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Discovery of a Sparkler as Large as a Bean Excites Leadville Miners.

VISIONS OF A POSSIBLE DIAMOND BELT

Excitement at Dodge City-Hard Times Convert Montana's "Millionaire" Into a Very Common "Coon"-His Queer Capers-Northwestern News.

The mining experts will have an opportunity of puzzling their brains over the question as to whether the Leadville district does not produce real genuine diamonds. The assertion that Leadville may yet become a diamond producer, and that the enterprising geologist may yet find a diamond belt, is based on the discovery made by a prospector named Dennis Maguire, who has several claims in Union gulch. Maguire has been working on these claims for several months, in company with another man named Philip Henderson, Henderson was in Denver and showed a number of parties a curlous specimen of crystal, that had enough brilliancy and sparkle about it to make one think it was the genuine article.

The men, it seems, were running a tunnel In through the porphyry. After going for fifty feet they came into a soft material that resembled decomposed porphyry, but had a decidely clayey appearance, being very The ground became so treacherous that they had to timber it up very close, and even then progress was difficult. One day as they were working in this material there was noticed a bright speck in the face of the drift. Supposing this to be an indication of mineral, Maguire reached forward and pulled out the crystal, for such they now saw it was. It was about as big as a bean, and the edges were rough. When washed oroughly the crystal appeared to be as bright and sparkling as a diamond, and the men felt satisfied that this was what they had struck. The crystal was not perfectly clear. but of a peculiar bluish tinge.

A reporter examined the curious crystal, had been carefully cleaned. If it whitch a diamond, it certainly had all the glitter of one. In order to make an experi and one of the sharp rough edges applied to the glass. The crystal demonstrated its hardness by making a very tiny mark along the glass, which could then be easily broken along the line thus made.

BASIN'S GOOD LUCK.

The Lone Star, after four months of un ceasing toil, has cut the sought for lead says the Basin (Mont.) Times. This mine belongs to Samuel Mulville and others Butte and is situated half a mile north o Basin on the east side of the creek.

There was a perpendicular shaft on the claim to the forty-foot level some years ago. The oxidized ores were stoped to the surface and most of it worked in Pat Dough-erty's arastra on Basin creek. The crossof twelve feet on this level was on th contact between the base and the free milling and no part of the former was ever worked, though some scattering bunches were in the bodies of ore near the surface The free milling was very remunerative, but when the base had to be resorted to was suspended until Sisley and his partners took the bond for \$50,000 for a period of eighteen months, with the privilege of working 500 tons of the ore.

A new chute of ore induced them to sink additional sixty feet, making the shaft 100 feet, from which they run a cross-cut twenty-one feet and cut the rich body of ore in which lies stored a fortune for the A station has been prepared and conveniences arranged about the shaft, so sure were the boys that they would cut a rich body of ore, and they advanced on the lead that realized their brightest expectations and added one more producer to the list of permanent gold mines of Montana. ore is of the same character as that

contained in all the rich mines of Basin, and

'ligion that he proposed to take all the poor people into his mining scheme out of a purely philanthropic motive. He wanted to do good and his scheme caught on. He learned that there was a mortgage on the church and volunteered to give \$500 toward lifting it as soon as he returned to Montana, and then he sold the pastor \$50 worth of stock and pocketed the cash.

TIRED OF ARMY LIFE.

Practically all of the Sloux who enlisted in the regular army about three years ago will shortly be again at home on the r reser-vations leading the old and indolent life. A Advertiser may be a set of the sturgls Advertiser may that by the middle of this month the greater number of the Indians of treop L. Third cavalry, the best Indian treop in the service, staticned at Fort Mende, will have taken advantage of the three months furlough granted under the provisions of gen eral orders No. 50 of 1896, and will return t the reservation, and at the expiration their furlough it is expected that they w take their discharge. Should such be the case the troop will have to be recruited of disbanded. The prevailing opinion amon a great many seems to be that the Indians will never be satisfied with the restraints imposed upon them as soldiers, and that upon the completion of their three years' service they will be only too glid to quit the service of Uncle Sam and return to their original pursuits. Some of the In-dians of troop L (those who have served both as soldlers and scouts), when que-tioned upon the subject sold those of their brethren who are about to take their fur-loughs and return to Pine Ridge agency will weary of their cld life and be dissatis-

fied and auxious to return to army life be fore the epiration of their leave.

NAVAJO DEPREDATIONS.

Henry Smith of St. Johns, Apache county ne of the Territorial Live Stock commit ion, says that the ranchers and stock met of the districts adjoining the Navajo reser ation are worked up over depredations comnifted by the Indians, The latter refuse to remain upon their

reservation, says a Phoenix dispatch to the San Francisco Chroicle, but insist upon appropriating the best watering places, and frequently drive off and destroy stock erious rupture has so far been averted only great forbearance. Complaints have He will at once bring the matter to the atention of the Department of the Interior whence it will be transmitted to the War de partment. There are 7,000 Navajo war-riors, and pgarly all are supplied with Win chester rifles and other first class accouter-ments, with the use of which they are thoroughly familiar.

RUSSIAN OIL FOR THE WEST.

In connection with the current stories out lining the plans of Russia and American capitalists to establish a line of steamships to be operated on the Pacific in connection with the great Russian railway soon to be completed to Vladivostock, it is now stoutly asserted that the principal American port for the steamship company will be estab-liched at San Dicase lished at San Diego.

It has heretofore been claimed that capi alists largely interested in the Santa railroad are closely identified with the Russlans in the scheme. General Thomas S Sedgwick, San Diego's harbor engineer, gave further information of the scheme, says dispatch to the Denver Times. He state states that since August last he has been furnishing the interested parties with technical complete information concerning San Diego harbor. He had been required, how ever, to keep the matter a secret. Now that he is free to talk, he gave the substance of a letter recently received by him from a friend who is an engineer connected with the land department of the Santa Fe. His friend informed him that representa ives of the Santa Fe company, the Standard Oll company, and the Russian Oll company had just held a conference in Chicago with Ivan Gavetsky, representing the Amoo Navigation company of Vladivostock, for the purpose of organizing a steamship line be tween that Russian port and San Diego It is a well known fact that the Standard Oil company, not a great while ago, formed a combination with the Russian Oil compan for the purpose of controlling the world's supply of petroleum. It is claimed that it is the plan of the two great companies to have the western part of the United States supplied from the Russian wells, an undertak ing that would, in reality, be more economi-cal than the present method of transporting

and Ohio. The Amoor Navigation company is own and several dogs. They gathered considerable money by singing, dancing and doing the usual exhibitions with the bears. A party of surveyors are at work north of Gothenburg, making a preliminary survey for an irrigation ditch to water the first

lands north and east. table The June rise is on and the Missouri is up and booming. The river is eating away the banks at a rapid rate and is swallowing acres of valuable land on the Ne braska side. The Fullerton Milling company secured the

sontract for furnishing flour to the Genoa Indian school for the year beginning July 1. It will require about 110,000 pounds to fill he contract A number of the farmers living along the

Platte river are considering the question of irrigating their land. It is estimated that litches along the bottom can be constructed for \$1,000 a mile It is reported that the Pickard farm, or

the Pappio, just across the road from Sarpy Mills, has been sold to Omaha capitalists Mills, for \$200 per acre, and a paper factory will be crected upon the premises.

George Lowe and Ed Tippen, while driving near the fair grounds at Kearney, came upon a whole den of snakes. Using their buggy whip they dispatched fourtsen garter snakes and brought them back to town. The people of Gibbon secured the services of the rainmaker, who was to make the rain come inside of one week. If the spl shower that came last Thursday night splendi was

some of his work he ought to get his \$200 without a kick. William P. Gochenam, a peddler, has such the town of Hooper for \$2,000 damages for

false imprisonment. He was arrested there last August charged with peddling without a license, and taken to jail, where he remained three hours. William Palmer was bitten on the hand

y a rattlesnake at Stella. He killed the snake and hurridly came to town. Dr. Andrews treated the wound, but Mr. Palmer was a mighty sick man for a short time He is now all right, however. Thirty-five acres of beet ground lowed, dragged, replanted and rolled in wo days on the O'Shea farm at Madison ourteen teams were at work. It has taker sixty-five pounds of beet seed to replant the

eets injured by frost and wind. W. S. Locke of Riverside township in Gage ounty has a bunch of oats about four feet n height, with the heads generally filled and indicating an unusual yield. Mr. Locke says he has ninety acres of onts jus like the simple down on his farm. His wheat will average up still better.

The B. & M. and Union Pacific Railroad ompanies were asked some time ago to put n a transfer switch at Schuyler. The roads set up several reasons in their arguments why they should not build the switch, but after hearing the pros and cons of the cas he State Board of Transportation held that hey should comply with the law and build he switches. So far the roads have taken

o steps towards complying with the board's emand and that body will bring the cas efore the supreme court. THE DAKOTAS.

The Central Baptist association is in sesion at Huron. The annual meeting of the South Dakota Homeopathic society was held at Huron las

week.

Mercury touched 105 in the shade at Ellendale last week, which beat the local record

for this time of the year. The South Dakota Medical society will hold its thirteenth annual meeting at Huron or Wednesday and Thursday, June 20 and 21. Squatters have been driven from their omes on an island in the Missouri river op-

posite Vermillion, S. D., by the sheriff, and their places burned. A large artesian well has been struck in Grandview township, in Brule county. The water is already rising more than a foot above the top of the casing, and is increasing rapidly. It is a gusher. The well 160 feet deep. The water is very warm, having a temperature of 90 degrees, being different in this respect from any other ar tesian well in this section.

The committee appointed by the mayor of Grand Forks to canvass the city for pur-chasers for the \$30,000 worth of city or-ders to be issued soon, are at work, and report encouragingly. The funds derived will be used in the construction of a water system for the purification of the city water

oil across the continent from Pennsylvani supply, which subject has been agitated since the fever epidemic last winter.

a 120-acre tract. This will make the largest orchard of a single variety in the state. William Harris, also tof De Beque, bought 8,000 prune:. He has already a growing 8,000 prunes. He has already a growing orchard of this variety and thinks the prune is the thing fouralse.

Del Norte.

Several papers have stated that since buyng the Minte Vista and Mosca mills the Mullen Milling company own all the mills in the San Lu's valley, except the one at in permanency. They overlook several smalle ills which make a large quantity of flour, onejos, Saguache, Manassa, Lo: Ceritos and San Luis each have a flour mill. The Ovee, on East Battle mountain, owned

Angeles Times office.

such case.

and operated by George Bowland, records the strike of the week in the Red Cliff disrict. Ore running 750 cunces in silver has been produced for some time, when a re-cent shot disclosed an increase, and now a body of ore which has neither top nor bot-tom is opened and the vein has increased to four feet in width. The new strike is 370 feet from the surface and is mixed with ore carrying spar, sulphurets and galena. WYOMING.

Carbon county sheep men have adopted the plan of placing lanters around the flocks to protect them from the ravages of welves and coyotes.

There were 231,000 sheep sheared in Natrona county this eason. The price paid was 7 cents a head. One hundred and fifty shearers were employed.

The cattle and sheep men about Saratoga, Wyo., are holding a convention to arrange the lines of their respective grazing grounds and settle all differences amicably. The sheep shearing season about Rawlins,

Wyo., is over, and most of the flocks bave been driven to the mountains for the summer. About 130,000 were sheared this spring A deal by which Ferguson & Co. of Love

land, Colo., became the owners of the Chase coal mine on Mill creek has about been com-pleted. The coal will be transferred to Laramie by a traction engine.

The state selections of land for the blind asylum have not been approved by the land office. Over 5,000 acres of mineral land are embraced in the selection and as it against the law to appropriate mineral lands for state purposes the land was ordered reconveyed to the government.

The crickets which were devastating vegitation in the Lander valley a few weeks ago are fast disappearing. Considerable damage was done to certain crops in the vicinity visited by the pests. But now that they are leaving the farmers hope to get a second crop and reap a fair harvest.

A solid trainload of Idaho sheep passed through Laramie for the Chicago market Accompanying the sheep was the owner very prepossessing lady, who appeared t be perfectly at home in a position that always proves a trying one to even those of the sterner sex. The owner will take the flock to Chicago, where she proposes to dis-pose of them at the highest market prices. WASHINGTON,

The Great Northern track is now passable from Leavenworth to Seattle. A force of seven men has begun resurvey

ing the Puyallup Indian reservation. Whatcom county expects to have thirtyour miles of planked roads by the end of the year.

Rye in the Palouse country grew eighteen iches in one week. Hop vines grew six nches in a day.

Sinking wells has become quite an in-dustry in Hoquiam. Three concerns of that town are now boring for water.

The cherry crop will be immense in the Palouse country this year. The trees are as full of bloom as it is possible for them to stick on; plums, pears and apples are equally loaded.

There were shipped from Gray's harbor by water during May 7,410,000 feet of lumber distributed as follows: From Hoquiam, 4,584,000 feet; from Cosmopolis, 1,346,000

feet; from Aberdeen, 1,480,000 feet. The Port Townsend Steel Wire and Nail works are now running to their full capac ity, giving employment to forty men and turning out from 250 to 300 kegs of nails a The company is said to have sufficient day. business ahead to keep the works going for six months.

George Miller captured a big gray eagle one day last week five miles northwest of Garfield. It measures six feet and nine business trip, and, yielding to his wife's persuasions, permitted her to remainat the seashore. In August, Mrs. Henry began to inches from tip to tip of its wings. He has been feeding it squirrels, which it devours



it demonstrates beyond a doubt that the min of the Cataract district are exceedingly rich in depth.

Another rich strike was made last week in the Saturday Night, situated two miles up Cataract creek and owned by John and James It was leased and bonded in Febru-Wall. ary to John Hallahan of Butte, since which time a force of men has been developing it. There is no question but the ore is very rich. Being of a base character the proper way to determine the true value is by a fire This makes two very important strikes in one week and puts confidence in e who were doubtful as to the future of the Montana gold fields.

BIG LARAMIE PLACERS.

Excitement still continues on the Big Lar-amie at Dodge City. The last two weeks there were nearly 1,500 acres more of placer ground located. A Cheyenne party located 340 acres and a Denver yarty located eighty acres. The Denver outfit will commence sluicing next week, as all necessary material will then be on the ground, writes a correadent of the Laramie Republican. The spondent of the Laramie Republican. The Dodge City Placer Mining company will complete its ditch this week. Then they will commence stuicing. What kind of machinery they will put in has not yet been decided on, but a Pecatello gold saving machine may be tried here about the last of this month. The Lovett company of Laramle expected in the camp this week. We understand it will commence work on its claims at once. The camp will be booming in the course of a few weeks now, if the machinery that is put in will save the gold. In this connection it may be said that the patent-ees guarantee that they can save all that

be saved with a pan. The Iron Mountain company will put in machinery as soon as it can get the water water to supply the machine. Those interested are bound for holes water with a wheel, but they have not the material yet on the ground for the flume. They are waiting for the river to fall, as the water is too high at present for the work of putting in the wheel. There are four or five companies that will com mence operations now in the course of few weeks.

MONTANA'S FAKE MILLIONAIRE. A letter from Lexington, Ky.; received in Butte by one of the mining stock victims of Charles Porter Grove, alias "Blue Dick," the colored "four times millionaire" of Montana, of whom mention has frequently been made in The Bee, tells about the downfall of that mighty fraud. It seems that his flownward course began with his struggling advent in the national capital, where he circulated his fables through the columns

of the colored people's newspaper. His remarkably fishy stories about fabulous wealth, his rich producing mines and the booming growth of Grove City, located somewhere beyond nowhere, did not go unchallenged very long. They soon caught the eyes of some colored men who knew a little more than Charles Porter Grove gave them credit for. He was exposed and was com-pelled to leave Washington, and from that time his downfall was rapid.

When Grove's father-in-law heard of the Washington expose and learned that "Blue Dick" was nothing but a big black fraud, he sent for his daughter to come home, but warned her that if she dared to bring "that Montana niggah" along he would shoot him. The daughter heeded the warning and left Charles Porter, and she has since begun

suit for divorce. Grove started out in search of new fields, but his reputation preceded him everywhere and his luck was bad. Although he robbed poor colored people out of thousands of dol-lars, he saved none of it, but spent it as freely and easily as he got it, and now, the letter states, he is in Cincinnati and is having a hard time in getting enough to eat, and is no longer anything but a very com-

He made an effort to organize a new min ing company in Cincinnati, but the colored people were "all dead on" and it did not pan out. The letter also states that if Mr. Grove should ever venture back into Kentucky it uld go hard with him, as the colored pe ple have threatened to stretch his neck if they ever get hold of him.

Cornelius Hodges, the man who received the letter and who had some dealings with Grove, tells of a few of the "four times millionaire's" tricks that have never found their way into the papers. One is that he reached Lexington during a big revival meeting in the church. He became converted and in a "eperience meetin'" declared that his heart rience meetin' " declared that his heart been so thoroughly opened by by Sibiriakow, who also is the principal owner of the Siberian Transcontinental railroad, which at present handles the greater portion of the oil output of that country as well as other commerce with Siberian ports. The determination of the oil combine to establish a line to America has evidently caused the Santa Fe stockholders to take advantage of the situation of affairs, and endeavor to secure the tremendous traffic

which would naturally follow the establishment of such line of steamships. BOOMING ARIZONA MINES.

The new railroad is now completed almost o Wickenburg and increased activity is

noticed among both mine owners and pros-pectors in that vicinity. Goodwin, Mayer & Co. have a ledge of cinnabar eight feet wide assaying 20 per cent quicksliver and rich in gold, says a special to the Denver News. They claim it contains native quick-silver in paying quantities. Owing to the scarcity of quicksilver mines containing any quantity, they think they have a bonanzi. Many others have located in the immediate neighborhood.

A large lot of mining machinery is now at the Prescott depot awaiting transporta-tion to the Red Buck mine. It is very probable that work will commence on this n a few days. A few days ago an employ of this company discovered a small streak of gold bearing quartz running parallel to the Red Buck vein in the immediate neighborhood, and after digging eight feet was bought out by the company for \$1,000. Charles Capelli has 100 tons of silver ore

on the dump of his Perry mine, which will run \$200 to the ton.

RAISING MUSTARD SEED.

S. D. Cong, agent for the Great Northern, is making an experiment in farming which will be watched with considerable interest. He has leased forty-five acres of land one mile north of the city, says an Aberdeen di patch to the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, which he is having sown to tame mustard, a seed used to great advantage by all plckling and spice concerns, and cultivated to a very limited extent in this country. It is claimed that the tame variety will not scatter and reseed like the wild species, so much dreaded by the careful husbandman, and that it can be threshed out and marketed with the same machinery and appliances used in handling flax. Mr. Cone is very late in sowing, and for this reason cannot make the test in as thoroughly and satisfactory a manner as he would like. The seed, which cost \$18 per 100 pounds, which represents, it is said, the actual market value of the product-was shipped to Mr. Cone from San Francisco several weeks ago; but owing to various delays did not reach here in tim for earlier seeding. With anything like good weather from now on, and a respectable vield in the fail, the crop should be very aluable. Mr. Cone has already contracted fifty bushels at \$10 per bushel, and is cer-tain of a good demand for all he can raise. He sows in the neighborhood of one peck per acre, and ought to get an average yield of ten bushels to the acre. In some localities the crop averages twenty and twenty-five

bushels. NEDRASKA.

Alfalfa is becoming the popular crop in Fillmore county.

Norfolk is becoming metropolitan in having a Jack the Hugger. Hastings is employing only home labor

on its public improvements Farmers from all parts of the country re-port crops as never looking better in Buffalo

ounty. The stage of water in the Platte river con tinues about the same, being the highest known for years.

A movement is on foot at York to build a monument to the old soldiers of that county to cost from \$10,000 to \$18,090.

The rainmakers did some work up all Broken Bow and the rain fell, whereup the fellow pocketed his wealth and departed The cherry crop is almost harvested and as proved a very remunerative one. Good yields at an average price of \$2.25 per bushel has been the rule

Miss Eva Woolford has brought suit in district court at Kearney against Isaac Lionberger for defamation of character, placing the damage at \$5,000.

A band of gypsies, consisting of about thirty persons, among which were about twelve women and a whole raft of kids, arrived in Fullerton last week. They had four bears, about a half dozen monkeys

The citizens of Jefferson township, Mc-Cook county, are on the war path. The town board purchased a road grader, paying about \$290 for it, including freight. The voters circulated a petition and secured about forty names, and presented it to the board, urging them not to purchase the grader. But in had already been ordered and shipped, and the citizens will now try and compel the members of the board to foot the bill them-

selves. Edgemont has a good reason for having a big celebration this year on the Fourth of July, and she intends to have it. On that day the last shovel full of dirt which will complete the mammoth irrigation ditch be thrown. This ditch, besides furnishing water to irrigate a vast extent of country, will also furnish a supply of water to run a number of industries. The principal of these will be a woolen mill, since the great exodus of sheep from Wyoming into this state, and particularly the western part of the state, has made the wool industry a very important one. This will be the first olen mill in the western part of the state William McDonald, aged 107 years, has recently moved to Tyndall to live with his sor He has the appearance of being about 80 years old, being still vigorous and healthy His father, Donald McDonald, fought in the British army at the Battle of Bunker Hill. William wanted to join the American army during the war of 1812, but his father was too good a Britisher to allow his son to do anything of the kind. Donald McDonald died

at the age of 114, being crushed between two fancy horses, of which he was very proud. The family records are very com-plete as regards dates, an examination of them showing clearly that the age of the gentleman is as stated above, COLORADO.

A Grand Junction committee is working with the railroads for Peach day rates. Work at Yankee Hill is greatly impeded by the heavy fall of rain, hail and snow. The Fort Morgan Times denies that crops

have been damaged in that locality by the storm. Berthoud will this year have a high school Three teachers are to be employed and nine grades taught.

The Iron Cap mine in Gcose Creek district is taking out ore for another shipment which is expected to average \$100 a ton. In Lake City district the Ute and Ouray

mines shipped 1,275 tons of ores and concentrates during the month of May. The first train of the Pike's Peak Cog road was run to the summit last week. It was ex-

pected to open the road a couple of weeks ago, but snow prevented. It is said that the experts sent into La Plata district by the Daly-Haggin syndicate will recommend the building of a mill for

the purpose of testing, on a large scale, the ores of the Baker contact. About twenty-five women stoned the miners who attempted to go to work at the mines at Sopris. A Mexican was badly beaten. One woman and a man are supposed to be

the leaders of the attacking party and were arrested. A Prowers county farmer is growing al-A Prowers county farmer is growing al-fails for seed and is seeding with the or-dinary drill in rows fifteen to twenty inches apart. He cultivates and irrigates between the rows and claims'a yield of fifteen bushels

the acre grown in two crops. William Lawrence is shipping ore from a William Lawrence is snipping ore from a mine recently leased at Idaho Springs at the rate of a carload a week. The ore is valued at \$250 per car, and Mr. Lawrence hopes soon to increase the output to a car every

day, in which event the mine will prove a splendid investment.

There was shipped from Georgetown dur-ing the month of May forty-seven cars con-taining 1.237,000 pounds of ore, of which thirty cars, containing 715,000 pounds, went to Denver, and fifteen cars, containing 374,-00 pounds went to Pueblo, and two cars, ontaining 48,000 pounds, went to Argo.

The horticulturists about De Beque, says he Grand Junction Star-Times, are already

the Grand Junction Star-Times, are already preparing for next spring's planting of fruit trees. A Utah nurseryman has sold to Stewart & Eaton 13,700 prune trees, next spring delivery. This firm set out 7,000 prunes in April, which have already made a growth of eighteen inches. They are so well pleased with the quality of the trees that they may have sough more to fill out that they now buy enough more to fill out

with evidence of much satisfaction. will devour one in an incredibly short time, swallowing the head whole.

Wilbur has a gold excitement of her own. and is fast being depopulated by a rush to Hellgate canyon, on the Columbia, twelve miles away, where the precious mineral is reported to be hidden in the sands in large quantities. Nobody has seen any gold yet but the report of a syndicate's extensive filings has precipitated an excitement.

The paper mill at LaCamas employs sixty for which is paid at he mill \$11,000; 1,800 It consumes annually 5,000 cords of fir wood, for which is paid at the mill \$11,000; 1,800 cords of cottonwood, at \$3.25 a cord, and 1,000 tons of straw. The daily output is eight tons news print and three tons of straw paper. At present the straw manufacturing department is, shut down, but this will only be 20 until the water sub-There were made in the jute mills of the

Washington state penitentiary during the month of May 180,003 grain bags, 1,761 wool bags and 2,239 cat bags During the month the price of grain bags has been reduced from 7 cents to 6¹/₂ cents each. The pen-itentiary now has on hand subject to sale: 1,084.385 grain bags at 9¹/₂ cents each; 625 wool bags at 7 cents; 2,100 oat bags at 7 cents; 500 ore bags at 9 cents; 10.753 wards 500 ore bags at 9 cents; 10,753 yards cents: hop cloth at 9% cents per yard; 5,161 pounds fleece twine, five ply, at 8 cents per pound. Joe Scott, president of the Montana Cattlemen's as ociation; Frank Robinson, Henry Tustler of Miles City and J. T. Boardman of Deer Lodge have just completed a cattle purchasing tour of eastern Washington. They bought 15,000 head, the prices averaging \$10 for yearings, \$15 for 2-year-olds, \$20 for 3-year-olds. It is estimated by cattlemen that 40,000 head will be taken out of Washington and Oregon into Montana this year. The Montana cittlemen are prosperous again, and these purchases will ma-terially relieve the financial stringency of eastern Washington.

OREGON. Marion county's rock crusher is doing good

work at Scott's mill. The hop louse has made its appearance at

Fairview, in Polk county. A swimming club is to be added to New-berg's already long list of improvement so-

The Pendleton scouring mills have started up, and already have 350,000 pounds of wool to operate on.

Snow is said to be interfering with mining perations in Baker county, and miners have been busy digging out supplies cached last

winter. There are about twenty-five applicants for the position of principal of the Albany schools, and about seventy-five for the position of assistants.

A little grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. E. B Smith of Ashland, aged 2 years, died at Elk-ton, Douglas county, a few days ago from blood poisoning brought on by a copper cent, which it swallowed several months ago. Surveying work is being rushed on the proposed railroad from the Seven Devils to Payette, Idaho, and Ed Mix, who has it in charge, says there is every probability that the road will be constructed at an early day. The family of Mr. Thompson at Springfield was shocked last week, so says the Tidings, lightning running down the chimney o the stove and scattering the ashes, and it adds that almost any one would be shocked such an intrusion.

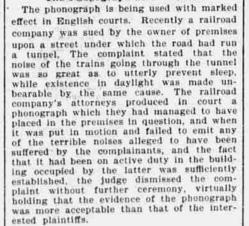
The Pendleton scouring mill uses 1,500 pounds of scap a day. It makes its own scap, consuming for that purpose some 250 pounds of tallow. This makes a good home market for tallow. As it is, the tallow has to be imported from Portland by the car-

Major Post has taken charge of the fight to save the Cascade locks, the governmen standing the expense. Six trains are run thing that can be utilized to raise the bulk head. Some of the cut stones are being dumped into the works and seventy barrels head. of cement were used in one day in solidifying the sand and gravel.

A storm of severe fury visited the lake and settlement of Butts Creek, Jackson county, Barns were blown down and sheds county. Barns were blown down and sheds carried through the air. Hail stripped or-chards of fruit and leaves and pounded growing and headed wheat into the ground. Some trees were torn off at their base.

to Mrs. Tunis, and, after the whole party had returned home in September, she claims to have obtained evidence of their Mrs. Henry did not make a scene guilt. She simply ascertained Mr. Tunis' address and wrote him full particulars. Thi brought the absent husband home in quick and on his arrival he was met by Mrs. Henry, who produced for his benefit the proofs she had gathered of the guilt of wife and her husband. Mrs. Henry and Mr. Tunis then resolved to keep a careful watch in order to secure more evidence The two watchers, having the same object in common, were thrown a great deal in each other's society, and it is claimed in the libel in the Henry vs. Henry case that the same kind of an intimacy resulted as that which is alleged to have existed be-tween Mrs. Tunis and Mr. Henry. Neither case is likely to be contested and the de-det distance will encoding follow the crees of divorce will speedily follow the taking of the testimony. It is whistered, too, that the divorces are likely to be followed by two weddings in which both the brides and grooms will simply have changed partners. Zoological garden Courtland beach. The Phonograph as a Witness.

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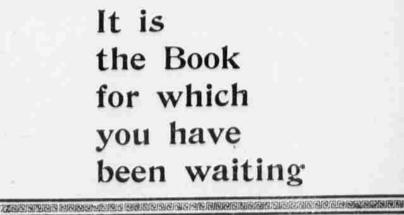


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