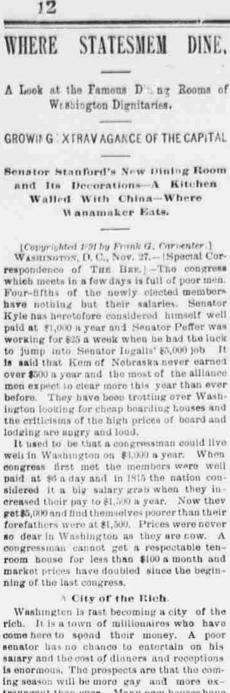
# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1891-SIXTEEN PAGES.



ning of the last congress. Washington is fast becoming a city of the rich. It is a town of millionaires who have come here to spond their money. A poor senator has no chance to entertain on his salary and the cost of dinners and receptions is enormous. The prospects are that the coming season will be more gay and more extravagant than ever. Many new houses have been built and some of the wealthier citizens are adding great wings to their old houses for the purpose of entertaining. The matter of dining rooms alone is becoming an important feature of Washington life and the dining room is now one of the largest and most beautiful of the statesman's house. Senator Stanford rents a house at Washington, but he has added to this, at his own expense, a wing comprising a dining room which has cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and which, though simple in its construction for the wants of a hundred millionaire, is a fair type of the tendency of the times in this direction This dining room is now being furnished for the winter. The wall and ceiling decorations have been completed. Numbers of elegant oil paintings have been hung in it, and the floor alone remains to be stained and polished. It is an immense room. You could crowd a good-sized two-story house inside of it and you could turn the biggest Broadway dray loaded with barrels around in it without touching the walls. It is over fifty feet long and more than twenty feet wide, and it has a great swelling bay window in the side of it which looks out upon Seventeenth street, and from the recesses of which you can get a view of Farragut square. The ceiling is, I judge, about fifteen feet high. It is painted a delicate cream which warms into a pink dusted with gold as it meets the side walls of pale blue and silver. These side walls are of a beautiful imported paper of silver flowers on this pale blue ground, and the general effect of the room is a most harmonious one. There s nothing gaudy or extravagant in its makeup. The chandeliers are of brass and the riobes upon them did not cost, I venture, more than 50 cents apiece, though they harmonuze perfectly and are beautiful. The fire-

its floor is of a fine mosale Rooms with distories. Many of the big dining rooms of Washington are rooms with histories. The walls within which Postmaster General Wana.napainted a rich cream, and on the right and ker washes down his beefsteak with ice wa-ter and cold tea nave heid all the belles and the left of this, facing the door, are two beautiful statues of white marble of Paris beaux of Washington for a generation. It was in it that Tillie Freinghuysen and her and Achilles. These stand on pedestals of black marble, and they catch your eye as you enter the room. The pictures on the walls are fine oil paintings and most of them were father entertained President Arthur when the gossip was that the president was to mar-ry the daughter of his secretary of state. it sent on from California for this room. Senahad distinguished owners before Frelinghuy-sen boughtit, and Secretary Whitney made it the social center of the Cleveland adminis tor Stanford has not seen the room as yet, and he gave orders for its construction before the left Washington for California. tration. It was he who gave the room its decorations which it has to a large extent toenator Stanford's Dinuer There are many dining rooms in Washingday. He made the woodwork of ebony black and hung its walls with brocaded satin of a rich old red. He had gorgeous tapestries ton which have cost more than that of Sena-tor Stanford's, but I doubt if there are any bung on the walls and his sideboard snarkled which will be so effective or in such good with silver. His tables were loaded with taste. Stanford is a rich man, but he does not believe in extravagance or in the gaudy champagne to a greater extent than Mr. Wanamaker's are loaded with appolinaris and his receptions were gayer and his dinners display of his wealth. He has the best of everything, but he wastes nothing. He is very charitable and very free with his money equal if not superior to those of Postmaster General Wananiaker, Just across Lafayette square within a but his tastes are simple and he spends but little money for mere show. The dining table in this dining room is of plain mahogstone's throw of the white house in an old fashioned mansion of the color of Jersey cream lives Don Cameron of Pennsylvania. any and you might find one equally as fine looking in the house of a well-to-do mer-His house is the old Taylor mansion and its The chairs are of simple pattern chant. tining room has entertained all of the statescushioned with red leather and would cost, I udge, less than \$10 apiece. The table is very small for so large a room, but it is plenty big men and diplomats back to the days of Henry Clay, General Winfield Scott was dined in it and Daniel Webster often stuck enough for the senator's family and he has a his legs under its mahogany. Just next to it is Blaine's house which was a famous place of entertainment when Commodore Rogers plan of enlarging it at will so that it will accommodate as large a number of guests as can be served in the white house dining owned it and the dining room which Blaine This enlarging will be done by means uses for his diplomatic dimners was used by Secretary Seward when he was at the head of folding leaves of white pine which have been stained to the color of mahogany. of the state department under Lincoln. The dining room is on the ground floor and its These leaves are made of boards about four teen inches wide and about five feet long, walls are hung with crimson tapestry and and they are so put together that they can the sideboard is of old oak. The chairs are upholstered in red leather and with Blaine be screwed to a frame work and placed right over the small during table, and then being at the head of the table the dinners are supported at the ends by temporary legs always a success. Daniel Webster gave his hig dinners they form a new dining table resting on and over the old. The table cloth will within a stone's throw of where Blaine now come to the floor and on such a table Senato holds forth. He lived beyond his means and though be did his own marketing be was always in debt. The bouse he had while he Stanford can entertain lifty-two guests at dinner at one time. By this additional table or cover being made of sets of folding leaves was secretary of state was the Corcoran man-sion on the north side of Lafayette square, and can make it as large or as small pleases and have the table to suit his com-Mr. Corcoran's autograph letters showed that Webster borrowed largely from him.

Washington house facing McPherson's HARNESSING THE TORRENTS. square. This dining room is just opposi Chamberlain's restaurant and it will be, Chamberlain's restaurant and it will be, I judge, as big a one as Stanford's. It has a large cay window in the side and will be beautifully lighted. Another big dining room will be that of Senator Eugene Hale's, or rather Mrs. Zaeb Chandler, for I am told that the big house which has been built on the corner of Sixteenth and K streets be-longs to Senator Hale's mother-in-law. This heuse will proably be open this winter. The decorators are now in it. It is the biggest bouse in Washington and probably the mest expensive one. It must cover aquarter of an acre and it has enough windows for a big fe-male seminary. It is a great oblong, colonial building of cream trick and drab stone with a semi-circular entrance in the middle facing Sixteenth street. This entrance has beauti-Sixteenth street. This entrance has beauti-ful decorations in the way of stone columns and the whole house is tasteful to an ex-treme. It cannot have cost less than \$100,-

00 and looks as though it may have cost sev eral times that amount. A little further up Sixteenth street from this house is Scott's Circle a little further back from which on Rhodo Island avenue Vice President Morton lives. Here is anoth-er hig diving room which Mr. Morton built maily for his Washington dinners. It was finished at the opening of the last con-gress and it has cost much more than the din ing room of Senator Stanford. It was stated at the time it was built that it cost something like \$40,000. It has a celling of panelled oak which meets the side walls in an arch-shaped cove and below which rising from the floor is a high ainscotting. The plaster between these is corated in red and the designs for it and decorated in red and the designs for it and for the oak carving were made especially for the vice president. The mantelpiece in the Stanford dining room could be built. I should think, for less than \$100. That in Vice Pres-ident Morton's must have cost at least a thousand. It is of carved oak with a great mirror over it and it has a fire-place in wi you could reast an ox. The bay window at

the side of the dining room is another feature. It is made of enormous sheets of plate glass and of mosaic glass which were especially made for Mr. Morton for this purpose. The floor is inlaid in patterns and the culinary arrangements of the establishment are like those of a hotel. The kitchen is walled with tiles of white china and the ashes are carried out of the house by a small railway.

### Dining Rooms in Mahogany.

Some of the best diving rooms of Washing some of the best during rooms of washing-ton are those of private citizens. The house of Mr. John Hay, the author of the Life of Lincoln, is one of the finest at the capital. Its interior decorations are in the finest of carved woods. The hall is in South Americarved woods. The half is in South Ameri-can white mabogany, and at the right of this as you enter the front door, just opposite a great fire-place, is a dining room of red ma-hogany. This is panelled and wainscoted in this wood, and the waluscoting contains blocks big enough to make the most beautiful office desk you have ever seen. Great mahogany rafters cross each other over your head, and the supports of these are carved columns of mahogany. Out of a red manogany alcove you look through plate glass win-dows out upon Sixteenth street and Lafay-ette park, and at the end of the room facing the door there is a great fire-place as big as that in Senator Paimer's \$12,000 log cabin near Detroit, which is surrounded by a man-tel wonderful in its carving and which has ingle-nooks at the sides, where you can sit

and toast your feet before the coals. Senator Sawyer has a beautifut dining room in his big brown stone house on Connecticut avenue. It is like that of John Hay in that it is inlaid with mahogany panels, but it has a frieze of paintings in oil in which cupids and pea-fowls are playing together above the baid head of the senator as he eats. The celling is beautifully panelled and the room is decorated with rare bits of fine china and plate. It is lighted with lamps of crystal and wrought silver and its hangings were of peacock blue during a part of the time that the senator has entertained in it. Mrs. Senator Hearst's dining room will not be open this winter as she is in mourning. It was finished last year and it is a beauty. The room is finished in the style of the Dutch renaissance and the woodwork is of well smoked old oak. The ceiling is paneled and the walls are covered with stamped leather. The diang table is twenty-six feet long or it may be extended to that length and the whole apartment is sombre in the extreme. In addition to this there is a suppar room in the basement for use during receptions and this is furnished in California redwood and

Util zing Mountain Streams to Produce Electricity for Industrial Usa.

GOLD HILL'S CHEAP METHOD OF MINING. Wonderful Water Power Devel-

oped Amid Wyoming's Treasure - Stored Hills.

SARATOGA, Carbon County, Wyo., Nov. 27. [Special correspondence of THE BEE.]-When Colonel S. W. Downey came back here the first of the week on his way home to Laramie from Gold Hill, he was more sauguine than over over the prospects for a successful test in the operation of the Edison system for working the mines there by electricity as described in last Sunday's Bun. During his visit to the camp the colonel took special pains to study the water supply for power and purpose. In the neighborhood

of his stamp mill just flaishing on Arastra lake, Colonel Downey had surveys made that show conclusively that sufficient water power can be developed to run dynamos that will operate many stamps besides furnishing light and power for the mines that he is working. Turee lakes, Arastra, Niebe and

Leman, can be tapped to furnish a water upply. A survey already made shows a 180 foot pressure, but this can be easily increased to over 200. One of these natural reservoirs. Lake Leman, can be utilized for water storage and to an extent that enormous pressure can be developed. The lare can be raised more than fifteen feet and at a triffing cost to hold water for winter use. Arastra Creek, that flows into the lake of the same name and not far removed from the mill site,

is a typical mountain stream that thunders fown the slopes and leaps over precipitous cliffs, all the while gaining in force. By dtverting the waters from these natural storage reservoirs the volume and power of the stream can be greatly ircreased. But while Col. net Downey is satisfied that e can comman i abundant water power to

operate his own mill and work the group o nines in the immediate vicinity that he con trols, his plan is more wide reaching than that If the Edison system proves practicable, and of that he is convinced, the colonel' intention is to organize a company that shall furnish light and power to work all the mines in the Gold Hill district and treat their ores. To corry out such a project some contral point must be selected where great water

ower can be secured. From past and recent ovestigat ous and actual surveys such a location has been fixed upon. That is on the Patriot placer claim, situated on both sides of South Brush creek, and extending 1,920 fest below the junction of Gold Run creek with the Brush and 660 feet above. This claim, embracing fifty-live acres, immediately adjoins the Benanza placer, and to the south of it, that forms part of what is known as the Greenville townsite, the lower camp in Gold Hill, where is located the present and only postoffice in the district, called Goil. A mill site has been graded on the Patriot, where ten or more stamps are to be set up in the near future. To furnish water for the boiler, plates, etc., of the projected mill, a ditch has been surveyed that will give a 172-foot pres-sure. For the purpose named this ditch was to be only two and a half feet wide and three feet deep, but it could be so enlarged as to take out all the water of Brush creek and increase both the volume and power to a won-

derful degree. In addition to this, it has been shown by a survey made within the past few days that North French creek, a considerable stream and of great fail, can be turned into South some distance above the Patriot This would be an easy and cheap Brush ntch. piece of engineering, only involving the con struction of a ditch about half a mile ion and the estimated cost not to exceed \$1,000.

So favorably impressed was Coloned Downey by the opportunities and natural advantages possessed by the Patriot water power that he has made overtares to Greene fros, & Co., who own these rights, looking o an alliance of interests and concerted a ion The chances are, though, that the Greenes will either carry out such a project n their own hook, else make an effort to enlist capital to aid them, It must not be mistrusted for a moment that these plans, as recently discussed in The BEE, are in any sense visionary. Enough has been domonstrated to enlist the co-opera-tion of capitalists and so much encourage meat has Colonei Downey met with that it i merely a question of a short time when a practical test will be made. In order to prepare the miners and secure concerted action among them and such concessions as are requisite in making a test, the colonel up folded to them his plans in part at a miners meeting held last Friday night at Gold Hill In a carefully prepared address delivered or that occasion and treating of matters that were common to them all, Cotonel Downey made these observations: The starting of this first stamp mill is an important event in the history of the camp. While it is not a large one, it inaugurates the work of development and places the district on the list of producers, thus elevating it to a position of importance in the eyes of the min ing and commercial bodies of the country There is no apparent reason why there should not be 100 stamps running in this district by the 1st of September next, and within three years 500 stamps. That a consummation so desirable is not only possible but probable is due no less to the presence of inexhaustibl bodies of rich ore than to the advantage provided oy nature for their development The magnificent forests that darks the slopes of these hills offer at your very door all the timber that could be desired for a great mining camp. There are thousands upon thousands of acres of it and probably the demand of generations to come will not exhaust it, as the only timber that will be needed, in all liketinood, will be for timbering up the mines and for ilding pu-poses. This appears to be self-evident proposition when we building consider the immeasurable power available in our lakes and streams, a power so vast that t is no exaggeration to assert that it would suffice to run by means of electric motors al the stamp mills that could be put in during the next ten years, though a continuous porcession of wagons laden with machinery was marching from the manufactories to

will be practically no need of wood for fuel and not the slightest necessity for hading the ere elsewhere to have the proclous metal entracted. Thus those who operate the mines are guaranteed the most operate the mines are guaranteed the most econonomical method anown of treating all the free gold quartz mines. It seems beyond dispute that, being relieved of the excense of transporting the 'ore for a long dis-tance and not being obliged to use any fuel, our orea can be treated for not to exceed \$1.50 per ton. \* \* \* Referring again to the important part these streams play in the future of the camps that encircle the mountain, does there not seem to have been some design in the operation of mature by which the mineral district was made the beart of the water suppy of the entire surrounding region, the fountain head entire surrounding region, the fountain head of the streams without which the treasure hidden in these vants of nature's own construction would be as unattainable as though it was stored in the mountains of the moon? The snows that have been thrown over the reat hill like a winding-sheet, to appal until he Creator's own time the gold seeker from the Creator's own time the gold seeker from discovering its secrets, now melt and trickie down to form North Brush creek, South Brush creek, the Modicine Bow, Pass creek, Rock creek, Mill creek, Doughs creek, Libby, French, the North, South and Middle forks of the Little Laramie, and other streams, that make possible the recovery by man from this mountain the silver and gold that have

lain there for ages, to be given to the world at its highest stage of civilization and when the precious metal would be more necessary and more potent for good than at any other time in man's history! Dees it not seem that when the old Snowy, whose burden of wealth so long remained undiscovered, begins to pour forth her streams of silver and gold that were frozen in her rock-ribbed fast-nesses before the shining scraphin was placed on guard at the gates of Eden and the sentence of death was passed on the human

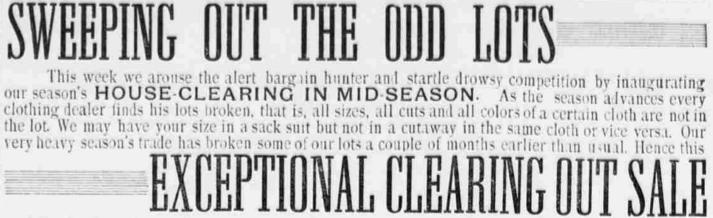
race, we may believe that the dawn of the millenium and the pardon of Adam's seed is not far off You who have attacked these mountain ranges to wrest from them the treasures o which pre-Adamito sultans only dreamed which pre-Adamito sultans only dreamed, would do well to endeavor to realize the ex-traordinary power with which man is today endowed. If he has explored the plains be-neath the ocean's billows, counted the stars that whiten the remotest portion of the celestial sphere, weighed the planets, spanned the earth with lines of steel and even analyzed the action of the orain which in three minutest incoming and the stars in three minutes' time witnessed in a dream the detailed events of three years' life, what have you to fear in the task you have under-taken if you bring to bear upon it in connec-tion with the means afforded you by modern cience, all the energy and force of mind you

"The crystal streams whose music is almost "The crystal streams whose music is almost within our hearing enable you to command the lightning and with it as your co-worker to explore these hills to their innermost denths, to discover in each piece of quartz the minutest trace of gold, to lift it to the surface and separate it from the parent rock and to mould into pricks and send forth for commers and a creater of unafoliates the model colleage and a career of usefulness the metal that is loviest of all in the eyes of men, whether it is dust in the **pan**, money that secures file's conforts, the ornament worn by the woman you love, or the decoration of an altar devotes to the worship of Hum who stored it in the hills He created and sus-pended amid the clouds and the blue nountain mist." All these preparations for mining on a large

scale mean something. They show, if nothing else, that the claim owners have could dence in their properties and intend to get out the ore. Nobcay would doubt Colonel Downey's intention to push things. He has ome valuable claims that are fast attaining the distinction of being worthy the name of mines. His ten stamp mill be ready to start an somewhere between the 1st and 10th of December, Stamps would begin dropping efore that save that Superintendent "Jack' Martin is a conscientious milling as well as mining man and his confidence in Gold Hill is so great that he won't take any risks through which a mistake might be made and the first clean-up fail of being an honest and pradent one. Therefore the ma-chinery will all have to be in first class shape and all needful proparations made before the stamps begin pounding away on the gold-studded quartz. The showing that will be made at the end of a thirty day's run will be a good one. It will be the bast advertise-ment there could be for the district. The irst brick will be but one of a series of many follow. Superintendent Martin isn't a visionary man

and when he says the run will average \$400 a day for the ten stamps he comes pretty near upon his breast I noticed, for the first time, a sizing it up. But should the amount be no more than \$300 a day that is a big thing.

which a shaft 103 feet deep was sunk. located on the slope of a high hill.



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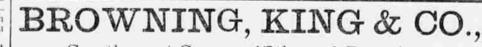
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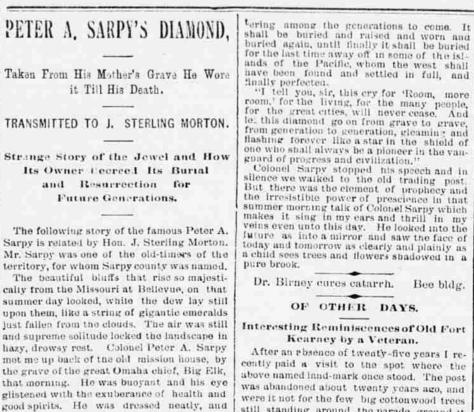
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Some of the finest dinners in Washington are given by Senator Stanford. He does not give a great many nor does he entertain many people at a time. The first dinner that **President** Harrison took outside the white-house was at Stanford's table. At this time the whole country was ansacked for novei-ties and though it was February Senator Stanford had some rare California cherries to place before his guests. These are gotten by express and the great part of the fruit and the wine used at the senator's table comes from California. Flowers and greens are sent across the continent and floral pieces are made on there and are shipped here with sponges attached to them and with directions to express messengers to water them on the All of the nuts that the senator uses from his own farms and he serves way California olives to his guests. These come They are of the choicest variety of course. It is the same with the wines. Many of those served at his table come from his own yineyards and though he always has one or two foreign wines at a dinner he believes in the use of home products and he is making great improvements in fruit and wine culture. Not long ago he brought two of the most noted champague makers of France to Califormia and he employs them there in making champagne. These men are studying the California grapes and are devoing them-enves to the production of a fine California shampagne.

### Some Noted Dining Rooms.

Mr. John R. McLean is building an im-mense dining room at the back of his big

### Foster and Sherman.

Secretary Foster has rented the house which Senator Payne occupied just opposite the Portland fints on Vermont avenue His dining room is at the back of the house and it looks out on a beautiful lawn. The secretary is rich and he will probably entertain considerably this winter. Just below him lives Senator McMillan of Michigan, in a nouse which he said \$50,000 for, and which of the justices of the supremo court are entertainers and the dining room of the supreme court justice is more important to him than his parlor. Senator Evarts had a beautiful diving room in his house on the corner of Sixteenth and K streets and he gave many stag dinners in it. He is noted as an entertainer and during his term as secretary of state he spent four times as much as his salary in keeping up his table. John Shermar has a very plain dining room in his K street house. Like Senator Stanford he gets all his preserves from his coun-try home and he gives many dinners and good ones, FRANK G. CARFENTER,

### How to Frustrate Check Forgers. Talking of check forgeries, some corre-

spondents of a financial paper have been uggesting different plans for preventing the "raising" of amounts on checks

One is to adapt the color of the check for the amount that is drawn upon it, using one color for sums under two figures, another for sums under two igures, another for sums under three figures, another for sums under four figures, and different tints for different

thousands. But a system is already in vogue in Germany which works well in practice, and has the additional advantage of simplicity. At the edge of all checks a lable of amounts is printed, and before issuing a check the drawer is expected to tear off all amounts, above that for which the check is drawn.

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Gold Hill. In illustration of what may be done by means of the electric motor and to demonstrate the fact that lightning is our power, that all the elements will contribute to our success, let me cite the following data opained from the Edison Feneral Electric company:

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 10, 1891. - To ColoLEI S. W. DOWNEY, Luramie, Wyo.: Dear Sir-In accordance with your request, we submit to you the following approximate estimate for an electric power transmission plant for

running your mill near Saratoga, Wyo. " It is assumed that you will build founda-lons for dynamo and motor, furnish poies distributed along the line, and do any necesary work in the way of clearing away tim ber or brush from the line. With these exceptions, we are to furnish all apparatus and material and set up the entire plant, including line work, operate it two weeks and turn

it over to you in complete running order. "'To develop fifty horse power on motor pulley for running a mill the following plant vill be required : "'One 60 kev, 1,000 voit dynamo with base

frame, regulator, ampere meter, volt meter lightning arrestors, switches, bus bars, cables and station material "One 45 key, (50 H. P.) motor with base

rame, starting rucostat," ampere meter and lightning arrestors.

"The necessary line work from dynamo to motor a distance of two miles. " 'The above plant complete will cost about \$7,600. This estimate does not include the necessary water power to run the dynamo.

"We should be glad at any time to investi-gate this question more carefully and make you a definite proposal for whatever plant you may decide upon. Hoping to hear from you again in regard

o this matter, we remain, yours very truly, EDISON GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, Per LEVING HALE, Agent.' " There are points on North and South Brush creeks where 400 and 500 horse power

can easily be obtained from the natural flow of the streams. By putting in motors, this power can be readily transmitted to the various mines now or at any future time to be developed, so that there

with striking brilliancy. Meanwhite work is being vigorously prose

"Coloael," said I, "you have been adding cuted on the claims whose outputs are to be run through the mill on Arastra lake. Half a to your jewels," and, looking steadily at the gem, "is that something new ?" mile from there is the Leviathan claim o

"O no, my friend," said he, "that is old Com very old, and I will tell you about it if you down the hill eighty feet a tunnel was started that had been driven fifty feet that taps the will listen, and what is to come of it in the nereafter, if you will." vein and shows a better grade of ore than

solitaire diamond, which gleamed and flashed

Signifying my assent with great alacrity, Colonel Sarpy proceeded as follows: that in the shaft, and averaging twelve feet in width. By the time the tunnel reaches a

"Many, many years ago, when St. Louis was a village, my good Catholic mother died point below where the shaft was put down a depts of 30 feet will be attained. With this amount of ore in signt the ten stamps -may God rest her soul in peace-in that own. We children followed her remains to town. could be supplied. There is already a larg the cometery and laid them quietly in the quantity on the dump and it runs from \$30 to grave and wept until our eyes would weep no more. And then shortly after I came up here to Nebraska among the Indians to trade si0 to the ton in gold. A good road has been built from the Levithan down to the mill. On the Wyoming claim a shaft has been and my brother, John B., remained in St. erected so that work there can't be interfered Louis.

with by the storms that will soon begin to come thick and fast and the snowfail be enor "But a few years ago I went down to St. Louis to purchase goods and one afternoon after I had been there several days my brother said: "Peter, I want to see you mous. Ore bins are also building. A depth of forty-five feet has been attained in the privately in the counting room to talk about the dead,' and so I went in and John B. said : shaft that was put down along side the veir shaft that was put down along side the vein from which quartz can be picked off contain-ing gold nuggets of good size. When down thirty feet, in addition to the lead proper, a streak of crevice matter about two tuches wide came in. This in-creased in width until now it averages about three feet wide. The gauge and crevice matter prospects rich. The distance from the Wyoming to the mill is three-ough. Peter, this city is growing very rapidly. It is stretching out to the south and the west and the north. It needs more room and the old graveyard where our mother is buried must be given up We must move her remains to another resting spot, and we will do t together while you are here. We will do from the Wyoning to the mill is three-quar-ters of a mile, but a good road has been conit tomorrow.

"And so the very next day we went out to "And so the very next day we went out to mother's grave and carefully we brought the collin to the light and lifted it up tenderly on to a bler. It was saily decayed. It looked like punk wood. The top was moved a little to one side and I could not restrain a desire structed with a favorable grade so that ore an be easily hauted. Surprises have been so frequent in the Acme and Lakeside claims on Mineral Hill right near the Greene townsite that it now takes a good deal to excite the miners, estook in. As I did lock the sunlight streamed in and I saw something gleaning there. At pecially as regards now discoveries on the Acme. A week ago Greene Bro.'s & Co. broke with a Massachusetts outfit b cause once I remembered the diamond which my mother had always worn and which had been buried on her breast, and I reached in and the repsentatives of the latter would not fulfill their contract for the immediate erecttook it out, and this is it which you see. It is mine, and when these bright days come I ion of a stamp mill. Immediately after that, n running the Acme tunnel and when in about 130 feet a rich veln was cut. This s owed feel young again, and rememberidg my mother I put it on and wear it, for it makes me a better man. It is a charm, sir, and the four feet of quartz and decomposed ledge matter that pans well and is evidently rich. memories which it brings to me are brighter and richer and more precious than all the gems in the world, for they are the sacred On the strength of this new discovery an offer has been made to put in a stamp mill by people who will take their pay from the prorecollections of a Christian mother, a holy woman, whose teachings were purer than any ceeds of the clean ups. In tunneling for a distance of 145 feet or thereabouts, for dis-tinct streaks or gashes of quartz and gange diamonds that ever glowed.

"And now, while men think I am nothing but an old Indian trader who sees nothing in the future, who believes in no destiny for this beautiful Neoraska of ours, I know, sir, that not many years will come and go before from three to sixteen inches wide, and rich in mineral have been cut. These feeders, as they are called, indicate a big lead, whose value as yet can't even be estimated, but will andoubtedly prove rich. On the Lakeside I, too, will be called to another life in another world. And then these fertile lands, these vast plains will have been settled up and when the tunnel had been driven fifty feet a contact vein three and a half inches in width was discovered that dins into the mountain somewhere in this Missoori valley, perhaps in sight of where we now stand, a great city shall have been built up and there will ever Several small scams have also been cut in Both the Acme and Lakeside tunnels show and ever go up the hum of contented industry. Then I may have been in my grave many years, and with me will have rested in darkwork that would be regarded as creditable in any mining camp. Every foot is timbered. At the mouth of the Acme and all the way ness this gem. And having no children, no kinsmen, as the land fills up with many through are plies of quartz and crevice . mat-ter. This is superior to that taken from the people and the cities grow, very likely some day they will comes to you as they did to brother John about our mother, and say: 'Here, sir, your old friend. Peter A. Sarpy, is in the way. The city needs room, sir, and is in the way. fifty-three toot shaft and on a mill run of 1,950 pounds of which \$24 in gold was ob-The Gold Hill district will soon have a second postoflice and at the upper camp near the Downey mill. At a miner's meeting a you must take his old bones away." And if so, do it; do it decently and kindly, as I anow you will, but remember this diamond. Peep into my old coffin. It is a pure gem, first water, and will survey flash whenever your eye can see. Then you reach in-Fil be still-and snatch the diamond out and put it on and wear it. "The years will roll on and the people will

still flood in and this shall be one of the grandest gardens of the world and you will have grown old, too, and become a chizen of some great city, away out on what we now call the plains, and out on what we now call the plains, and then death will rap at your door and you, too, will come into that other iffs in that other world. Tell your boys to bury this stone with you. But not many years more will have followed the trail of those which have aircady gone into the shalowy hunting hands before the boys will be called upon by the authorities to move your bones also. You will have gotten in the way, too, and they'll tell the boys to work the old man-move him and make room for the city of the plains. Tell the boys when the time comes plains. Tell the boys when the time comes to reach into your coffin and sgain take to is glistening jewel out from the grave. Tell cluest to put it on and woar it, and be buried with it too, leaving instructions for its resurion again.

"And so, sir, we'll keep this diamond glit-

site, wire fences, cornfields and groves having almost obliterated every trace of what was once an important strategic point on the MRS. J. BENSON. plains. Fort Leavenworth, Fort, Kearney, Fort Laramie and Fort Bridger stood for many years as sentinels guarding the great overland mail and emigration route between the Missouri river and Salt Lake. Considering

still standing around the parade ground it

would be impossible to identify its former

1 its former prominence and importance I have often thought the government ought to place a monument to mark the place in the center of the parade ground because in a few years its very location will become a matter of conjecture and dispute. Senators Manderson and Paddock are hereby made a special com-mittee on the Fort Kearney monument.

The land is now owned by a Mr. W. O. Dungan, an old veteran of the rebellion, who stopped three balls for the Union, receiving therefor the princely pension of \$12 a month, Mr. Duagan kindly accompanied me in my efforts to discover some of the old lines and land marks. Where the row of long cavalry stables once stood, there is now a heavy growth of cottonwood timber. Not a vestige of any building remains, and it was in vain that we searched for the exact location of the sutler's store.

As I stood upon its supposed site, my mind revorted to incidents and scenes of thirty years age. The little back room (or "the years age. The little back room (or "the officers' room." as it was called) was once more filled with the genial spirits who used to congregate there, John Heth (peace to his ashes), Dr. G. L. Miller, General Robert Mitchell, Jack Morrow, J. E. Boyd, Phineas Burtch, Frank Coffman and a loag list of old-timers whom I could name living and dead timers whom I could name, living and dead. Just how many "jack pots" were opened in that little old room will never be known, but it is certain that no similar room in the west ern wilds ever witnessed more good fellow

ship, to say nothing about pointing morals : adorning tales. But past is all its fame!--the very spot Where many a time they triumphed is forgot: Dr. Miller was appointed sutler in the fail of 1861, succeeding John Heth. O. P. Hur-ford furnished the capital, which consisted largely of goods bought of John McCormick

at high prices and on long time. I conducted the business of the firm from 1861 to 1866 during which time the net profits amounte to over \$100,000, exclusive of numerous gov-ernment contracts. "Subtraction, division and silence," with a little "influence," went along way in those days in procuring con-tracts. I recall, for instance, one for 3,000 cords of wood at \$20 per cord and another for 500 tons of hay at \$40 per ton. The price paid by the government for corn ranged from \$3 to \$4 per bushel. (This is where the "Great American Desert" idea came m). I never was able to figure out the exact percentag



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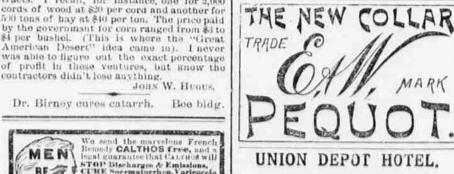


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