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California a Greater Gold Producer Than the South African Mines,

FABULOUS VOLUME OF HER GOLD PRODUCT

Utah's Flourishing Onyx Industry-Quarries Fairly Inexhaustible-Will Supersede the Mexican Stone-News of the Northwest.

The gold fields of South Africa are just at present receiving a vast amount of advertising, but before people begin to flock to the far-away country it would be well for them to first investigate the mineral resources of California, a state which has produced fully \$1,500,000,000 since 1849.

The hydraulic mining industry, which formerly produced on an average \$5,000,000 annually, has been shut down owing to various causes, principally because of damage done to the navigable streams. Some solution of this problem-the storage of debris-will doubtless be reached by the national and state governments, says the San Francisco Chronicle, and that class of mining will again prosper and furnish employment to much of the now idle labor of the state.

The men who are interested in developing the mining industry of California are very enthusiastic over the present prospects and predict a large increase in the output this year. A gentleman well posted on such mat-ters, when interviewed, said:

"California is still producing great quanti-ties of gold. When a state produces over \$1,-000,000 a month in gold from her mines, is not that enough to convince the doubting ones that this is still a good field? All this product goes to enhance the wealth and credit of the people of the state, and sometimes I think they do not fully realize the importance of this industry, of which we hear so little.

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The incessant praise of South Africa to the detriment of all other countries as gold producers is liable to lead people to think that no other country can produce any quantity of the precious metal. Since 1849 California has furnished the world with \$1,428. 272,935 in gold. That amount weighs 2,071 s and would require a freight train of 207 cars and six locomotives to haul it. That gives some idea what has been done here. It is hardly time for South Africa to begin making comparisons.
"Twenty-six counties of this state are

gold producing. gold producing. Why are the mines in them not worked? Simply because our mineral resources need capital to develop them, and to the effect that the advantages of the state in this line need advertising. The public does not know what is being done. When a mine pays a \$50,000 monthly dividend it is briefly mentioned in the press and is soon forgotten, except by its fortu-

When a mining proposition is suggested a great many men immediately cry, 'Gam-ble.' Yet if a man will give the same calm and earnest attention to a mine which he gives to any other business, applying the same strict economy to every detail, he will find that it is no more of a gamble than raising grapes for making wine, which may depreciate in value below actual cost of production. There is no more element of chance than there is in putting in a crop and gambling on the weather first and the price of cereals in Europe next.

"A gold miner has one advantage over all other producers, because he can always find a market for his product. When the people of the state awaken and fully appreciate what a wonderful gold-producing country they have, then the mining industry will receive an impetus which it has not had for twenty-five years.

"I will be willing to wager that if one-fourth of the capital which has been invested on thirty miles in one part of South Africa had been spent in mining in this state we could have shown a production of gold many times in excess of the whole of that country." ONYX IN UTAH.

Last year a syndicate of Salt Lakers obtained possession of three claims near Peli-can Point, Utah county, about fourteen miles southwest of Lehi, and after prospecting their ground found three distinct veins of onyx, in broad slabs, from ten to fourteen inches in thickness, the veins being abou one mile in length, says the Sait Lake Tribune. Having ascertained that the quality was first class and the supply practically inexhaustible, the owners organized for business and incorporated the Salt Lake City Onyx company of Utah. Later they secured contract to furnish the wainscoting for the first and second floors for the new city and county building, and in January began operations thereon. The contract is not by any means a small one, as it calls for the covering of about 6,000 square feet of surface, the wainscoting being thirty-four inches in height. Of the amount required the com-pany has already delivered about 5,000 feet, and the remainder will be furnished as fast

The onyx is received at the works in large blocks or slabs, and in its natural state, rough bewn and flintlike in appearance. gives little sign of the rare beauties, brought to view under the skilled manipulations of the polishers. from one to three car-loads of the raw material is received from the quarries weekly. After the huge blocks have been "squared up" to the size desired they are adjusted beneath the gang saws, of which two large sets are in constant operation. After being sawed into the proper thinness, the slabs are placed on a rapidly revolving horizontal grinding machine, the bed of which is kept supplied with fine sand and water. Next the slabs are subjected to a course of expert hand polishing, similar to the system used on marble, and afterward the finishing touches are put on by a burn-ishing machine, which leaves the onyx with a surface like plate glass. The process is most interesting, and those who were shown through the works recently expressed astonishment as well as pleasure at the substantial evidences of business-like activity shown by the company, which has furnished employment for from thirty to forty men for several months past at the quarries and in the polishing works.

The finished product also came in for un stinted praise, owing to its splendid quality and fine finish. In color it is variegated lemon and white, the markings being different on every slab, and when in place in the city and county building will be a source of patriotic pride to every citizen of Utah. Judge Powers vouches for the fact that in all the slabs they have taken from the quarries, not a single crack, check or flaw has been discovered, and says that as soon as the company gets a little more elbowroom it will be able to drive the Mexican onyx companies out of the United States, even on a free trade basis, as the local product is not only a better article than the imported, but owing to the immense veins and ease of working the market can be supplied at cheaper rates.

ELKHORN EXTENSION. The Elkhorn railroad is to be extended the present season from Bell Fourche to the Hay creek coal fields. This matter is no longer a secret, as the engineers are now in the field surveying the route and setting the grade stakes, says the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader. A short time ago the company purchased the coal lands from a syndicate that has been at work opening up and developing the coal mines and it has been intimated that the company would at an early day extend the main line through that section. With the building of the main line north-ward toward toward to Northern Pacific value. ward towards the Northern Pacific railroad, Deadwood will receive little or no benefit, as, located as she is off the main line of the road and reached only by a plug line, the town will naturally refuse to credit the statement that an extension will be built north

of Belle Fourche. Information from a reliable source is that during the past thirty days emissaries of the the Elkhern railroad have traveled the country between Belle Fourche and Miles City, and it is intimated that the building of the road to Billings forces the Elkhorn to build line to an intersection of the Northern Pacific if they hope to control the shipment of cattle from the northern country.

A NEW COAL VEIN The officials of the United Coal company re feeling quite elated over results in the Caledonia mine at Louisville, Colo., where prospecting has been carried on for another vein of coal at a lower depth.

The workings in the mine have been car-ried on at a depth of 120 feet, says a Denver

some time ago expressed the belief that an-other vain underlaid the one being worked. A drill hole was begun in the bottom of the shaft, and, drilling to a depth of seventy feet below the old workings, a vein of coal, six feet in thickness, was found, with a sand

MARKET TURK TO FREE

The company state that they practically ments to sink a shaft to the new vein.

The Acme mine is in the same locality and a bore will be commenced in that mine

in a few days to tap the new voin.

This discovery, which is considered most mportant, will revolutionize coal mining in that locality, as the mines that have been working the upper vein will now sink for the lower one and will work it through the old holstings.

WOOL WILL FLY.

It is reported here that about forty cattlenen and cowboys are rendezvousing on Pinon Mess, west of this city, to take care of the 10,000 head of sheep that were driven on to this range, says a Grand Junction special to the Denver News. They will begin active work at once and are all thoroughly wrought work at once and are all thoroughly wrought up over this invasion, and what they call a breach of faith on the part of the owners of the sheep who massed their herds in this city, giving it out that they would ship to Tennessee Pass, and suddenly rushed them from the cattle yards across the two bridges that span the Grand and Gunnison rivers and on to this range that has been held for twelve years by cattle growers exclusively. Word was received here that the cattlemen occupying the Dolores river in Utah are or-ganizing to keep this bunch of sheep out of that territory, and that it is their intention to shove them right back on to this county, where they have been for some years and where their owners live. The Utah men ex-press a determination to keep these flocks out of that territory, and the Colorado men say they cannot remain here.

BLOAT FROM ALFALFA.

A number of parties have lost cows re cently from bleating on alfalfa feed, says the Lemoore (Cal.) Advance. Investigation shows that in all cases the practice has been to cut the alfalfa and feed it wilted. The explanation given by veter-inary surgeons is that the wilted alfalfa generates a gas within the stalks that causes bloat in the cattle. The bloat can be relieved by sticking or by pulling the tongue out and throwing a handful of salt down the throat. When cows browse in standing alfalfa they eat only the tops of the plants, which seldom causes bloat. Every alfalfa field should have a stack of straw within easy access of the cows.

A DREADFUL PENALTY. Back in the mountains of Chihushua is a little Mexican village. The belle of the place was a girl of great beauty. She was the daughter of the leading family of the place. All the young men for miles around tought her favor, but she had no favorite. One day a year ago a handsome tourist came that way and lingered for a time, says an El Paso dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle. He saw the girl, and when he went away she departed with him. There was a fruitless pursuit, and, save in memory, the girl was dead to those who had

A few days ago, when night had settled upon the village, a weary figure stumbled to the low door of the adobe house from which the girl had wandered a year ago, and called her mother's name. The mother started to answer, but the ather forbade, and directed the wanderer

o the sheep pen for shelter. The next day, by the roadside, a mile away beside a great stone, passers by saw woman's body bruised and broken, the face horribly mangled. There was no need to seek an explanation. No questions were

The girl whose love had led her astray had paid the penalty of her sin. CREES WILL HAVE A HOP. Governor Rickards having issued a proc-

amation forbidding the celebration by the Free Indians of the annual sun dance, a religious ceremony to be given at Great Falls, Mont., June 15, on the grounds that it is "inhuman, brutalizing, unnatural, inde-cent, and abhorrent to Christian civiliza-tion," those interested in having the dance have applied to the district court for an in-junction against Governor Rickards, Attorney General Haskell, Sheriff Hamilton and County Attorney Freeman from interfering with the dance, says a special to the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The majority of the citizens here think the governor's proclamation entirely uncalled for, as Cascade county is amply prepared to preserve order within her own limits, and believe that the dance is harmless. The managers say it will proceed regardless of the proclamation, if they have to get an injunction from every court in the land. The hearing takes place June s, and whichever side loses it will be ap-pealed to the supreme court. In the meantime the dance will take place under the protection of a restraining order of the district court. The Crees are Canadian renegades, and the situation is very delicate, involving the power of the federal government

SHERIDAN STILL GROWING. SHERIDAN, Wyo., June 10.—(Special to The Bee.)—The excursion rates now on sale by the Burlington has been the means of nducing a large number of farmers to move west and seek homes in this great farming ountry, where a failure of crop is unknown and where there is a home market for all products. Messrs. William for all products. Messrs. William Eggart and Charles Friday from Union county, Iowa, have purchased several hundred acres on Pass creek, just a few miles from the B. & M. road, and will bring a colony from Iowa this season. S. Dworak and a party from Schuyler, Neb., are looking over the country with a view of purchasing farm lands. The Big Horn Basin Colonization company, which is composed of Omaha capitalists, is sending in quite few who have become interested in the country and who are going over into the basin to see the property of the company. The W. F. Cody Hotel and Transportation

Sheridan Inn. Mr. Sherman Canfield and H. S. Boal are now prepared to handle the traveling public and equip fishing and hunting parties with a complete pack outfit.

Among the prominent Omaha people who were seen on the streets of Sheridan this week were Messrs. Henry W. Yates, John Collins and Kent K. Hayden.

ompany has taken charge of the celebrated

Business blocks and residences are being erected and Sheridan has now taken a place in the front in the way of prominence that assures one that investments in Sheridan realty will bring a good return. We notice in the columns of The Bee that the Commercial club intends making trip to Sheridan. We are glad to hear t and Sheridan will make it pleasant for his enterprising organization and show

them the garden spot of the west and send them home each with a fine string of brook new road over the Big Horn mountains will reach our new mining camp, lakes and summer resorts, and when completed beautiful mountain lakes, and pass under the of the wonderful roads that for years have

shadow of mighty mountain tops covered with eternal snow, reminding the traveler called tourists and pleasure seekers to the picturesque scenery of Switzerland. Sheridan county has contributed \$1,500 and the city of Sheridan \$1,900 to complete this road, \$2,900 has been raised by subscription and in two months it will be completed. The W. F. Cody Hotel and Transportation company will run a line of coaches over this line and open up the finest farming coun-try, hunting and fishing grounds known in the west.

NEBRASKA. The seventeen-year locust has made its appearance in Box Butte county. It is rumored that a move is on foot to organize a stock company at Ponca, the object of which will be to build a steam grist

Thousands of acres of ground that had been sown to fall wheat in Buffalo county are being plowed and sown to millet or listed

Aiready the shipments of cherries have begun at Nebraska City, and in a few days from one to two car loads per day will be shipped.

There will be very little fruit matured in the vicinity of Kearney the present season, the recent hall storm having destroyed the

The alfalfa crop, though but few have engaged in its cultivation in this section, says the Kearney Democrat, is being harvested and is a very good yield.

M. G. Nicholson, one of the committeemen appointed to look after and find the probable cost of a system of water for Springfield, re-ports that he got estimates from a number of Omaha men who make this work a spe-Times dispatch, and Superintendent Simpson | cialty. They informed him that a good sys-

tem of works could be put in there at a cost The warm days and recent good rain at Madison are bringing the corn crop out in good shape, and it is fast assuming a good

The total amount of oil secured from the big whate that came ashore on the beach near Newport recently was 1,100 gallons. stand and a healthy growth. Action will be commensed at Portland soon to foreclose the mortgage on the Oregon Rallway and Navigation company, because the bond interest has mot been paid. Farmers round about Superior are busy replanting and cultivating corn. The weather is all that could be desired, and the moisture

ufficient for good cultivation and growth. By a man in a position to know, it is stated there is at least money to the amount Scarcely a day passes but a number of emigrant wagons pass through Superior going east. They say nothing but starvation is of \$200,000 hid away in jars and socks by the different owners in Clatsop county, wait-ing to be banked or invested when confidence staring the settlers of western Kansas in the

O. G. Smith, superintendent of the agri-cultural department of the State Industrial school at Kearney, has been experimenting with irrigation, and made it a complete suc-

A number of farmers at Fritsch are trynig pumping in a limited way for irrigation purposes, with indications that more of it might be done to advantage where water does not have to be lifted over 300 feet. A number are pumping with considerable sucess along Red Willow creek.

The stringency in the money market seems to have affected matrimonial matters comewhat, in Gage county at least. The records in the county judge's office show that up to the present date eighty-six licenses to wed have been issued during 1894, as against 122 for the same period of 1893. The theory that alfalfa will not stand dry

veather has been utterly exploded by those Sarpy county farmers who sowed alfalfa this spring. During this unprecedented dry spell, where other grasses have utterly dried up, alfalfa is still growing. Much more al-falfa will be grown in Sarpy county in

At a grand encampment at Desmet resolu-tions were passed denouncing recent modes of procedure in the Pension Department. Frank Phelps, sentenced to life imprisonent for the murder of Matt Matson a year ago, died in the jall at Alexandria of heart

A colony of twenty or more families from near Odessa, Russia, will arrive at Heron within the next sixty days to locate on land n Potter county already secured for them. Extensive improvements are under way in both the Homestake and Highland mills in the way of putting in new timber, etc. It is the general impression that the company will erect several new buildings the present sum-

three-ton boulder falling upon him at Yank-ton while digging a pit in which he intended to place the boulder. His father, who un-consciously started the rock on its downward course, has become insane. The Yankton brewery, with a capacity of

Henry Shorzman, aged 17, was killed by a

25,000 barrels per annum, has begun dis-pensing its product. This brewery was closed by the prohibition law three years ago, and has recently resumed operations under the direction of eastern capitalists. Creditors have attached all lands in South

Dakota in which the American Investment company of Emmetsburg, Ia., has equities. This action involves over 100,000 acres and affects the interests of thousands of eastern investors holding bonds and mortgages of this company.

Yankton college students have at last shipped the \$600 chalcedony slab to the Sioux Falls university, which institution won it in the recent state oratorical contest. The charge of plagiarism brought by Yankton college against the Sloux Falls orator, R. F. Locke, has not yet been investigated by the state association, and it never may be, as it is understood that the other colleges in the association look on the matter with displeasure.

A party of Grand Forks business men and bonanza farmers arrived home from a trip up to the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river. These gentlemen have lately acquired pine lands in that section and were making the trip to look over their newly acquired interests. They were accompanied by Cap-tain A. J. Dunlavey, who in speaking of the excitement over the recent gold find in the Rainy lake district said that he believed that it would rival that of the Black Hills and other western mining booms. COLORADO.

Grasshoppers have made their appearance east of Longmont,

Ibex is the name of a new town sprung up within a few miles of Leadville. The Amethyst of Creede has increased its daily output from fifty to seventy tons of ore. The dam and headgate of the Platte and Beaver supply ditch at Brush has been washed out.

The Alamosa flouring mill is turning every wheel in trying to keep ahead of the flow of wheat into its immense elevator. The first trail herd of the season passed the herd, the property of the X. I. T. com-

The amount of damages to Jefferson county by the flood will reach \$50,000. About 100 bridges have been washed away and the mountain roads are badly damaged. The Swedish irrigation company of Chicago

is locating a large number of families in the Arkansas valley, near Las Animas. The majority of them, says the Las Animas Leader, are Swedish Americans, well posted in the laws of the country, good farmers, industrious, economical and first-class citizens. Word comes from Loveland and Berthoud,

says the Longmont Times, confirming the report that the home supply dam has been washed out. This will leave the farmers dependent upon this ditch for water for irrigation in very bad shape. If this dam could not be repaired in fifteen days their entire crop would be lost, unless there should be a large amount of rain. WYOMING.

Judge Slaymaker of Douglas had a \$1,000 horse killed by lightning recently. The cattle on the ranges of the state are doing remarkably well at this time and the grass is in good condition the state over. Frank Bond of Cheyenne received an award from the World's fair commission on

his map of the irrigation ditches of Wyo-The contract for the delivery of 975,000 pounds of beef to the Shoshone Indians was awarded to E. Amoretti of Lander at

Within a radius of twenty-five miles of Sheridan there are 500,000 acres of good irrigable land, only about one-half of which having yet been taken up.

Governor Osborne estimates Wyoming's wool shipment of this year at 5,000,000 pounds, or about half of what it was last year, the shipment of 1893 reaching 10,187, 870 pounds. When the shrinkage in price is also taken into consideration, the loss to Wyoming has been enormous.

Two corporations have been received at the secretary of state's office for filing. They are the W. F. Cody Transportation company and W. F. Cody Hotel company. The object of the first company is to run a stage line from Sheridan to Yellowstone park and to operate and control livery and feed stables. The hotel company will open up a \$12,000 hotel in the city of Sher-

Shearing time in this section, says the Natrona Tribune, has about come to a close. At the various shearing pens in this county there have been sheared this spring nearly 300,000 sheep, and there has been shipped from this point over 2,500,000 pounds of wool. About 750,000 pounds of this wool have been sold outright by the producers at prices ranging from 6% cents to 7% cents

The latest excitement in mining circles The latest excitement in mining circles is the minoral claim taken up by Laramie parties in the hills but a few miles north of the city springs. It appears that the claim was located about a year ago, and that an immense body of lime and calk spar in a crystalized formation has recently been uncovered. Numerous assays made spar in a crystalized formation has recently been uncovered. Numerous assays made show that the rock runs from \$6 to \$8 per ton in gold. The formation is of so soft a character that it can be worked very easily. OREGON.

Toledo is building a pretentious city jail. High water excursions are the program low in the valley towns. The Forest Grove-Tillamook stage line has started up for the summer

Having named its streets, Astoria is put-ing up signs at the corners. It takes 1,000 to go around. The ambitious little town of Grant is said to be wholly under water, every house in the place being surrounded.

The last steamer from Marshfield to San Francisco carried three and one-half tons of cheese and two tons of butter. The board of prison directors, Governo Pennoyer, Secretary of State McBride and State Treasurer Phil Metschan have advertised for scaled proposals for the construcion of an addition to the south wing of the state penitentiary.

Nearly all the 2,000 head of cattle pur-hased by John Stewart and A. J. Pickard

The Yaquina News has discovered cor-

roborative evidence that eastern oysters can be propagated in the bays of the Oregon

ness by trying the experiment.

for road work.

Ciallam county

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young crops.

Sound at least.

printing bill of \$1,100.

would be operated to their full capacity.

WASHINGTON.

The Tacoma Ledger is suing the city for

The Port Townsend nail works have re-sumed operations after two months of idle-

The saving effected by the Tacoma school

Tribune-Times \$2,800 for printing the de-linquent tax list.

kernel of corn, and contain scarcely an quartz, nearly all of them being pure gold.

Joe Cates of Port Townsend is preparing

put up a lot of Puget Sound sardines this

season, and already has men out at Discovery bay to bring in the first run of the sea-

son. He has a supply of cans coming, and will have the product on the market as soon

A petition bearing the signatures of 135

taxpayers has been filed with the Walla Walla county commissioners, praying that

the bounty on squirrels and gophers be again revived. The petitioners aver that, owing

to the mild winter, these animals are now

very numerous, and are devouring many

William Hall, who is in business at Port

Townsend, is the owner of a beautiful \$5,000 residence in Tacoma, and he proposes to remove the same bodily from the "City of Destiny" to the "Key City." The contract for the job is practically closed. A large scow will be used in the transportation, which will be quite a novel thing, and the first occurrence of the kind or the

tion, which will be quite a novel thing, and the first occurrence of the kind on the

C. H. Weeks, general agent of the Great

Northern, estimates that the Wenatchee val-

A young woman of Crab Creek, Adams

was as follows: She arose from her bed about

reaching the opposite bank she awoke, half frightened to death, dripping wet and shiver-

ing from the cold, made her way to the house of a neighbor, where she was cared for

Henry Hawkins, a Peone prairie rancher, ommitted suicide near the Peone school

house, Spokane county, in full view of the

pupils. He rode to the crossroads, jumped from his horse, drew a big forty-four Colt's

he changed it and put the muzzle into his mouth. Again he hesitated but quickly put

it against his left breast and fired two shots, the bullets going entirely through his body.

The teacher and school children saw the tragic act, but were powerless to act. Hawkins was unmarried. He was released

from the insane asylum about two years ago, but has been considered of unbalanced

MISCELLANEOUS.

As a result of placing dipping tanks and shearing pens at Las Vegas, N. M., there are 25,000 head of sheep on their way to that town, to dip and shear.

The calf crop promises to be good this

season throughout most of the state of Mon-

tana. Cattle, as a rule, have wintered well

and where this is the case a good increase in

The Maricopa and Phoenix Railroad com

pany have determined to build a steam

motor line from Tempe to Mesa and to run local trains to and from Mesa to Phoenix.

Two prospectors from Ashley arrived in

Salt Lake City bringing with them some ore

from there which assayed twenty-five ounces

in gold to the ton. They say they have a good, strong vein of the ore and think they

Holders of homes on Mora grant in New

Mexico will not be disturbed. Persons who have occupied homes on the grant for ten

years will be given titles to their homesteads. They will simply be required to designate

The Santa Fe Railroad company has just

completed the largest sheep shearing plant in the country, at Las Vegas, N. M. It began

operations by shearing and dipping 8,000 theep. The company proposes to make that

Plans have been perfected for the Arisona Perritorial Reform school at Flagstaff. It will be of Flagstaff sand-tone and will cost

place a wool shipping point for its system.

\$28,000. It will be situated a quarter of mile from the Atlantic and Pacific railroad

In size the building will be 185x100, with

There is a mistaken idea circulating

hrough some eastern exchanges about the

J. P. Hughes of Fort Worth, says the

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Farmington is much agitated over some

pays the Port Angeles

masonry base will then be 320 feet long. The wheels will operate pumps lifting a water supply to the stone reservoir of 1,500,-000 gallons capacity, on Hagerman heights, for irrigating the orchards, vineyards and farming lands of the place.

Cherries are leaving San Jose for the east with a rush, eighteen carloads, amounting to 421,7000 pounds, having gone east in one week. The total fruit shipments were 1,220,000 pounds. Canners are not packing cherries this year and the bulk will go east

where good prices are secured. An extensive land deal was closed at San Antonio, Texas, involving 2,500,000 acres of and lying on the Rio Grande in the Mexican states of Coahulla and Chihuahua. The land was sold by ex-Governor Genzales of Chihuahus to the Mexican Coffee, Cotton and Colo-nization company, represented by J. S. Mc-Namara. W. H. Ellis is interested in a for J. D. Carr of California, are now massed in the pastures near-Goshen. Branding has been going on for several days, and that portion of the work is nearly completed. The cattle wiff be driven to northern Cali-Mexican colonization scheme, and will onize 10,000 negroes on part of the land.

FOURTH OF JULY AT EDGEMONT.

Preparations Under Way for a Celebration of Great Magnituded

coast. Eastern plants were put out at Will-apa bay three years ago, and the owner of the bay, in tonging for native oysters, brought up eastern oyster spawn. Yaquina oystermen are urged to improve their busi-The busy, bustling little town of Edgemont, situated in Fall River county, South Dakota, and on the southeastern slope of the Black Hills, amid the pines and upon the shores of a beautiful little lake that Owing to the high water the canneries at Eagle, Eureka and Waterford have closed bears the same name as that of the town, is This, together with the destruction to have a Fourth of July celebration that of the fishwheels in the Upper Columbia, has practically closed all the canneries of the bids fair to create enough enthusiasm to cause the revolutionary forefathers to turn over in their graves to ask the cause of all of the disturbance. upper river. There is no trouble at Astoria on acount of the high water, and but for an unprecedented scarcity of fish, the canneries

On that date the great water power and irrigating canal, extending a distance of fourteen miles, from the Cheyenne river to Edgement, will be opened. This canal has Spokane county has bought a rock crusher a fall of seventy-two feet in the fourteen miles, and is said to carry enough water to irrigate 1,000,000 acres of land, besides furnishing 10,000-horse power for factories.

Upon the occasion of the celebration the address of the day will be delivered by Congrassman Butterworth, with a number of other notables responding to the toasts. board in the reduction of teacher's salaries is put at \$9,187. Among the prominent people who will be present and take part in the exercises of the day will be Governor Patterson and staff of Pennsylvania, Governor Crounse and staff of Nebraska, Governor Sheldon and staff of Scuth Dakota, Colonel A. L. Snowden, ex-minister to Spain; C. O. Miller of New York, General Nettleton, ex-assistant United States promising nuggets brought down from the Hoodoo diggings. The nuggets range in size from a small shot up to as large as a

trensurer, and a number of others.

The exercises will consist of speeches, races, games of base ball and general athletic sports, the whole to close with a grand display of fireworks in the evening. During the day several companies of regular soldiers will give an exhibition of fancy drills, after which 100 Sloux Indians will indulge in the war dance for the amusement of the crowd, which is estimated will reach 10,000, as all of the roads running to the Black Hills have made special rates to such parties as may desire to take part in the celebration.

A special train, conveying a large party of eastern capitalists will visit Edgemont upon the day of the celebration, with a view to establishing several large manufacturing plants. After remaining there for a few days they will take in Hot Springs, Dead-wood, and all of the principal towns in the Black Hills. These men are said to represent \$100,000,000 of money which is seeking western investment.

F. M. Andrews, a well known newspaper man and author of New York City, who is now stopping at the Millard, is on his way to Edgement, whither he goes to report the celebration for a syndicate of eastern prepers. and will go in advance of the party and see that all of the preliminaries are arranged to make the celebration of the opening of the

sorthern, estimates that the Wenatchee vailey will produce 2,802,500 pounds of fruit, including tomatoes, this season. His estimate is as follows: Pears, 42,000 pounds; prunes, 117,000 pounds; tomatoes, 331,500 pounds; grapes, 643,000 pounds; peaches, 825,000 pounds; apples, 837,000 pounds. Besides this, considerable quantities of melons and similar products will swall the aggregate. Perfect health is seldom found, for impure blood is so general. Hood's Sarsaparilla really does purify the blood and restores

PLATTSDEUTSCHEN SECEDE.

county, indulges in frequent freaks of somnambulism. One of her recent exploits ebraska Members Forsake the Central Verein of North America. 3 o'clock in the morning, and was seen to approach Crab creek in her night robe. An important move, and one of great interest to all the Plattsdeutschen throughout Upon reaching the stream the young woman waded in for a short distance, as if feeling this state, and perhaps the west, was consummated at Germania hall last Tuesday

At that time delegates from the Omaha and South Omaha Plattsdeutsche vereins met and formed the Nebraska Plattsdeutsche bund, after having given, three days previous, formal notice of withdrawel from membership in the Plattsdeutsche Central Verein of North America, and that these urageous western organizations proposed to paddle their own canoe in future under the new name. The central verein of North America was called into existence some years ago through the efforts of Chicago men mainly. Its ostensible purpose was to unite the Platisdeutsche societies more closely and to provide a system of life insurance for its members. The latter object has been an en-tire failure, it is claimed, as members did not seem to take kindly to the life insurance scheme, participating only in very limited numbers. The friendship ties were also purchased by western members at an exorbi tant cost in attending annual conventions at remote points and other entertainments.

In consequence of this and the persistence of eastern members in trying to divert the central organization from its course, leading it on to take up other questions, and pro-posing even to dabble in politics, dissatisfaction has existed in the west for some time, until it now has ended in the formation of the western organization. Though com-posed only of two societies at present, it is confidently expected that the bund will be the nucleus for a large organization in the near future. What the Omaha society was o the central verein may be judged from the statement that it exceeded in membership nearly every one of the remaining societies. It supplied almost one-half of the members contributing to the life insurance fund. The money now remaining in the treasury of the central organization will, of course, main with it. The annual convention is to be held at Ayoca, Ia., June 22. J. P. Lund, treasurer, and Theodor Heuck, financial secretary, will go there for a final settlement and to turn over the records of their offices. The Nebraska bund has organized by the selection of J. P. Lund, president; Hans Lemburg, vice president; Frank Humpert, treasurer; Theodor Heuck, financial secretary; William Butt, recording secretary The local society is not only strong in num bers, but thousands of dollars are to credit in banks.

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Assaulted a Wheelman William Peterson was arrested yesterday by Officer S. S. Drummy, at the instance of by Officer S. S. Drummy, at the instance of L. Cohn, for assault. Cohn says he was going up the street on his bicycle when he was met by Peterson and two others. They stopped him and wanted him to dismount and let them have his wheel for half an hour. He declined. One of them then seized him by the collar and forcibly took him from his wheel and held him while the others attempted to ride the wheel for half an hour. When they returned Cohn called their attention to a twisted pedal and asked them to pay for it. They made their first instalment by giving him a sound beating. He broke from them and ran up Sixteenth street for an officer. They overtook him before he had gone two blocks and gave him another beating. Cohn finally got loose long enough to call Officer Drummy. condition of sheep in the southwest. All classes of live stock in New Mexico are in splendid condition, up to date, and should the spring and summer rains come in time there will be no complaint heard from the stockmen of New Mexico. Eddy Argus, has an outfit busy building the Hagerman power dam, a short distance above the Eddy depot. Steam derricks unload the stone, which comes on cars from Pecos City, and drop them in place upon the work. The stone base of the old dam is to remain undisturbed, and similar work to remain undisturbed, and similar work is being extended westward 160 feet. The

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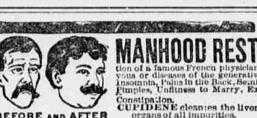
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