PULSE OF WESTERN PROGRESS

Push and Pluck Promise Plenty All Over the Great Went.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS, NEW DISCOVERIES

Cement (Rock Near Great Fails, Mont .-The Crystal River Country-Freelous Metals, Coal and Marble-Cattle Notes.

Crops throughout the far west, while threatening to be a little late owing to the cold, promise nevertheless to be above the average, having been decidedly benefited by the recent rains. Cattle on the ranges have suffered searcely any loss through the winter, though sheep, in some districts have been decimated by the cold weather coming-after shearing had been begun Mining promises well in most sections, and and its operations are being watched with

great expectancy, particularly in new districts, and where new processes are being introduced.

Mountain Rallways.

Away up in the heart of the mountains north of Gunnison and south of Glenwood Springs two little branch railroads are build ing which are destined to have a large in fluence on the development of the western slopes and on the productive industries of the state. The Crystal river, also known as Rock creek, is a tributary of the Roaring Fork, joining said stream near Carbondale on the Hio Grands, and not far from Aspen Junction, on the Midland. It cuts a pathway through the mountains for a railroad and drains one of the very richest sections in the whole Rocky mountain country. The region abounds in gold and silver, in vast quantities of coal, and includes the celebrated Yule creek marble. The rails are now laid ten miles from Car

bondale for both narrow and standard guag trains, while ten miles more will be com pleted within a month, carrying the termi-nus to Coal Creek, at which point 250 coke ovens are to be erected. Thence a narrow guage will be extended thirteen miles to the coal fields which tests have demonstrated to yield the finest cooking coal in the world. Lignite and anthracite are found in close proximity to bituminous coal, the deposits being as extensive as they are valuable

being as extensive as they are valuable. The Elk Mountain line is being pushed into the same locality of the mountains, and promises to develop resources equally as numerous and quite as productive. What will be most important, however, after considering the opening of a rich sec-tion of the state, will be the development of the marble beds of which so frequent men-tion has been made in these columns. The opening of these marble deposits promises a opening of these marble deposits promises new industry to Colorado. The quality is equal to that of any quarry in Italy, while there is every variety, from the purest white to the richest variegated colors. For years it has been impossible to do anything with them for a want of transportation. Now that they will soon be reached by a railroad they will become at once productive and assure a new avenue of wealth to citizens of Colorado.

Cement Rock in Montana.

If you wont to find any mineral substance used in the industries of the country, all you have to do is to look for it. Every year some new andv aluable find is made. Last year the fire clay deposits began to attract the attention of capitalists, and today there is a \$25,000 factory built and ready to commence operations in manufacturing fire brick, paving brick, tiles, drain pipes, etc., thus keeping thousands of dollars in the west em-ploying labor instead of building up the industries of other parts of the country. It was predicted at the time that it was more than likely that some enterprising pros-pertor would yet discover a good cement rock in this part of the country, as the cou-dition may forward by the time state.

ditions were favorable to its existence. All this is now likely to be verified as a siece of rock was brought in the other day which has every appearance of being a genuine cement rock. It was found by one of the workmen employed by the company, who was doing a little prospecting not far from Great Falls, Mont. Thinking from its ap-pearance that it might be cement rock he had a piece of it calcined and reduced to powder, and then made a test of its qualities along with some imported Portland ce-ment. He was delighted to find that it set as quickly and as hard as the Portland cement and being satisfied that he had made a valuable discovery he secured the claim. Yesterday he brought some of the rock into the city and left it for trial. It is pro-nounced bearing every appearance of being true cement rock, but he has not finished his experiments with it, and does not desire to express a final opinion until they are completed. If the present indications are veri-fied, however, a very valuable discovery h is been made and a new source of wealth and industrial progress discovered which is not second to any heretofore made, not excepting the precious metal deposits.

plunge into the new country. The rush is very great and it will not be strange if a good sized city should suddenly apring up on the borders of Kootenai lake. Many of the prospectors and boomers come from the ex-treme east, although the larger part of them are from Montana, Idaho and Washing There are many stories told of Count d'Alone miners who have gone prospecting up there and in the course of a lew months coturned home with their fortunes in their

a stop at Spokane before taking the final

It is not probable that those Cour d'Alene mines which have recently ceased operations will long remain inactive. Everything points toward renewed activity. In-deed, when I was in Spokane a few days ago it was positively stated that the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines would be reopened at once, and the general feeling is that it

must be so." A New Fish Carrier. Major Schnitger, fish commissioner in harge of the hatchery at Laramie, has had a new device made for transporting fish from the hatchery to different parts of the state. It is a box eighteen inches long, the same in eight and ten inches wide. Attached to the lid is an ice reservoir and in the bottom of the box is a tank for bolding fish. It will hold from 2,500 to 3,000 fish, according to hold from 2,500 to 3,000 hst, according to their size. The ice in the top of the box melts and keeps dripping into the tank below, keeping the water at a temperature of 42 degrees. This ice will last from six to twelve hours and additional ice can be carried in the cars for the purpose of re-plenishing. It is said that these chests have been used successfully. There are holes in the top of the box over the ice.

des in the top of the box over thatee, aking it self aerating. It is claimed that) loss of fish can result by the use of these oxes. Fifteen of them have been ordered tan expense of \$7.50 each, which is cheaper than the cans can be bought. Utah Threatened with a Cattle War.

Utah is on the verge of a rustler war, such

is enlivened life in Wyoming last year, but is the federal authorities have taken a hand t may be of short duration. All the availaole deputy marshals in the territory are being centered there. For some time past numbers of stock cattle bearing certain brands have been found shot on the range, with the presumable object of running off the calves. It has been definitely ascerthe calves, it has been dennitely ascer-tained that this was the work of an organ-ized gang, supposed to be headed by the no-torious Captain Davis of Westwater. Con-siderable damaging evidence has been se-mend exist. cured against other parties, and a general coundup of the thieves is hourly expected. Phis is a matter which directly affects the interests of every cattleman ranging stock in the Little Grand valley. Feeling runs high, and every fuspleious past action is being investigated. It is possible that with he posso at present located there arrests may be peaceably made.

A Cattle Round-Up in Dakota.

The round-up of the Sioux range will start rom Fort Pierre May 20 under

the auspices of the Missouri River Stockmen's association. The past year has been a good one for stockmen in western South Dakota. They have met with very few losses and cattle came through in good shape. The outlook now is that the present herd will be largely increased by the shipment of cattle from the southern range. Some of the larg-est deals ever made since the opening of this country to settlement have been made or will be made shortly. Louis La Plant has purchased about 0,000 head of cattle in

Texas and will shortly ship them in. Barton & Williams and Marrington will ship 2,100 head from Colorado. Crocket & Siman will put in 5,000 head and Williams and Robinson 3.000. These four deals alone represent some \$325,000. Besides these there are numerous small deals which will be transacted during the spring and summer in both cattle and sheep.

An Active Camp.

The Willow Springs mining camp is the iveliest point in southern Oregon. Several more rich pockets were discovered lately The Harris brothers, who came here from California a short time ago, took out \$1,000 from one pocket in a single day. 1. F. Williams discovered a pay chute and took out more than \$300. One day's clean-up in the camp on all the claims will run up to \$5,000. Three dollars a day is of-fered for common laborers with few takers. Prospectors are moving out from all the small towns, and cabins are being erected galore. Every miner has a pot of beans and coffee hanging on a cross-stick, and all new-comers receive the hospitality of the camp. Business in this town is practically sus-pended during the day, but excitement runs high during the night. Most of the business day George Newman, a clerk in a cigar store at Aberdeen, Dak., attempted opening a ginger ale bottle when it explode 1, cutting his left men have gone to the camp. A night shift is kept on watch to protect rich pockets from tramps. eye out. During the past week 630 tons of ore were Mica Mines. extracted by the Consolidated California & Virginia company of the average value of M. E. Clapp, ex-attorney general of Minnesota, arrived at Hot Springs a few days \$26.97 a ton. ago, accompanied by the following St. Paul Two Beaver men are reported to have struck it rich by leasing on the Poorman mine, at Pioche, Nevada. Assays of ore go men: K. D. Chase, Donald Grant, M. S. Mason and Dr. Lenhoren. Immediately over \$1,000 to the ton. after arriving here the party departed for J. B. Neff of Colorado Springs claims to Custer City for the purpose of inspecting the mica mines located near that place. Their inspection was very thorough, as they have invented a gold saving machine, to be run in connection with stamp mills, that will catch and hold the elusive "flour." had with them an expert, who subjected the mica at the various mines visited to a most severe test, not only to the satisfaction of the mine owners, but of the St. Paul parties. This test resulted in the sale of \$3,500 worth James Fitzgerald recently exhibited in Boise, Idaho, the largest opal ever found in the territory. It weighs more than 500 carats and is remarkably free from flaws. of property, and in the bouding, for the period of sixty days, of a number of mica claims, all being adjacent to Custer. A syn-At Horseshoe Bend, on the Payette river 2,860 acres of placer ground have been located by some Caldwell parties, who will dicate of St. Paul capitalists has for the past several weeks been buying up mica claims in the southern Hills, and an active work it on an extensive scale this summer Twenty million feet of lumber will be floated down the Palouse river this spring from the timbered hills of Idaho, to be cut

capital has gone in there, and the first ore shipped out came to Helens from a mine largely owned by Helena people. The best advices are to the effect that it will be the latter part of June before the snow will have disappeared sufficiently to allow prospectors o get around, and in the meantime it is far for intending stampeders to remain where they are.

Nebrasics and Nebraskaus. The Northeastern Nebraska Press associ

ation meets today at Wayne Editor T. J. Smith of the Ainsworth Star-

urnal offers his paper for sale. Beatrice Knight Templars will attend ervices at Wilber on Ascension day, May 11. A new paper has been started at Superior, the Sun, of which Kueck & Blinn are the editors.

D. R. Carpenter has become the editor of the Tecumseh Republic, official organ of the Johnson county alliance.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Beatrice institute held a successful meeting at Beatrice last week.

Misa Alberta Bates of York recently be-came a Sister of Mercy at Karsas City, tak-ing the name of Sister Mary Alexis. The Wilber newspapers have adopted the novel plan of pooling on the mechanical work of their papers, each using the plant

three days of the week. All of Broken Bow's saloons had to close or three days because their licenses expired before their petitions for renewal could be

heard by the city council. DThe Rising City Sons of Veterans are to present the military drama, "The Midnight Charge," on the evening of May 20, and all the old soldiers in western Butler county are expected to be present.

The women's missionary societies connected with the Baptist churches of the Omaha association held a meeting at Blair last week, transacted important business and listened to addresses by returned

missionaries. J. C. Lincoln, the pioneer merchant of Salem, died last week. Thirty-eight years Salem, diel has week. Thirty-eight years ago he helped to survey the town site and began business in a log house, with very few other customers than Indians. His wife died only four days before him, quite suddenly, but Mr. Lincoln had been sick nearly two months

Two female members of the Table Rock "Band of Holiness" became involved a it quarrel over the husband of one of the comen and a free fight resulted, the wife of the man in the case paying a fine for assault and battery. Now there is trouble among the brethren and sisters composing the band and a split is threatened.

band and a split is threatened. While out hunting near North Platte, Howard Russell, 17 years of age, lost his life. He was on his way home when his younger brother attempted to unload the gun, and while doing so the weapon was accidently discharged, taking effect in the left portion of Howard's chest and badly mangling his left arm. He was taken to town, where he died two hours later. town, where he died two hours later.

R. H. Graham, editor of the Clay County Progress, the alliance organ, has enough money to afford a team of horses, but the other night he lost them temporarily. While he was attending an alliance meet-

ing, the team, which he had tied with an editorial knot, gained its liberty and wandered away. Editor Graham, however, neglected his newspaper to search for his equine property, and after a prolonged chase he was rewarded by discovering the wander ng animals near Saronville.

Western Notes. Several bands of wild horses are reported n Washington.

The farmers throughout the Dakotas are mplaining of a searcity of help. The bridge over the Jim river at Oakes, N D., went out with the high water.

Pharmacist, Cripple Creek, has declared a lividend of \$12,000, payable May 15. Salt of great strength and purity is said to exist in the marshes in southern Oregon. A recent estimate places the amount of

standing timber in the state of Washington at 300,000,000,000 feet. Phonix will soon have in operation an lectric railroad to take the place of the bobtail mule cars now in use. The Bank of Salem was forced to assign

inability to raise a loan of \$50,000 from its Chicago correspondents. The Los Angeles Express says this will

certainly be the greatest crop year in the history of Southern California. It is stated that the cash deposits of San Diego banks is more than \$400,000 in excess of the amount held October 1, 1892. Crippie Creek is promised a mill to be

after floating into the towns of Washington

non mine at Butte the other day, from the 300-root level to the bottom. He was in-

stantly killed and the body horribly man-

J. H. Tappan of Lander, Wyo., came down from the Wind river range the other day. He says stock is in splendid condition. In all his riding he has not seen a dead animal.

Search being made of an old cabin occu

pled by Antonio Biava, one of the Italian miners whose body is still in the Silver Bow

mine, a tin box was dug up which contained

The unusually large amount of snow which

fell in the mountains during the winter and the heavy rains and snows this spring will

make the June rise of the Missouri higher

John E. Lawrence, who lives in the west-

ern part of Pomona valley, California, is

This is very remarkable.

\$1,590 in gold and greenbacks.

this year than for many years.

gled.

John G. Williams fell 700 feet in the Gag-

its first appearance. J. R. Williams, a farmer of Ordway township, had to have three fine horses killed, and 8 number of others in that locality are thoughs to be afflicted.

A deed covering 9,599 acres of land was filed in the register of deed's office. It is given by Henry W. Sage of Ithaca, N. Y., to the Sage Land and Emprovement company of the same city. The load is all in Chippewa county, Wisconsin. The consideration was \$56,316.

The suit of the United States against John H. Stone is now on trial in the United States district court at Spokape. This suit is for \$237,283 damages for timber which is alleged to have been cut from government land and used in the construction of the Spokane and Palouso railways.

Indian Agent Dixon has received orders from Washington to remove the Lower Brule agency and the Indians belonging there to

the regular reservation west of the Missouri river, opposite Crow Creek agency. The work of constructing new agency buildings will begin at once.

will begin at once. William Libby is still pushing his tunnel ahead in the Chickahominy, in Gambrinus district. This is one of the richest gold mines in the country, the ore from the sur-tace milling from \$200 to \$310 per ton. His tunnel is in over 600 feet and he expects to reach the ore chute this week.

Twenty freight cars went out last week to Nethart for the purpose of loading up with silver-lead ores from the Queen of the Hills and other mines at that camp, and trans-porting the precious stuff to the silver smeler here. This speaks well for the activity f the big mining camp in the Belt mour-LATIN.

Work on the Montana Southern Telephone ine, with terminals at Big Timber and Cooke Ity, has been begun. This line is designed o connect Big Timber and Cooke City. The contract for stringing the wires to Indepen-dence, the chief town in the Boulder camp, has been let. The general office will be in Big Timber.

The Hermosa Pilot reports that Sylvester Judd, the original owner of the Spokane silver mine, has made another valuable find on French creek, near Gates saw mill. This time it is gold, and one ton of concentrates from ten tons of the ore is said to yield \$200. The property will be developed with all possible rapidity.

The shaft on the Never Sweat property. west of the Anaconda, has already reached a deptn of 700 feet and all the levels of the Anaconda are connected with it to that depth. The holsting engine on this property will be the largest in the district, and it is said that it will be capable of handling a three-decked cage if necessary.

The South Bend Lumber & Manufactur-ing Co. has sold to the Sunnyside Lumber company of Yakima county, 700,000 feet of fir and sprace lumber, which is now being sent over the Northern Pacific railroad to Sunnyside and Walla Walla. This is the first rail shipment of lumber from South Bend to points outside of Willapa valley.

In the short time that has elapsed since the settlement of the Hills, the enormous sum of \$44,000,000 has been produced in go alone. The annual output exceeds \$7,000,000. This will be very materially increased in the future, as districts long known to be rich have but lately become valuable, by reason of the proper method of treating the ores.

The Keystone Cattle company, an English company which has been operating a large cattle range near Deadwood for several years, has sold its stock, numbering be-tween 10,000 and 15,000 head, to Humphrey Stenges. The consideration was about 00,000. The purchasers will use much of \$300,000. this stock in filling government beef contracts.

Contracts for treating the Amethyst product have been let to run to January I, 1894. The Bimetallic smelter, of Leadville gets fifty tons per day, the Colorado smelter of Pueblo fifty and the Glöpe smelter of Denver a like amount, making 160 tons daily. The management states that a larger ton-nage can be supplied if the market warrants it

Butte City is the greatest mining camp in the world and there is no city like it in the universe. Montana has given more than \$400,000,000 worth of the precious metals to humankind and in the neighborhood of \$40,-000,000 a year is shipped away from Mon-tana. It has more minerals, perhaps, than any other state in the union, and this city of Butte makes about \$20,000,000 annually ut of mining.

In view of the existence of a contagion among the cattle of certain portions of Texas Covernor Sheldon has issued a proclamation prohibiting the importation of cattle into South Dakota, except under strict inspec-tion, and then only from those counties which are distant from the counties directly infected. This will have a blighting effect on the cattle business in the Black Hills and

other paying mines in Arizona, is destitute of water, and miners who go there will do well to supply themselves with something more than packs, as all tanks are dry and water has to be hauled several miles. The new discovery is in the same belt and only a short distance from the famous Honsuza. Negotiations have been pending for some time between the mine owners of the Cœur Alenes and a committee of the Knights of labor for an adjustment and settlement o the labor question that has caused so much trouble in that section of Idaho. For the present the Knights decline to make any statement.

When you speak or even think of spring medicine, how quickly Hood's Sarsaparilla comes into your mind. Take it now.

ELECTRICAL.

The Illinois senate, by an almost unau-nous vote, has bassed a bill permitting ities, towns and villages to establish electric lants to furnish light and power to their itizens.

Financial obstacles have been removed in the way of the building of the electric air line between Chicago and St. Louis, and the speedy construction of the road now seems o be assured.

A long tunnel near Paris has been lighted in a novel way. Reflectors throw the light from many electric lamps eighteen fest above the rails to the sides of the tunnel, where it is again reflected by burnished tin, covered with glass, into the coaches, making a soft and agreeable light. The trains automatically turn the current on and off when intering and leaving the tunnel.

An ingenious form of electric safety lamp is now made for use in dangerous mines, powder magazines and all places where an powder imparines and an places where an accidental breakage of the glass bulb might lead to an explosion. In order to eliminate the chances of such danger, the inventor has inclosed the lamp proper in an absolutely airproof lantern, the neculiarity of his debeing the means of switching the light on and off

The General Electric company is to build large electrical works a short distance from the city limits of Akron, O. This will bring them much nearer their base of supplies, and will be a great saving in freight, Options have been secured on ground, and a belt line railroad will be built to connect the dant with the neighboring railroads. It is inderstood that nearly 700 men will be employed in the works.

As part of the beautiful display of electric lighting and fireworks with which Admiral Hopkins furnished New York from his squadron there was some electric signaling uite out of sight. With a search light of 5,000-candle power a telegraph operator. ising the Morse code, on the cruiser Austra ian pierced the heavens with electric flashes that could have been read forty miles away that is, by a friendly ship many miles below the horizon.

An inquiry directed to twenty-nine small cities from Maine to Texas, having their electric street lamps provided and main tained by private corporations, shows that the average annual cost per lamp to the cities is \$106.01. A similar inquiry directed to twenty-three small cities that own and run their own electric street lamps shows that the average annual cost per lamp to those cities is \$63.04. In the latter case overal of the cities obtain considerable in-ome from lamps supplied to private persons. The aesthetic and decorative possibilities of the incandescent lamp are only just be-ginning to be appreciated. One of the most successful efforts in this direction, in a small way, is the lighting of the Long Island Sound steamer Puritan, in which the wreathing of the pillars with a spirally dis-presed and grandful view of harmered metal posed and graceful vine of hammered metal, of which the lamps form the blossoms, profuces a peculiarly unique and pleasing effect The most successful achievement thus far in this direction however, is generally consid-ered to be the interior of the Church of St. Francis Xavier, in New York city, in which the intricate renaissance decoration forms a most harmonious and admirable groundwork for the handiwork of the electrical artist, and one of which he has availed himself with the most picturesque and pleasing results.

One of the latest developments in France One of the latest developments in France is an electric locomotive which not only car-ries its generators, but a battery of storage cells as well. The idea is that the engine can be small; in fact, only large enough to develop the average power, instead of the maximum likely to be needed. This engine is built for the Northern Railway, and is de-signed for urban work, in which it is in-tended to run at fairly uniform speed up and down gradients. The batteries will give out down gradients. The batteries will give out power in ascending and will take it up when the train is going down hill or stopping. Whether these advantages will compensate for the extra weight of the accumulators re

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THE OMAHA DAILY BEEN MONDAY, MAY 8, 1893.

A New Process Reduction Plant.

The erection of a fifty-ton cyanide reduction plant at Deadwood by J. S. Childs will very likely prove a matter of great importance to the refractory ore districts of the southern Hills, as well as to the immediate locality in which the plant is to be located. Both Mr. Childs and that eminent authority on all that pertains to mines and mining, Prof. Jouny, have stated that with the cyanide process they have successfully treated refractory ores from every district of the Black Hills, and that they are positive that it will extract the gold from 90 per cent of the ores of the region. Because Mr Childs has seen fit to erect his first reduction plant at Deadwood, in close proximity to the properties which he recently purchased, it does not follow that he, as owner of the process, will contine his operations to that part of the Hills. The establishment of this plant is but a beginning which is to give the cyanide process a foothold, in the Black Hills. If the enterprise proves a success, and there is every reason to believe that it will, the new com-pany will naturally desire to extend its DABY perations over the entire territory in which it controls the process, and the western portion of Custer county, with its inexhausti-ble bodies of high grade ores, will prove an attraction which capital cannot resist.

Sheep Moving by Rail.

The train of sheep consisting of eighteen cars, of the movement to Wasatch, was forwarded over the Union Pacific the other day.

This is the first season that this method has been employed in transforring from the winter to the summer ranges, and some owners have looked upon the handling of weak sheep and ewes by rail as a doubtful one. However, on Friday, James Chesney shipped his first train and lost but one head out of a train of fourteen cars, the trip from the yards here to the unloading point at Wasatch occupying but five hours. This method is such an improvement upon the old plan that the movement promises to be very much larger than was at first contemplated, and the stock yards folks and railroads are being looked after by E. A. de Ricqles. He thinks that the movement will become a prominent one, and that the sheep will be shipped back to the winter range in the fall instead of being driven, as it is the only solution of the annoyance occasioned by uriving the flocks through and around the city twice a year, and to wal growned to come a term and to wool growers, it comes at an oppor tune time.

The Koolenal Country Still Drawing.

"Despite the fact that several of the big sliver mines in the Cour d'Alene district have been shut down because, as it is alleged, of the low value of the white metal. the influx of prospectors and speculators Into the recently discovered district in British Columbia is rather on the increase instead of decreasing, as might be expected."

instead of decreasing, as might be expected." Colonel D H. Budiong, a steamboat man of the Court d'Alene region was the speaker. "The Kootenal country scens to be the greatest drawing card," continued the colonel. "The reports are most promising from that direction, and I think the fact that many of the Court d'Alene capitalists have become heavily interested there has a great deal to do with it. Every name great deal to do with it. Every party makes

the next few months.

in that line will be developed in

Dakota Prospects.

News from Yankton reports the recent rains and snow have been of great benefit to the farmers in that vicinity, although seedng of small grain has been greatly retarded hereby. Farmers are confident that by the 10th the seeding will be completed. This will be two or three weeks ahead of last cason. The acreage of wheat will be larger in that vicinity than over before, owing to the better markets created by the construction of several grist mills during the past two years. Another reason is that new settlers have been arriving all winter from the eastern states and have taken possession of much of the vacant land heretofore held by speculators. Corn, oats, barley, flax and po-tatoes will also be more extensively cultivated than ever. Stock, cattle and hogs are a prime condition and the farmers expect season to be the banner year as a

wealth-producer. A Lucky Strike;

\$1,900, over \$109 per ton, in gold.

W r on Coyotes.

six weeks in the destruction of spring lambs

by coyotes. They have killed from 50 to 60 per cent of all the spring lambs. The destruction of coyotes has also been enormous. The sheep men grew desperate and raised their previous \$10 bounty 100 per

cent which, with the \$0 county bounty and

the \$5 state bounty, made covote scalps worth \$31. This brought into the field a stranger named Chester Ayres, with a prep

aration of his own compounding. Over the ranges Ayres buried his traps, with a per-fume which he uses for balt. In the past

five weeks he has captured forty-six scalps

Walling for the Snows to Go. Thousands of Montanans are waiting for

the news that travel is possible in the Slocan

country, British Columbia. When it does

come there will be a great rush from this

state to the new Eldorado. Already Helena

suffering with a compound fracture of the leg, caused by the kick of an ostrich on the ostrich farm at Fullerton. J. J. Downhoar. in performing his annual A rapacious appetite was possessed by a hog in Scio, Ore. Its owner often said that it seemed to eat its own bulk of food at each assessment work on the Ophir No. 3 lode, says the Anacouda Standard, has uncovered a large body of extremely rich ore. The meal. When the hog was killed it was found to possess two perfect stomachs and two perfect sets of intestines. mine is situated near this town. He is taking out chunks of ore, from one pound to 500 pounds in weight, which are literally full

It is learned from a reliable source that there is a prospect of an early change in the of free gold, native silver, ruby and brittle silver. It is without doubt the richest ore I tin situation at Hill City. President Unter-meyer, the representative of the American interests, is now in London conferring with have seen in Montana. Mr. Downhour is an old pioneer of Blackfoot, coming here in 1865, when he camped near the spot where the English shareholders. Reported gold discoveries eight miles west f Perris, San Diego county, Cal., have he owns a half interest in a bonanza now William Price owns the other half. There are several other fine showings here for gold created quite a stir and miners are flocking to the place to locate claims. It is reported that \$60,000 has been offered and refused for mines. The Coulson brothers have shipped six carloads to Omaha and have another

the Stanford mine in that section. now ready to ship. One car netted them It is feared that glauders among horses, which has been giving so much trouble in portions of North Daxota, will get a foothold in Aberdeen. The authorities and farmers generally are on the alert, and pro-pose to stamp out the disease if possible at Biddle brothers, sheep herders of the most northern ranges in Mendocino county, California, report records broken within the last

1, with a capacity for treating 150 tons per the great Sioux range. The Mexican Treasury department has is

sued a ruling to the effect that gold and sil-ver ore in its natural state is not subject to import tax, and is defined to be in its nat ural state when it has not undergone chem-ical process altering its natural composition Thus ore crushed in a mill is still held as ore in a natural state. This rule reverses pre-vious rulings, which made triturated ore subject to export tax on the same footing as gold and silver builion.

The Golden Crown company is rapidly pushing development on its property located six miles from Helena. In driving the 200-foot level a body of high grade, free milling gold ore was encountered fifty six feet from the shaft. The streak is three feet in width and the gold is coarse and free. Pay ore exists in the vein from the surface, but the ore in this body is of the highest grade yet found. As seen as the developments warrant the company will erect a mill for the reduction of its ore.

In spite of the stringent precautions of the authorities to suppress the outbreak of smallpox, cases continue to increase. The out-break has occurred at Rat Portage, where in immigrant who came out on the steamer Vancouver was yesterday discovered with a discase in a leading hotel, and all the board ers have been quarantined. At Fort William, where a carload of Vancouver passengers has been quarantined for two weeks, four new cases have developed. The Vancouver must have been recking with the disease.

Alf Doten, under instructions from the diector of the mint at Washington, has com-slied a tabulated statement and narrative of the bullion yield of the Comstock lode, given by calendar years from the discovery in 1859 down to the commencement of the pres ent year. It shows the entire gold and sil ver product of the Comstock to be over \$500, 000,000. The discovery year, 1859, gave \$30,000,000-all gold. The greatest yield was in 1877, about \$36,000,000. Last year it was a little over \$2,000,000.

Mr. J. H. Babandorf says while co over the trails along Salmon river in Wash-ington he saw hundreds of mountain sheep, deer and elk browsing along the bottom lands near the river. They seemed quite tame and only stopped long enough from feeding to look up as he passed within 200 yards of them. In one-bunch of the moun tain sheep he counted over 100. Mr. Baban dorf says the bars along Salmon river are a favorite resort for large game every winter, that is driven out of the high mountains by the deep snow.

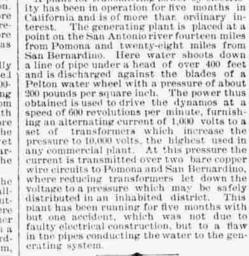
The climate and grass of Montana are said to make the best of multon, and the wood clip of the state now runs close to 12,000,000 pounds a year. The country about Great Falls is good for grazing and much of it will be improved by irrightion. Within a radius of 100 miles of Great Palls it has been pretty well taken up, but I am told there is still a vast deal of good land in Montana, and the people say that in the interior of the state are great valleys and vast tracts which are as yet untrodden by the farmer and un touched by the plow.

The new mineral discovery in the Eagle Tail mountain is daily exciting more atten-tion and additional assays yesterday place the amount of gold at \$500 per ton, with 12 per cent copper. The ledge is well defined and is thirty feet in width, though, like al

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mains to be seen. The locomotive does not carry a separate engine and generators, but has the armatures of the dynamos mounted direct on the shaft. Trials of the engine are now in progress. A plant for transmitting power by electric



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