quantity.

Sugar cane can be successfully raised in the valleys. A specimen stalk from one field measured fourteen and a half feet from root to tassel.

A rich strike has been made in the Alces mine. A ton of the ore gave a return of 1,846.81 ounces in silver to the ton, the assay value of which is \$2,387.75.

A vigilance committee has been organized at Tombstone to clear out the Snake river, and horse thieves, who have been plundering the people in all directions within a radius of fifty miles of that city.

MISCELLANEOUS. Bernallillo, N. M., boasts the largest sheep raiser in the territory, Don Jose L. Perez, whose flock sun up over 30,000.

Fifty head out of a drove of 350 horses were driven, while fording Snake river, at the mouth of the Grand River, Washington territory, a few days since.

Bernalillo is a flourishing town in New Mexico, with a set of men in it. They are interested in securing the completion of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

A comparatively new strike, and a very rich one, too, was made recently on Warm Spring creek, just above Kelly gulch, Idaho. They are offered \$30,000 for their claim.

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FARMERS IN COUNCIL.

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The state grange of California closed its annual session at Santa Rosa on Saturday, the 7th. Although the strict rule of secrecy enjoined upon members does not allow the principal part of their work to be disclosed, it can be asserted that the effects of this conference will be felt throughout the state and in the entire wheat-producing region of this coast.

The platform and resolutions unanimously adopted are substantially as follows: 1. Enforcement of the laws against pooling and combination to control the market. 2. Equitable taxation and retrenchment in all government matters. 3. No discrimination on the public highways for or against any one. 4. Laws to protect the people against corporations. 5. The public lands are for the people, and should be held for actual settlement. 6. Laws should restrict corporations and protect the masses. 7. Laws against bribery and corruption in public offices should be enforced. 8. Transportation companies should be forced to charge on the basis of cost and risk instead of what traffic will bear. 9. In favor of national postal telegraph. 10. Land monopoly prevents settlement, and monopoly land owners should be taxed the same as homestead settlers. 11. Favoring non-partisanship in grange matters. 12. Every man to be required to use his property so as to injure no others, whether in farming or mining. 13. The Grange makes no war on corporations, but against their aggression. 14. The government is bound to regulate railroads and telegraphs, it charters in behalf of the people. 15. There should be no dominant or privileged classes.

Fifty-nine granges were represented, and one-third of those present are ladies. On the call of counties all except one reported that matters were better than last year. The next annual meeting of the state grange is to be held at Stockton, the first Tuesday in October, 1882.

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