ative legislation, and at the end of the sessio

he will do what is right. That is too in-definite to suit the 1007s, and then Williams

who undertakes to see that they get a fair

orice for their votes, "Later there is trouble. The senators

have appointed a finance committee to repre-

sent them in a business way, and this com-mittee meets Burns four times a week in the

AN IDAHO CASE

A Wonderful Discovery in the Moun-

tains.

Close on the heels of the report of the dis-

covery of a mammoth cave in Oregon comes

While prospecting between Little Salmon

river and Hot Springs, says the Lewiston

Teller, Mr. Paron Harry von Hupert discov-

ered a cave that may in time prove as won-

derful to the west as the Mammoth cave of

Kentucky is to the south and east. To give

a reliable description of this hollow place in

the earth we would have to make a special

and see it for ourselves. At the entrance,

which is about the size of a common door,

will be found a freely flowing spring, and the

water from which runs direct into the cave.

The cave is about ten feet in width and fully as high, Go back about the distance of a

nile and there will be found a lake of beautiful clear water, about thirty or forty feet in size, which is lined with fine green moss,

and just beyond the lake are seven entrances

to as many more caves. Mr. von Hubert

says the top of the cave was thickly covered

with petrified izicles, caused by the contin-ual dripping of a kind of alkali water, many

of which were three feet in length. He had

color and perfectly hard. He has many fine

velop his claims and also further to investi-

FORTUNES IN FRUITS.

nia Orchards.

The raisin yields a profit in Fresno, San

Diego, San Bernardino and Les Angeles

counties of from \$150 to \$400 per acre when

the vines are in full bearing. Walnut

orchards yield from \$200 to \$400 per acre

when the trees are eighteen or twenty years

old. Last season Mr. C. C. Thompson of

Pasadena sold his fruit from thirty-eight

acres of peaches, apricots and prunes for

\$9,294, the cost of production being \$1,000.

Last year Major Chase in El Cajon valley,

San Diego county, received \$2,600 from five

and a half acres of prune trees, and the cost

of production and preparation for market

was \$300. From sixteen acres of apricots

Mr. Stratton of Azusa, last year received

\$7,300 after paying the cost of production

Governor Markham received \$350 from one

acre of orange trees, in South Pasadena in

1889, the fourth bearing year—and the cost of production was \$26. In the same year Mr. James Smith of Pasadena, received \$1,810

net, for oranges produced on three and one-

third acres. Mr. Frank P. Morrison, of Redlands, San Bernardino county, received

for the last year's crop \$900 per acre, and the

ards in that county will average \$400 to \$500

per acre. Riverside is the most celebrated

Receipts per acre have been as high as \$1,200.

A TENDER JUDGE.

Wonderfully Made.

to muzzle the press. Both have undertaken

tasks from which giants, much less pigmies,

During the appeal to the Montana supreme

court for a change of venue in the Davis will

contest case, the Helena Journal, in referring

to local gossip, insinuated that Judge McHat-ton was prejudiced. For this awful crime

the managing editor and business manager were arrested and taken before his high

mightiness in Butte. The business manager

was discharged, but the managing editor, Mc-Knight, refusing to give the name of the

author of the paragraph, was clapped into jail and ball refused. This was two weeks

ago. A writ of habeas corpus was secured

from the supreme court and McKnight re

This is an illustration of the way in which

judges some times exercise tyranical power. It ought to be stopped, for judges should be

as subject to criticism as other officers. The

old common law doctrine respecting the power of courts to commit for contempt was

istablished in a day when newspapers hardly

had an existence. It may have been suited to that day, but it is not in harmony with the

BANKING IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

facts From the Report of the Comp-

According to a report furnished us by

Honorable E. S. Lacey, comptroller of the

currency, says the New York Mercantile and

Financial Times, the national banking

system is held in high favor in the new wes-

tern states. Taxe South Dakota for Instance.

At the close of the last fiscal year there were

in operation in the state thirty-nine national

banks, having an aggregate paid-up capita

of \$2,545,000, an aggregate surplus fund of

\$596,629 and aggregate undivided profits of

\$224,540; while the aggregate resources footed up \$8,872,068. Since the date of the reports in which these ttems are embodied,

otable progress has been made all along the

The largest and strongest bank in South

Dakota is the First National bank of Dead wood. This bank was organized in 1877 and

is No. 2391 on the "official roster" at Wash

ington. It has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000 and its surplus and undivided profits

foot up about \$165,000. Its total resources

foot up nearly \$1,000,000 and it does an annual

DISPUTED LANDS.

A Railroad Grant in Litigation in

The Oregon and California railroad com-

pany has commenced suit in the United

States circuit court against fifty-three land-

holders who have taken up claims within the

limits of the old Oregon Central grant, for

the purpose of compelling them to quit title

to the lands they have filed on. The com-

Oregon.

business of \$30,000,000.

troller of the Currency.

hberty and the civilization of this age

and \$400 and upward are not uncommon.

place for orange production in

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and preserving for market.

gate the wonders of the cave

August Forum:

the report of a like find from Idaho.

they have not acted like honest men.

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He takes them to Burn

of his combination

# FAVORED HOME OF FORTUNE.

Wisely Directed Brain and Brawn Successfully Wooing the Goddess, Fickle.

AND REARING MIGHTY STATES IN THE NORTHWEST.

Wonderful Development Activity in Wyoming-Montana and the Omaha Excursion-The Gold Crop of California-Railroad Progress at Various Points-The Week's Events in Detail.

A New Industry Destroyed.

A commotion has been stirred up among the matrimonial misfits down east over what promises ta be the destruction of joblot divorce business in South Dakota. The laxity of the divorce law of the state attracted little attention in the west, but down east where galling yokes are numerous, South Dakota became a Mecca for divorce hunters. The announcement that the courts propose to shut down on this scandalous business carried consternation to the divorce colony in Sioux Falls and neighboring towns and filled eastorn papers with details of the lamentations following a stringent interpretation of the

Judge Aiken, heretofore a famous divorce dispenser at Sioux Falls, announces privately and from the pench, that henceforth he will throw out all cases where there is the slightest shadow of a doubt that the plaintiff has come to the state solely for the purpose of obtaining a divorce and of then returning to their previous homes.

The Dakota law requires but ninety days' residence before action for divorce be brought. Agreat many divorces are granted in the various circuits in the state, but there are probably more cases in this circuit than

The greater portion of the decrees, how-ever, are about as valuable as so much waste paper. The plaintiff comes to this state, takes up his or ber residence at a hotel or boarding house, stays ninety days, makes affidavit that he or she is a bona resident of the state. obtains service on the defendant by publica-tion, and after the lapse of seventy-two days gets a decree, then shakes off the dust of South Dakota and leaves on the very first

and fastest train. The trouble has all come about by the laxness of those seeking divorce papers in the matter of residence. Their insincerity is seen on every hand. For instance, Mrs. Blaine came here, hired a room, staid a few days, went back to New York and remained there nearly two months. Mme. de Stuers engaged a suite of rooms at the leading hotel, remained a few days and then went over to Spirit Lake, Ia. This sort of obtaining a res idence created gossip and was finally the subject of much comment in the papers. this juncture Judge Aiken took a hand in the game and promises to make matters exceedingly lively. On Saturday last he refused a divorce to Walter Mann, a wealthy Philadelphian, on the ground that his affidavit as to his residence in South Dakota was not made in good faith.

It has recently been found that there was some irregularity in the service of papers in the case of Clinton Edgerly against his wife, Rose Coghlan, the actress, and the case is be

Among the most interesting of the recent suits is that of Thomas Turner against Hen-rietta Turner. Mrs. Turner resides at No. 282 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Turner is a wealthy furniture dealer of Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Turner claims divorce on the ground of desertion and his wife answers through her attorney that he is taking advantage of the law to secure a divorce by fraud.

Edward E. Pollock, son of the New York ship supplies merchant, and a member of the Mannattan athletic club, is here living his ninety days preparatory to filing his papers

A conspicuous figure here is that of Dr.

T. D. Warral of Newport and Providence,
R. I. He seeks a divorce from his wife on
the ground of desertion. She is with relations in Boston. Two other cases of prominent people of New York are those of Robert Ward vs Isabella Ward and Mrs. Sarah Hubbard vs James C. Hubbard. Three ladies are storping at the Griswold place on Minnesota street, all of whom are seeking legal residence for divorce purposes. They are Mrs. Weber of Washington, Mrs. Cuthbertson of Chicago and Mrs. Leavitt of New

York City.
It is stated by attorneys that the list of people who have come to Sioux Falls within the last six months for the sole purpose of securing divorces numbers 103. A large number of these have secured their divorces. many cases are pending, and a large propor-tion are here living the ninety days required to become legal residents

Judge Aiken is a New Yorker by birth and originally read law with Roscoe Conkling. His present attitude of hostility to the di vorces pending is due to a sudden influx of New Yokers, who are seeking divorce with out intent to become residents, and to the notoriety which the newspapers are giving past divorce decisions of his. In many past cases there have been perjury and fraud, and the coming to light of this has aroused the community and laid the bench open to criti-

# WYOMING ACTIVITY.

Energetic Assaults on the Storehouses of Minerals.

This is Wyoming's year of progress and development. Energy and activity are conspicuous everywhere. From present indications and discoveries, the output of mineral this year will astonish the natives. The Gold Hill camp has more than fulfilled

expectations. Recently some remarkably

rich gold bearing quartz was taken out of the bottom of the shaft, which is down to a depth of fifty-two feet. Specimens of it, which have been exhibited at Suratoga, says the Sun, are studded all over with free gold, and good sized nuggets are embedded in the rock. A new discovery was made last week on the Acme, which caused its owners to feel much elated. Twenty feet from the lead, and running parallel to it, rich surface indications were found. Pros-

pecting showed a vein eighteen inches wide and carrying ore which is fully as rich, if not more valuable than anything found in the At a depth of fifty-two feet in the shaft an eight-foot ore body was opened up, but the lead has not been exploited to such an extent as to determine its full width, and only one wall was located. Lewis Johnson, who has been directing the development work, thinks the new vein marks the limit of the missing

wall. Should this theory prove to be cor-rect, then it is reasonably certain that the ore deposit on the Acme is far more extensive than ever its most sanguine admirer Ore from the Acme is now being sorted preparatory to shipment. The owners are convinced, from assays and other tests that

have been made, that it is rich enough to give them a good profit over and above all expenses in sending it to Omaha for treat-Hints were dropped in Saratoga last week

At the famous Bradfield gold diggings, sometimes known as the Lost Pick and Shovel claim, had been re-located in the Sav-ery country, just over the range on the west

On a recent drive around the base of Bald mountain, the editor of the Sheridan Post found about one hundred men engaged in gold mining. He says: "The first camp vis-ited was that of Messrs. Buckley, Darlington & Chaplaine, where four or five men were engaged in sluicing. After about eight hours work a clean up was made, and although the exact amount could not be ascer tained, disinterested parties who saw th gold taken out, say there was about \$75. On the following day Mr. J. H. Buckley took out \$10.60 with a rocker in twenty minutes

by the watch. "On Sunday another claim owner took out a nugget that weighed \$1.40, and Mr. Mike Rohan exhibited another weighing \$1. Mr. C. W. Morey took out \$13 with a pan in less than an hour. We might go on and enumerate hundreds of other like instances, but these are sufficient to show that there is an unlimited quantty of gold in the district, and

that men are now engerly and enthusiasticly engaged in locating and taking it out."

The Buld mountain district embracing five or six thousand acres, each acre of which contains placer gold to the extent of \$50,000. Miners are now taking out various amounts of dust per day, the most successful one who s running a system of sluice boxes, recently cleaning up \$20 in a day's run. There is an other well authenticated instance wherei

three men cleaned up \$55 worth of dust in four days. The miners, however, are work-ing under a disadvantage as a great deal of time and labor is employed in hauling the dirt to the running water. Laramie papers report the discovery of a ong lost rich lead in the Centennial district. which bids fair to create a furore in mining circles. In the Strawberry, Atlantic City and Miner's Delight districts active operations are being carried on, and some very good leads are being worked. A recent sale of a piece of property in the Atlantic City district at good figures, show that eastern people are still willing to invest where there is a chance for fair returns. We expect within a year to see Wyoming take first place

as a mineral producer. R. N. Kelley of Denver, brought into Chey enne recently some rich specimens of gold from the Tongue river mines. One bottle contained gold nuggets, another displayed finer gold, and the third showed what is

Mr. Kelley states that the gold of the Tongue river section started from the grass roots and that in many localities the turning of the sod exposed a gold deposit running from fifty cents to \$3 per pan.

Mr. Kelley will at once make arrangements

for the purchase and shipping to the Tongue river section of all needed mining machinery. These are the main camps now attracting capital as well as enterprise. Both are pour-ing in in good measure, infusing new life in trade, enlivening old and building new com The state is in the infancy of its career of progress and prosperity, and the present activity is but a faint rumble of its

# THAT OMAHA EXCURSION.

Eastern Montanians Anxious For a Visit.

Great results frequently grow from trifling circumstances. The necessity for railroad communication between Omaha and Montana, recently pointed out by THE BEE, roused an uncommon degree of enthusiasm in interested quarters. The importance of a direct means of business interchange is fully appreciated, especially in Montana, where the great stock industry is deprived of the succulent corn of Nebraska and obliged to

ship to Chicago to market.

The proposed excursion of Omana merchants to Helena is the first step in the direction of closer business relations. But Helena will not be permitted to monopolize the guests. Butte proposes to take a hand in showing the hospitality of the great mineral camp. Miles City is also arranging to ecure a visit, and its wishes will undoubted ly be granted when the trip is fully decided

Speaking of the vast stock interests, of which Miles City is the center, the Yellow-

stone Journal says:
"While our mercantile trade is perhaps not such a volume as to attract the attention of a metropolis like Omana to the extent of inducing them to make very strennous efforts for a rail connection with us, our live stock business is of sufficient volume to make it desirable for the Omaha men to divert even a portion of it to their yards, and while they w generally that eastern Montana is importance that they should be informed that Miles City is the acknowledged center for ping point for live stock on the Northern Pa cific road. This if properly done will fix more firmly in the minds of the Omaha people the necessity of pushing the Fremont & Elkhorn road to this point, it being already the more favored route in the estimation of many business men whose expressions we have noticed in the Omaha papers.

"It must be evident to any thinking man that an effort made at this time by the Miles City chamber of commerce, calling the tention of the Omaha excursionists to this point, in connection with its acknowledged position as the cattle center of eastern Montana would not be a mistake and might result in lasting benefit to us all. By ourselves we can do but little, but if we can by a mu tuality of interests enlist the influence of business organizations Omaha we will have accomplished much, and our days of waiting for the 'boom' be ma-

The chamber of commerce of Miles City has appointed a committee to tender the Omaha merchants the hospitality of that city.

### THE DAVIS MILLIONS. Courts and Lawyers Knocking a Hole in the Surplus.

The contest over the financial remains o Andrew J. Davis, the deceased millionaire of Butte, Mont., is again in full plast at Butte. Davis died March 11, 1890. He was a bachelor. During the closing weeks of his life his mind had been clouded. About him in his dying moments gathered a room full of relatives. Some of them approached with genuine regret the supreme moment in the career of one to whom years of personal asso-ciation had attached them; others were there, not so much to be "in at the death" as to be surely on hand when the hour for the carving

of the estate arrived. Judge Davis left no will. His nearest heir, a nephew, applied for and was appointed administrator of the estate. A fortune of three millions that has doubled in two years, was not long in finding claimants, and ere the grass grow over the banker's grave, more relatives than he had over droamed of in life appeared and claimed a share of the spoils. An alleged will was also dug up, and from town came a family of claimants, accusing the dead of being husband and father by se-

cret marriage. The preliminary contest began in Butte last winter. One side objected to the town, and on the plea of predujice sought a change of venue. On this the case went to of venue. On this the case went to the su-preme court and was denied and the case ordered for trial in the district court of Butte, before Judge McHatton and a jury. The trial opened Monday, July 27. The end cannot be foreseen. Four and twenty law-yers are engaged in the contest, home and outside talent being drawn upon. Among them are Robert G. Ingersoll of New York, and Hon. James M. Woolworth of Omaha.

# GOLD GALORE.

The Wonderful Output of California Excelling All Other States.

"Of all all the states in the Union," writes Charles G. Yale in the Overland Monthly, "California still occupies the leading place in the production of gold-a position it has steadily held since the first discovery which brought the state to the attention of an astonished world.

"Yet the conditions under which gold mining is carried on in California today are entirely different from those which existed when the first pioneers of the state came to gather the millions that lay ready to their hands. Then every man was a miner; now, few who come here to settle have any thought of the mines, and only a small portion of the inhabitants of the state know or care any-thing about the mining industry.

"It seems remarkable that an industry which could produce upwards of \$1,200,000,000 in one state within a period of about forty years, should be neglected by the peo-ple of the state. Yet this is the case with ple of the state. Yet this is the case with the gold mining industry of California. And

not only that, but one branch of it remains under the ban of the courts, and may not be

Official figures show that the total yield of gold in California, from the time Marshall discovered the historic nugget in the tailrace of Sutter's mill at Coloma, to the end of the year 1890, is 81,347,798,715. And there must have been many other millions carried away by the early miners, that were never enumerated in the official figures. The rates charged for export of treasure in the early charged for export of treasure in the early days were excessive (5 per cent and primage) on the steamers, and for several years the deposits at the eastern mints exceeded by ten or fifteen millions annually the entire exports from San Francisco, as shown by the cumtoms house records. As every steamer carried

house records. As every steamer carried from five nundred to one thousand passengers, no inconsiderable amount must have gone abroad in the same way.

"But even the sum stated is an immense one to be added to the world's wealth in so short a period of time. No such record has even been made by any other country, or any other region. These figures are for the gold done, the silver, quicksilver, copper, lead, borax, and other mining products, not being considered. The largest amount of gold taken out in this state in one year was in 1852, when the product reached \$81,594,700, just louble the product of 1850. In the year 1851 the gold yield was \$75,008,232. It was not until 1892 that the annual yield dropped below \$44,000,000, since which time there has been a gradual decline, until within the past few years, since the suppression of hydraulic mining, the average is about \$13,000,000. This would be very materially increased could means be adopted to permit the work-ing of the hydraulic mines without detriment o other interests. It is only a question o time when these great deposits of auriferous gravel will again be utilized, and made to vield up their golden contents; but at presen the whole question of hydraulic mining and debris is one in which the prejudices of asses of the community are so strongly exribited that mere mention of the subject proof future generations will doubtless bring about a solution."

## NORTHERN MONTANA.

A Rich Agricultural and Mineral

Region Attracting Settlers. The Pacific extension of the Great North ern railroad through northern Montana opens a vast section of undeveloped country to set-

The resources of this vast section, says the Great Falls Leader, are unequaled. They consist in part of coal, iron, silver, gold, tin, marble, magnificent water power, mountains of precious metals practically unexplored, rich, fertile soil capable of producing seventy-five to one hundred busnels of outs and forty of wheat an acre, with already forty thousand head of horses, two hundred thousand head of cattle and eight hundred thousand head of sheep feeding on its luxuriant grasses and yielding immense profits to the inhabitants. With all these resources and facilities of wealth not one-tenth of which are yet hardly developed, what may not be expected of this rich and fertile region in the ext decade!

But it is scarcely twelve years since there were not more than four families located on the Belt, the Shonkin, the Teton, or in the whole Judith basin. Ten years ago there was a small settlement in the Chestnut valley, J. K. Castner held the fort on Belt creek, Gov ernor Brooke was standing off Indians on Warm Spring creek in the Judith basin, John Lepley, A. W. Kingsbury and George D. Pat-terson had just moved to the Big Sag and the Shonkin, and Robert Blankenbaker had taken possession of Box Elder, Soon after Wolf creek, Judith river, Sand Coulee, the Teton and the other valleys named, became settled. The Barker mines were discovered by Messrs, Barker and Hughes. The Maiden nines began to attract attention, and a large immigration was turned in these directions But the Marias and the great Milk river valeys were embraced in an Indian reservation which was not removed until two or thre The building of the great Northern railway through the heart of the

reservation soon opened up this country The result has been a constant influx of farmers into the rich and fertile regions of northern Montana. Notwithstanding the severe drouth of the last two years farmers, sheepmen and cattlemen have done remark ably well and with the present favorable year will be placed in what would be re-garded in the east as prosperity unparalelled. Concerning this northern section the people all along the line of the Northern Pacific, that is in the south of Montana know almost nothing. They see a large increase in votes but even that is not a fair criterion of the rapid settlement. The fact that one county whose assessed valuation in 1887 was only 3,000,000, has this year a valuation of nearly \$13,000,000, may illustrate the growth of northern Montana. But Cascade and Cho-teau and Fergus and northern Dawson counties are an empire in themselves. An empire larger than the New England states.

# THE COUER D'ALENE.

Railroad Communication with the Famous Camp. The Northern Pacific extension to the

Couer d'Alene country in northern Idaho is completed and in operation.

The road extends from Missoula, Mont., to Wardner, Idaho, and opens to traffic a rich and well settled section of the Idaho pan handle. The Couer d'Alene country contains minerals in abundance. For the past eight years it has progressed marvelously, despite its isolated position. The difficulties of transportation, the enhanced cost of living, and the large proportion of the value of products absorbed in moving, all operated against the country, yet the great mineral wealth of the region over-balanced costs and transformed the country from a mountainous wilderness to a cluster of industrious communities. The advent of a railroad will not only

cheapen transportation and cost of living, but also afford prompt and comfortable means of communication with the outside world. change which will increase the growth and porperitys of the country.

# THE PINE NUT REGION.

A New Mineral Camp Creates Stampede in Nevada.

The excitement over the Pine Nut gold discoveries in Nevada is growing. Advices from Carson say from twelve to fifteen prospectors arrive there daily, bound for the new camp. All go armed to protect their claims. and bloodshed may follow over some of the ledges, many showing free gold on the surface. Hebe Holman, foreman of the Best & Beicher, and Gould & Curry, at Virginia, Nev., in an interview says:

"I have made a thorough investigation and regard the excitement as based on a good foundation. The discoveries are as good as those made on the Comstock, and if the surface indications amount to anything, the re-sult will be a heavy influx of mining men within the coming week. Several regular surveyors are now on the grounds surveying over fifty claims. There seems at some time to have been a general upheaval which pushed the ledges through the surface. Wilnam Zirn, the discoverer, panned out \$60 i one pan before me yesterday, and says has taken out \$400 in a small sack."

A town site has already been laid out and called Zirnville. A stage line will be put on from Carson by Oliver Roberts. The distance is twenty-five miles. Teams will take Among the most promising finds are the Mascot, Mountain View, Valley View, Bank of California and the Senator.

# LEGI: LATIVE BOODLE.

Sudden Collapse of a Celebrated

California Case. The Faylor suit for \$5,000 claimed to be due him for his services as lobbyist in Sacramento last winter suddenly collapsed in San Francisco last week. Two of the most important witnesses for the plaintiff disappeared and could not be found.

Commenting on the testimony adduced, the San Francisco Examiner says: "The under world of corruption is a curious counterpart and carreature of the day light world of legitimate business. If we did not know that the commodities dealt in were votes and the transactions feionies, we might imagine ourseives among a party of Front street merchants discussing the price of pork. We have Senator Williams telling Colonel Dan Burns that he has entered into a combina

tion with PhilCrim play to do business. He calls attention to the fact that Senators calls attention to the fact that Senators Britt and Mahoney are not in the combina-tion that he represents. His combination consists of the San Francisco delegation, less Britt and Maboney. Crimmins has gone to San Francisco to dig up business—to see the railroad company and others; and if he cauof make satisfactory arrangements, Senator Williams desires Burns to accept the agency

pute was granted to the old Oregon Central road by act of congress passed May 4, 1870, and as the Oregon and California company succeeded the old company and assumed all its indebtedness, the plaintiffs claim they also come into possession of all the lands of the Oregon Central company acquired-through patents from the Unite States gov-ernment. The case promises to lead to endless litigation, and several hundred others who have filed in the same way will be af or his combination.
"Subsequently Crimmins returns and reports that Colonel Crocker has sent word for
the boys to go on and vote against all negfeeted by the decision of the courts.

## A WYOMING TOWN.

The Growth and Industries of Neweastle.

Less than twenty months ago the site of

says: 'I will take you to a man that will do what is right.' He takes them to Burns, the city of Newcastle was covered with sage brush and pine trees. Since that time afteen two and three-story brick blocks were constructed, it was made a county seat, a \$125, 000 system of waterworks completed, \$4,000 spent for sewerage, \$7,000 for street grading. state library, that shrine of good literature and pure politics. At one of these meetings Burns reproaches the senators with treachery. A \$15,000 school house, a \$5,500 county jail, an \$5,500 city hall and two elegant churches They had agreed with him to vote against the electric bill for \$750 apiece, but they had sold themselves to Crimmins for \$1,500. 'In were erected. The coal fields near the town were developed until the Newcastle mines that, exclaims the colonel, looking down on them from the heights of conscious virtue, were justry called the "Model coal mines of the world. The B. & M. built 200 miles of road to reach the mines, eighty miles beyond "The committee feels the force of the re-buke, but it anxiously explains that Crim-mins has held out \$200 of the \$1,500, and it Newcastic on the extension to make connect tion with the Northern Pacific, and 100 miles into Deadwood. As a result of the discovery of this body of excellent pituminous and wants nothing more to do with him. Then Burns remarks that it will turn the whole oke-producing coal and the incoming of the . & M. the whole Black Hills country has But what to do the authorities think of awakened to a great prosperity, and the im-mense riches that have so long laid dormant are being developed with unprecedented all this! Although many of Faylor's witnesses have disappointed him, his testimony is simply corroborated by others. He is reported as saying that he is willing to go to A YOUTHFUL TURPIN.

#### San Quentin if he can take the rest of the gang with him. There is matter enough already on record to give two or three grand juries a good start in the matter of indictwayman.

The Fate of a Dime Novel High-

The mutilated body of a young man was found beside the track at Brighton, Cal., and brought to Sacramento. Life was not yet extinct, though the skull was broken, and numerous wounds covered the head and body, produced by contact with a moving train. Death occurred a few hour later.

The deceased was very young, but of stalwart build. Around his waist was a belt filled with pistol cartridges, while a fine forty-five caliber Colt's revolver, a foot and a half long, hung to the belt. In the pockets were a bunch of the latest and best-made skeleton keys, and also newspaper clippings relating to train robberies and other lawless deeds. There was also a letter from his sister, "Eleanor," a girl of thirteen years, written in affectionate language and imploring her brother to write and tell what he was doing. Wherever his own name occurred it had been carefully cut out, and also the date of the letter and the address of the family. Whether the youth was a genuine desperado or some weak-brained victim of dime novel literature is not known.

#### Wyoming.

Timber fires are said to be raging in timber south of Piedmont, Cheyenne is weary of mule motor and wants electric rapid transit.

The Union Pacific disburses \$35,000 a outh at Rock Springs. a few specimens with him and they were formed exactly like icloses only of a different A state weather bureau is to be added to Wyoming's attractions. More than 1,100 corporations are authorized to transact business in the state.

gold quartz specimens, some containing free gold, and is confident that he has found and Flowing water was struck in the Rawlins located claims that will some day make him rich. He will return in a short time to deartesian well at a depth of 300 feet. Thirteen repuilt locomotives were turned out of the Chevenne shops last month. A postoffice has been established at Cora,

ent county, with special service from

Big Piney. The Productive Qualities of Califor-The Denver and Wyoming Pipe Line ompany has been given a franchise by the Laramie city council. Ex-Governor L. Al Sheldon writes in the

Satisfactory progress is reported in negotiation to convert Fort Sanders into a state encampment reserve. Near Wheatland, on the Chevenne and Northern, the Wyoming Development com-pany has over 1000 acres under cultivation. John Chase, for elevan years manager of the Inter-Ocean hotel in Cheyenne, has retired on account of rapidly failing health.

Perhaps the liveliest town in the state just

now is Gillette, the new terminus of the Burlington. A newspaper has been started There is a good prospect of a stamp mil Encampment tunnel. It has been demen strated that there is a seven-foot quartz vein in the lead that will pay well.

Li Two or three of our county officials visited the Star valley country recently, and returned with very flattering reports of the crop prospects, and think that that section of the country will become the garden spot of the county J. C. Fisher, who is largely engaged in the

cattle business in Wyoming, with a range fifty miles south of Green river, says that in the past eight years there has been no time when there was as much grass and cattle were in as good condition as they are now.

Citizens of Sheridan county have organized and incorporated the Omega Mining company with a capital stock of \$100,000. Money paid in will be devoted to the purchase and de velopment of mines, principally placers in the Bald Mountain district. Mrs. John Kurtz, the victim of the kero

sene can explosion in Chevenne Wednesday morning, died Thursday evening in great agony. The lodger who fought desperately Butte's Judicial Hide Awfully and to save the woman was William Rath. orake ran for the Union Pacific. His hand Kansas has its Judgo McKay, Montana its are badly burned and some surgery may yet be necessary. Judge McHatton. The former attempts to The Green, Grand and Colorado river navioverrule the state supreme court, the latter

gation company will start on an exploring tour this month. The party will be composed of ten or twelve persons, among whom will be representatives of the press. The editor of the Cheyenne Sun will go along to keep the slack out of the sails. South Dakota.

The Black Hills Chautauqua will be hell at Hot Springs, August 11 to 26. The educational expenses of Rapid City for the current year foots up \$20,238.

Deadwood was short of water one day last week, but the natives did not miss it. The Retreiver mine paid its third dividend recently, making a total of \$20,000 for seven months of the year.

The Harney Peak Tin company will or

August 10 let contracts for sinking 200 feet

of the three-compartment shaft on the Addie and 100 feet of the two-compartment shaft on the Coates mines, at Hill City, The threatened removal of a brewery from loux Falls created a sensation in busin circles, and a united effort prevented the calamnity. The report that South Dakots

a prohibition state tacks confirmation. The new carbonate camp on the Rocker ville road is forging ahead. The district is one of the eldest in southern hills, having been prospected for gold years ago, when Sheridan and Rockerville were flourishing dties. It declined and again revived.

Wolves are killing stock along the Cheyenne river. The wolves are growing bold and come up to the corrals and kill the colts. The stockmen in that vicinity are talking o organizing a party for the purpose of exter minuting the different bands of wolves. Justice Campbell of Cascade, accompanied

with an overgrown lag, attempted to im-prove the morals of the town the other day. He drew a knife on a "coon," but the latter caught him under the jib and sent him to grass, indefinitely postponing the reform. Garden City properties are looking up igan, a deal having been closed yesterday for a minority interest in the capital stock of the Mueller Mining company and Keystone Chlorination works at a net price of \$28,000. The purchasers were Harrod Brothers of

Waterioo and Waverly, 1a. The Deadwood and Delaware smelting empany's plant began its in tial run at 3:3) clock July 29. Exactly sixteen minutes after the blast was turned on the furnae was discharging molten ore at the rate of 15 tons per day. The plant has now been in peration long enough to set ut rest all doubts before entertained as to the practicability of

the pyritic process. Thomas H. Ruth, commissioner of public and school lands, filed in the Rapid City land and school ands, fined in the Rapid City land office his application for lands under the en-abiling net admitting South Dakota into the union. The most of the lands selected are located in Meade and Fall River coun les, and are of the best lands to the district open for settlement. The filings amount to 6,718,

250 acres. The business of the general land offices o the state for the year ending June 30, show a total of 6,847 fillings. The number of acres newly filed on is as follows: Pierre, 714,873; plaint alleges that the land office had no right to receive the filings. The land under dis- | Chamberlain, 35,000; Rapid City, 130,000;

Aberdoen, 83,307; Mitchell, 64,134; Yankton, 22,307; Huron, 58,384. The number of acres acquired by final proof is: Pierro, 17,700; Chamberlain, 28,680; Rapid City, 32,094; Aberdeen, 80,272; Mitchell, 131,920; Huron, 136,965; Yankton, 84,488.

Montana.

Francis Murphy scooped in 700 converts in Butte is entering upon a grading of ner treets in earnest. Missoula workingmen are determined to

excett the Chinese A quarter of a million of Great Falls bonds rought a premium of \$217. The total shipment of wool from Great Fails since the opening of the season foots up 412,388 pounds.

Work on the enlargement of the East Helena plant is being rapidly advanced. Sixty new ovens are being put in during the past

The theft of a keg of beer from a wedding feast in Butte provoked a row, during which the thieves dropped the keg as well as a

bucket of blood. The workmen of Missoula are protesting against the employment of Chinese labor and leclare their intention of boycotting business

houses patronizing Chinese, A rich strike is reported in the Southern Cross mine Zosel district. A force of mon had been put to work to take out one to fill their new contracts for shipment from Aua-

Reports come from Montana of a man who ice a year sheds his skin as does a snake Each year, in July, he is said to be attacked by a sort of fever. His skin lessens and in ten days or two weeks it can be taken com-

A vein averaging about twenty-five feet in width has been found in the Montana Chief, Cataract district. It runs from \$15 to \$15 per ton. Several tons have been taken out that heavy with wire and native silver which went as high as 860.

Specimens of coal found in McCiellan Gulch, ten miles east of Helena, have been pronounced antharcite by expers, and some evelopment work is being done. At a dept of fifty feet the vein was found to be about four feet in width. A level is now being run

to further test the extent of the vein. From all sources the information coming during the past week touching the condition of the mining interests throughout Montana is most encouraging. The prevailing clear weather has materially improved the condiion of the roads, assisting in of supplies and the shipment of ore.

The novelist will find more material for ro nance in Helena than in an other city in the country. The city contains twenty-seven fortunes there. It has gold kings, cattle kings, silver kings, great gamblers, a good fire department and a discouraged religion; religion in Montana needs more irrigating than crops.

The manly art is right at home in Butte, Its devotees may be found in all walks of life, regardless of age or sex. Two precocious youths came together in an alley the other day, without any preliminaries the fight began, the mother of one acting as umpire. Mud had no terrors for them, and fours were at a discount, but the mother kept her weather eye open to see that her son did not get any the worst of it. After they had scrapped for some time and a crowd had gathered, one of the bystanders attempted to nterrupt them, but he soon wished he had no., for with a Sullivan blow the umpire sent him to grass or mud, and the battle raged, much to the amusement of most of the lookers on. Several attempts were made to stop the fight, but interference was only reward ed by an attack from the mother, and as no one desired to strike her the men ratired discomfited. Finally a policeman came along and put an end to the proceedings. Neither of the lads was hurt and the conclusion of the crowd was that the battle was a draw.

## Utah.

An onyx mine has been discovered near Logan. Chipmunks are destroying sugar beets in Wasatch county.

The cruel political war is over, and peace

reigns on the Jordon. Another discovery of natural gas has been nade in Salt Lake City. The sale of stocks on the Salt Lake mining exchange for July aggregated 320,424 shares;

the sales today were 460 shares. Alumina and fire clay in considerable quantities and of a valuable quality have een found in the near neighborhood of Brigham City.

It is said that Messrs. Raht, Snyder, Moore and James have sold their mine on Gold north of Maryvale for the neat sum of \$65,000.

A great deal of wool is now being shipped

out of Sanpete valley. It has been officially stated that since last November 1,000,000 pounds have been shipped out of the valley. A new court house is being constructed entirely of stone at Eureka. Its dimensions will be 30x40 feet, with fourteen-foot ceilings. The Methodists and Roman Catholics are also erecting houses of worship at Eureka. Ore from the mines located near Garden City. Bear lake, and recently discovered, has just been assayed. It shows 82% per cent lead, 12% ounces silver, and \$2.111 in gold to

Arrangements for the irrigation congress to be held in Salt Lake City, September 15 are well advanced. Every western state has been invited to send delegates, and favorable responses have been received.

The Taylor & Brunton Sampling works company of Aspen, Colo., has purchased ground at Bingham Junction, and ordered machinery and timber for the erection of what they state will be the largest sampler in the United States. Work is to begin imnediately.

The sulphur mines near Cove creek were aspected last week by a representative of a St. Louis syndicate, who proposes purchas-ing the entire property, having the Rio Grande Western extend their line to the mine, and proceeding to develop it to its ut nost capacity.

For the first six month of the present year the following noted mines of Utah have paid

dividends as follows: Daly, \$23,000; Horn Silver, \$100,000; Ontario, \$150,000; Centen-

niul-Eureka, \$120,000; Champion, \$6 Mammoth, \$240,000; Petro, \$12,500;

\$757,000, with a score or more yet to hear from.
The Salt Lake receipts of ore and bullion for the week ending the 29th, inclusive, have been to the total value of \$17,400,950, of which \$5,121,813 was bullion, and \$9,339,137 was ore. For the previous week the receipts were to the value of \$16,379,468 in total, of which \$8,355,650 was in ore, and \$8,023,812

An analysis of samples of pumice stone, ar extensive deposit of which was recently dis covered near this city, showed 91.5 per cent of silica, with a trace of aluminum, magnesia and lime, while moisture makes up the bal-ance. The deposit is sixty feet wide and can be traced for over one thousand feat.

Receet arrivals from the Deep creek coun try brought in ore from a new place, which is said to be a fine strike. It comes from Thomas' creek, on the cast side of the Deep Creek valley, in the Deep Creek range, in what is known as Durst's canon. brought in came from the surface, and is rich in gold ore. When announced in the Deep Creek country there was a stampede for the 'diggins," and the first day fifteen loca tions were made.

# Idah .

The Payette board of trade has been incorporated, with \$50,000 capital. The Presbyterians and Catholics are buildng churches at Idaho Falis.

There are forty-one insurance companies doing business in this state, with a force of us4 agents. The track of the Boise electric street railway is completed and the company is now awaiting the arrival of the cars.

Eagle Rock has by popular vote changed its name to Idaho Falls and the railroad company will change the station name to corre-spond in a few days.

Grasshoppers are said to be so thick along Soldier creek, Camas prairie, that large num bers have perished in the stream and their bedies have so polluted the water that stock will no longer drink it. The Bunker Hill & Sullivan mining core

pany has decided to built another large con-centrator at Wardner. The present concen-trator has a capacity of about four hundred The new mili will be larger.

A rich strike is reported from Door Creeseinty, hear Halley. It was made in the Nottle mine and the vein, which is fourteen inches wide, carries ore that runs 200 ounces sliver and 60 per cent lead. The mine has paid its owners heretofore at the rate of \$1,300 per month in dividends while doing

United States Marshal Joseph Pinkham

unearthed in the northern part of the state & big timber steal and saved 1,250,000 feet of lumber, that had been unlawfully cut on the public domain, from being run over into Washington. He arrested the principals and had them held in bonds to appear when

necessary. There is much activity in the Courde declene country at present. The Black Trav-Alone country at present. The Black Trav-iler in that section is down thirty-live feet, all in ore. A cross cut at the bottom of nfteen feet did not encounter the hanging wall. The ore assays 75 per cent in copper, 23 ounces in silver, with a trace of gold and a

small percentage of lead. The semi-annual report of State Treasurer Frank R. Coffin contains some interesting figures. The general fund warrants paid amounted to the comfortable sum of \$122, 208.84, while warrants on this same fund, called and outstanding, were \$1,039.80. The nterest paid on the bonded indebtedness of he state was \$11,901.44.

The largest copper camp in America is said o be in the Seven Devils country in Inaho. S. O. Spencer, a competent judge, has just eturned from there and he says that, alhough many mining districts in that wonderfully rick country have only been scratched, be is confident that it will in time develop into the largest and richest copper country in The American mining company patented claims which have been stocked at \$5,000,000.

## Oregon.

Portland is to have a bicycle factory. New potatoes are selling at Salem for t

State Fish Commissioner Reed says the almon pack on the Columbia river this a aon will not equal that of last season by

The Fraser river salmen pack is said to be per cent behind the two previous years his season. The pack is also short on the

Miss Hope Mulholland of Harrisburg was suddenly awakened from her revertes one day last week by a snake falling onto her om the tree under which she was

Asteria has formed another railroad projest, a company having been incorporated to build a road from Asteria to Goble, the point where the Northern Pacific crosses the Columbia. Astoria is becoming famous for for railroad projects, the largest town in America without railroad connection. Eastern Oregon and Washington will raise

for export 22,000,000 bushels of wheat. At 68 cents per bushel, which is not an overestimate, this means \$14,000,000. Add to it the wool clip, and the sale of fruits and it is an easy matter to figure out that farmers of eastern Oregon will be able to keep the wolf from the door for the next year without much wear or tear.

The great jetty at Fort Stevens has reached its western limit about five miles out to sen. It is expected that it will require two years to finish the work of dumping rock, and if the good results already attained continue, the value of the improvement to the whole northwst e will be incalcutable. This jetty is said to be the only piece of government work undertaken wh rain the cost was lower than the original estimates. The Astorian says that as Mr. Alexander,

an Oregon sheep-raiser, was driving a herd of 10,000 mutton sheep through Klickitat county to the Sound market recently, a small canyon was reached which the herders did not see and when the front sheep came to it the rear ones pushed them ahead until there was a bridge formed with the struggling and dying leaders. The rest of the band passed over and when the nerders arrived they found 360 dead and dying sneep.

#### Washington. Willapa harbor has shipped 32,600 sacks of

oysters during the past season. The corner stone of the Plymouth church in Seattle was laid last Sunday. One man and \$50,000 worth of property

were cremated in Scattle last Saturday. Seattle is something of a divorce mark. Seven mismated couples were sundered one day recently. In Klickitat county they have a genuine

eaced eagle that they are fattening for the Chicago exposition. By the will of J. W. Munson, filed for propate in Scattle, the Salvation Army becomes the beneficiary to all his estate.

One of the most recent schemes in Washington is for an electric car line between Scattle and Payallup, to be built in the near future at a cost of about \$400,000. The tea ship, Guy C. Goss, arrived a Tacoma with 30,288 packages of tea, valued \$450,000. The Goss is the first tea ship to

ships having entered at Port Townsend, The greater part of the cargo is destined as follows: New York, 9,447 packages; Chicago, 14,575; St. Paul, 1,863.

There was a grand sight out in Semiahoo bay Sunday evening when twenty porpoises or humpback whales went puffing and blow-ing by Birch bay head out into the gulf, Every time one of the monsters plunged forward and spurted the salt water high in the air, his tail or back fin would protrude the water at least five feet. The spectators could hear them snort like frightened horses, though with more volume and greater force, though they were fully two miles out from plow the water to a foam, and judging from the length exposed to view they must have been fully thirty feet in length.

amount raised in that state last year.

The total sum disbursed by Comstock mining companies for wages during last month amounted to \$192,253. The wheat crop of Nevada is said to be very largely in excess this year of the

Chinamen are about to hydraulie the ountain east of Unionviile, Humboldt county, placer claims having been discovered for everal miles in the canyon. Sloughs and ditches on ranches near Win-

nemucea are full of carp and cathsh which have been cut off from the river in conse-quence of the water falling, and parties coop them up by the sackful. From the summit of Mount Rose, 10,800 ty-one takes may be seen glistening among he forests of the Sierra. The snow on Mount Rose is now from four to eight feet deep.

Commissioner Carter of the general land

office has directed the register and receiver of the Carson land office to receive mineral applications and allow mineral entries on the abandoned military reservation at Fort Mo Two Shoshone bucks named Spruce Aleck d Laughing Charlie fought a bloody duel

at Wells. The trouble arose about a squaw They were both hobbled together and fought with knives. They are horribly mangled and Aleck will die. There is an old man at Austin who for four

years has been prospecting on a hill back of the town, working ten hours a day and six days a week, and has never been rewarded for his perseverance by the return of a dol-lar. He is looking for the Whitlock ledge, which has been lost as effectually as the

#### Catifornia. The Sacramento Hee has entered upon its

thirty-lifth year. San Francisco and San Mateo are connected by an electric railway.

The exports of lumber from San Francisco for the first baif of the year amounted to 64, 886,000 feet, valued at \$872,000. The records of the oid county court in San Francisco show that before Judge S. S. Wright on July 9, 1879, Mrs. Mark Hapkins legally adopted Timothy Nolan as her son

Some specimens of mangel wurzel beets grown at Santa Ana have been sent to the permanent exhibit at Chicago. The largest beet weighed sixty-six pounds. One measured 3 feet six inches in length, and six of them weighed 323 pounds.

The Salton sea has now received its vindication and letters patent. The sea serpent has visited its waters and disported therein. The creature is described as being about fifty feet in length, with the conventional yellow scales, yawning mouth and great flippers.

One of the most unique morder trials of recent years in California, and one intensely characteristic of the ploneer epoch of the Pacific coast, is in progress in the town of Truckee. Court is held in a combined barom and gambling establishment, and deeds of violence against the prisoner, Malcolm Mo-Dougaid and other acts of contempt of court, are kept only in restraint by means of fire-arms in the hands of the judge. Owing to the excited condition of the friends of the

victim, Michael Lenahon, the leveling of a revelver by the beach has been a frequent necessity. A motion to adjourn to the bar is