

PULSE OF WESTERN PROGRESS

The Social and Mineral Side of Life in the Great Creede Camp.

A BUSTLING INFANT OF A YEAR

The Irrigation Monopoly of Montana—The Wild Man of Idaho—Convulsed Nature in Yellowstone Park—Industrial Congresses—Western News.

AMETHYST, Colo., Feb. 24.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The mines of Creede and many other new districts are increasing the output, so that last year the state's output was something like \$10,000,000.

Creede's output will continue to increase in quantity and richness as depth is gained necessitating a requisition to the Denver & Rio Grande railroad by two of them for fifteen cars each per day. To assist in meeting this increased output a third track 700 feet long is to be immediately added to the West Willow switch. The plans and estimates for the projected Creede & Gunnison short line are ready and will be laid before Denver capitalists in a few days.

The Amethyst and Hidden Treasure sold last week for (rumor varies) from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

I. L. Johnson and A. E. Reynolds of the New York mine and B. E. Shear of the Mollie Gibson have purchased one-half of the Mary Taylor, presumably to try and beat in the Happy Thought and Mary Taylor lawsuit.

Miners and Prospects. There are not many men from Nebraska interested in the camp, but those here are interested in mining. Mr. Henry Wilcox of Wilcox, Neb., one of the most popular men of the camp, has been prospecting in the West Wilson creek. Edgar J. Black of the same town, who is cashier in the First National bank, is also interested.

Several of the prospects which are looking especially promising are as follows: On Bachelor Mountain—Bachelor Mine, Senate and Missing Link, Hatchery Able, Pine Day, Bushyhaucher, and Ironhead. Mammoth Mountain—Nancy Hanks, Grub Stake, and Spar. Sunnyside District—Reno, Double of Sunnyside, Wisconsin Boy, Double Eagle, Hidden Treasure, Blacksmith's Dream, Cotton Tail, and Alpha.

In the Line Belt—The Monom, Alpha and Omega, Wanda, Cyclone, and Aleta. Everywhere there is hope for the spring outlook, while prospecting and developments are being carried steadily forward.

The Town's Growth. The Creede of one year ago, which won world wide fame, has not, as some of its eastern friends might stand still, but with each day improves, until now it is as far different from the rough and ready camp of February, 1879, with its shacks and hovels and moral and social conditions, as the present is from the past.

During the summer there were no streets, everything being jammed together in a haphazard way. Now buildings have moved, streets straightened, until we have blocks and streets regularly laid out. In place of the tents and shacks which once occupied the business portion of Creede, there are now a number of well built brick buildings, also two or three adobe stores.

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Was There a Shake? Dr. Charles H. Plummer of Bozeman, Mont., enjoys the unique distinction of seeing and reporting an earthquake in operation in Yellowstone park. No one questions the doctor's veracity, nor is there a rival for the honor of first carrying the news to civilization.

The doctor reports that a series of earthquakes have been felt in the park during the last few weeks, one of which was the most terrific eruption since the discovery of the park. The main road south of Norris geyser basin gave in for a long distance, and to an unknown depth.

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years and adds simply 5 per cent thereto during the time, that he has paid for his water the enormous rental of \$13,125 per acre for the water of the state of a 160-acre farm; nor was anything said about the fact that if the state irrigated the land as set forth in these columns, the total cost for the water would be \$100 per acre for thirty years, but for the total liquidation of the irrigation debt, would be only \$20 per acre, or \$1,900 for each 100-acre farm, and that the total rental would be \$100 per acre for 30 cents per acre to provide a fund for sustaining the system in perpetuity. Painting the picture in these colors did not suit the convention, and the manipulators took good care that such presentation should not be elaborated or pictured before the assembly.

Difference in Cost. "Look at the different figures when placed in contrast: Corporation water rental at \$2.50 per acre, 5 per cent interest, 160-acre farm thirty years—and the same cost goes on forever. . . . \$1,300 State water rental for thirty years. . . . \$1,000 The water of the state of a 160-acre farm for thirty years. . . . \$1,000 The water of the state of a 160-acre farm for thirty years. . . . \$1,000

Balance in favor of state irrigation as against the corporation. . . . \$17,620 "Montana would not run any risks in lending its credit to the irrigable lands for the purpose of enhancing those lands from a present value of \$100 per acre to \$200 per acre—and it is only the self-interest of corporate interest that prevents the state from using its legitimate prerogative. The state is a vast territory and the people are to be supported for the benefit of the people—and not that the people may be perpetually cheated by the rascally manipulation of its machinery.

"With universal irrigation Montana could be made the garden spot of the continent. With private irrigation the state will remain much as it is."

IDAHO'S WILD MAN. He Wears Burs in His Hair and Eats Grouse Raw. The Idaho wild man has again made his appearance. Many of the people living in Long Valley, Blaine county, about seventy miles from Boise City, have been having seen him in the timber of the surrounding mountains upon several occasions.

A sheep herder, while tending his flock, saw a man wandering along the ridges of the mountains who would disappear as soon as he saw that he was observed. The herder hid in a tree and was rewarded by a glimpse of the uncanny being. He was a man of dark complexion, with a beard and mustache, and his hair was matted and interwoven with burs. His beard was long and similarly adorned. He wore what was a pair of old duck overalls, but it was tattered and torn. In his hand he carried a short heavy stick.

As he was passing along a grouse flew up and, quick as a flash, the man threw his stick, and with such unerring aim that the bird was killed. It was eaten raw.

The herder hastened to his camp, saddled his horse, and pursued the man, and when he had overtaken him endeavored to secure him by means of a lariat, but failed. The creature being run with the mountain goat over rocks where no horse could follow. Since that time, more than a month ago, he has not been seen or heard from.

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half inches in diameter, and in the wax. While it was still soft, was stuck a bright silver dollar of the year of Montana's admission into the union.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. Fremont talks of having a city hospital. The new hospital at Fremont is to be opened March 1. It will accommodate 130 patients.

Pawnee City has already secured the services of Church Howe for Decoration day orator.

Wahoo people have raised the necessary funds to secure the building there of a cannery factory.

Schuyler Methodists have been revived and new converts are being added to the church every day.

McKeighan is to have a private secretary in the person of E. M. Kelly of Beaver City, a rock-thrower from Colorado.

Kearney now has a cigar factory that employs eight men, and the proprietor expects to enlarge the capacity.

"Doc" Mathews has retired from the editorship of the O'Neale, and taken on his duties in the land office.

Robert Farmer, one of the four men who made the first settlement in Pawnee county in 1854, died at Daulton last week.

The Methodist church at Creston is in the hands of the Sarry county sheriff, and will be sold. A religious war is the cause.

Penier's republican postmaster intends to resign March 1, and then the struggle of the democratic party will become fierce.

Hoodlums make themselves altogether too prominent at entertainments at Superior, and there is a demand that they be suppressed.

The annual meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers association will be held this year at Fremont, March 29, and will continue in session four days.

John Tracey of Elmwood stepped into a store the other day and not noticing that the cellar door was open, fell through, breaking several bones in his descent.

Mayor Boyden of Grand Island has declined to stand for reelection. He intends to retire from politics and be a doctor just as soon as he can "learn the trade."

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IN THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY

Municipal Politics That Interest All Who Will Visit the Exposition. MAYORALTY FIGHT—WILL BE WARM

Qualities of F. D. Armour That Make Him a Strong Candidate—How Great Speculator Convinces His Professional Career.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—[Special to THE BEE.]—People outside of Chicago cannot be supposed to ordinarily take an overwhelming interest in the politics of this city. However, the result of the outcome of the present struggle for the mayoralty nomination is bound to have a great and important effect on the condition of affairs which will confront the stranger when he visits the World's fair this year, a brief resume of the situation may prove interesting.

Every one here recognizes the fact that if the contest is decided in one certain way Chicago will be "run wide open" this year—gambling houses will be in full blast; concert halls, which have largely remained closed since the regime of Mayor Roche, will spring up on every hand, and it is to be feared the criminal classes will be held in check even less than they now are.

On the other hand it is confidently asserted that if the contest ends in another certain way the result will be that the city will be "run tight" and the influence of such gigantic and interesting proportions will be a much more docile and tractable than that of Mayor Roche. He intends to retire from politics and be a doctor just as soon as he can "learn the trade."

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was "staked" when in a penniless condition by the old man. "Hutch" was a great old fellow but he never turned away an applicant for help whom he believed to be poor.

But it is not likely that "Old Hutch" will ever be reduced to such straits as to require outside assistance. His son, Charles L. Hutch, is president of the Corn Exchange bank in this city and a millionaire; and while the father will not accept any aid from his son, it is understood that the latter has a comfortable little sum invested, the interest on which mysteriously finds its way to the old man.

"People not having Jews in this church are requested to remain in the foyer until after the second hymn."

This is the notice that stares in the face of the stranger visiting the "Peoples church," the pastor of which is the famous Dr. Thomas, who was expelled from the Methodist denomination some years ago for heresy. Dr. Thomas preaches every Sunday in McKicker's theater. The notice referred to is strictly enforced and the consequence is that every Sunday morning before the doors are opened to the general public there is a waiting throng of people who do not hold sittings or belong to the church, standing in the foyer, unable to gain admittance to the services already in progress inside. Finally, when the doors are thrown open there is a grand rush. Sometimes every one gets a seat; very often not.

To treat outsiders such compelling them to be treated in this way, said one old, portly gentleman who stood in the waiting throng the other Sunday morning. "It's a sorry way to treat outsiders, but it's the only way to miss one-quarter of the services in order that the ushers may have an easier time in seating the regular members of the church."

"We have to do it in order to protect the holders of sittings here," explained the church manager.

The line incident leads up to the very serious problem that is now being dealt with by the religious leaders in this city. "What shall we do with the thousands of World's fair visitors who will want to attend church this year?"

Chicago has hundreds upon hundreds of commodious church edifices but it is a fact that nearly all of them are filled to overflowing every Sunday morning, notwithstanding the fact that this city has the reputation of being an ungodly town. What the situation is, and what is being done to meet it, is the problem. It is probable that arrangements will be made to hold great meetings every Sunday either in the World's fair buildings or in convenient halls down town under the leadership of eminent local divines.

World's fair hotel schemes by which the prospective visitor to the exposition is offered board and lodging at dazzlingly low rates provided he becomes a subscriber by paying so much down and so much a month are springing up like mushrooms. Some of these are honest; many are palpably otherwise. It strongly behooves the outsider to be exceedingly wary and very much on his guard. It is a pity that the gentlemen who are not in the business purely and solely for their health.

A High Liver. He is bilious, constipated, and has indigestion and dyspepsia. If there is no organic trouble a few doses of Parks' Sure Cure will tone him up. Parks' Sure Cure is the only liver and kidney cure with a positive guarantee, price \$1.00. All druggists.

COURTING A MEXICAN GIRL. Sometimes it is Dangerous Business for an American Suitor. "The Mexican girls are very fond of Americans, but their admiration is not extensively shared by their countrymen. I. S. H. has been a San Francisco Examiner reporter. "I don't do things with old Zach Taylor, and liked the country so well that I stayed. I bought a cattle ranch and soon had one of the finest herds in the country. I got along nicely with my neighbors until the hands of some dirty old man named Jose Velasquez came home from school at Paris, and then my troubles began. Pretty girls are not plentiful in Mexico, and Senorita Inez was the beautiful of a woman as ever graced the court of old Castile. I was soon paying attention to her, and she appeared to regard my suit with considerable favor. I had for my rival a Senor Romero, a wealthy ranchero, who was supposed to have been at one time a chief of a gang of bandits that infested the Sierra Madre mountains.

"One evening, while riding over to the hacienda of my prospective father-in-law, a lasso was thrown over my head and settled about my arms, pinning them to the saddle. My horse reared, but I was stopped. A minute later I