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Discovery of Rich Placers at Jackson's Hole, Wyoming.

MANTI MINES NOT SO RICH AS SUPPOSED

Big Mining Boom Expected After Opening the Ulntah and Uncompaligre Reservations-Next National Irrigation Congress-General Western News.

Jackson's Hole is just now having a mining boom that surprised the "oldest inhabi-Since the divides became passable miners and prospectore have been coming by the score and the woods are full of them, says a Chevenne Leader correspondent. A district has been formed with United States Commissioner Pettigrew recorder, and many claims have been and are being taken daily. So far but two machines have been brought in, and one of those is a small prospector carried in on a jack from Arizonia, but it saves the dust in fine shape, and is being used to test the ground in various localities. The other is of Blackfoot (Idaho) make, of good capacity, and has been at work on Conant creek, where they claim to be taking an ounce per day to the man, anyway the parties are having a machine built with a capacity of handling 1,000 yards of gravel per day, which they will use in the same ground; so I presume they are at least obtaining good pay,

There are old miners here from everywhere, and all unite in predicting this country becoming a great placer mining region. So far as tested the country yields from 60 cents to \$2 and \$3 per yard, and the entire surface of the earth, regardless of material, seems to yield pay.

William Quinn, an old Black Hills miner, says that from the wide distribution of gold he expected to ser hundreds of machines at work in Jackson's Hole within another year. Barney Hughes, the original discoverer of Alder Gulch, in Montana, is here. He is old, but still hale and sound, and expects to strike it again.

Several of our own residents have ordered machines for placer work, many of whom have claims that show from 500 to 2,000 colors to the pan. Like all mining regions, we have our rich lost diggings, which many come to look for, guided by certain land-marks which the discoverer told about "just before going away and dying."

The herd of buffalo has arrived, which makes our collection of animals fairly complete, so that now one can see in "the Hole" about anything. Last year Mr. Lek caught a pair of bear cubs, and in the fail one of them escaped. It was seen again the other day and treed by a couple of boys, but when one of them followed him up the tree he showed fight, and the boys allowed him to still go with the chain attached. The way Leek and his partner caught the cubs did not trouble them much, either. They were driving along several miles from home without a gun, when they discovered the old one and cubs. They immediately gave chase and soon treed the cubs, and one of them stood under the tree with a club and kept the cubs up and the mother away, while the other went away and returned with a gun.

THE SALINA GOLD FIELD. After considerable delay work has been resumed on the new gold fields of Salina canyon. The Red Creek Mining company, with headquarters at Manti, has a man working in the black sand. The shipment of pannings from one and one-quarter tons did not bring very satisfactory returns, says a Manti special to the Sait Lake Tribune. Assays showed that the sand carried gold, but not in paying quantities. One pe-cultarity about the formation is that the gold is covered by a sort of asphalt, or black wax. This coating must be removed by some acid process before the gold can be

The first assay gave \$74.24 per ton and was made from a shot sack full of sand taken from different places now claimed by the Red Creek company. Pannings of 2,500 pounds of sand taken from one place gave less than \$5 per ton. Both of these samples were taken from the grass roots. It is now the intention of the company to find bed-rock at different points and discover, if possible, where the first samples came from. The sand will have to be hauled down hill for a few hundred yards to be treated by the cyanide or some other process, where water is obtainable. If an assay of \$20 per ton can be secured the company will probably continue operations.

In prospecting the ground a peculiar thnig was discovered. Almost the entire ground seems to have been worked at some time in the past. A wall surrounds the whole sand bed about three miles in length. This gives evidence of having been constructed for the of working the sand by some pro-While digging for bed-rock the prospectors found that the ground had been worked once. This fact gave credence to the story that a veritable old Spanish mine had discovered. One man claims to found the ruins of an ancient smelter near

the Red Creek camp.
This placer ground, it is said, was located several years ago by some of the Utah pion-They passed through Manti at night order to prevent suspicion resting upon them, and tried to find the spot where are old miner had panned out some fine specimens of gold. The identical ground upon which the Red Creek company now holds claims is said to have been visited and panned. At that time there was much opposition to the opening of gold mines and the placer fills were deserted.

A BOOM EXPECTED. Bert Seaboldt, the well known asphaltum operator of Fort Duchesne, who is spending a few days in the city, said to a Salt Lake Tribune representative that he believed a big mining boom would follow the opening of the Uintah and Uncompanger reservations. The best mining country in the Uintah reservation, he says, extends west-ward for a distance of seventy-five miles from White Rock canyon, which is twentybelieved silver, lead, copper and gold will be found in abundance

With regard to the Uncompangre reservation Mr. Seaboldt says that, aside from the placer mines on Green river, it runs princi-pally to asphalt, and that these fields, which extend for a long distance along the eastern side of the reservation, are the largest in

NATIONAL IRRIGATION.

The following brief address in the interest of the west is being circulated:
Active preparations are being made for the next National Irrigation congress, which meets in Denver September 3-10. Are the people of the far west capable of rising to a great opportunity? Shall history be made at Denver? These are questions that must be answered now. No subject is of as great importance to so many people

Practical illustration of the results of irrigation in Colorado will be given those who attend the congress, by means of a number of excursions, which will be run to the agricultural centers of the state.

Let every one who can do so attend this

Low rates will be made by the Information as to the arrangements for

entertaining the delegates and others can

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A RICH COPPER VEIN. a short time Custer county will be

great Montana mining man, has secured 51 per cent of the stock of the idaho Copper company, whose property is located near Huston, on Lost river, Frank Brown controlling the remainder and continuing as superintendent of the property.

A forty-ton smelter will be running in about thirty days, says the Boise Statesman, and if the results are as anticipated a great plant will be put in. The company has given orders for transportation of coke, and is making every preparation for a run.

This copper vain is sixty-five feet wide and known as the Big Copper. There is said to be enough good ore in sight to run a forty-ton smelter for two years. A shaft is to be sunk on the vein at once to the depth of 300 feet. In addition a tunnet will be but as she rose to the surface she threw her started on the other side of the hill following the vein in. This tunnel will be 3,000 from swimming. Both went to the bottom.

feet long, and will open the vein at great depth. The ore carries from \$8 to \$10 in

SAN MIGUEL GOLD One of the easiest worked and highest grade gold and silver mines in San Miguel county, the Japan, is working in Savage basin. The ore from the Japan is now running over \$150 per ton in gold and silver, says a special to the Denver News. On one side of the vein there is a streak about two inches in width which is exceedingly grade, carrying a large per cent of gold, while on the other is a streak composed of native and brittle silver, and galena which is fully twelve inches in width. The first class ore is shipped to Denver and the second class

is worked with jigs and runs \$60 per ton net. F. J. Kramer, mining expert, has been em-ployed at the Tom Boy mine doing some underground surveying for the purpose of laying out new ground for development work. The Tom Boy mill is running through from eighty to ninety tons of high grade gold ore every 'wenty-four hours and will soon add as much more to its present capacity. Two of the latest improved Huntington mills will put in just as soon as they can be made. Pierce & Lee have just completed a large ore chute from the Warner mine to a bench below them which will be of great advantage to packers in loading their pack trains. They have also just completed a large and commodious boarding house, ore house and bunk BIG IRRIGATING PROJECT.

One of the grandest irrigating schem undertaken in this state, says the Portland Oregonian, is that of the Oregon Land, Irrigation, Fuel and Lumber company, for the improvement of the Oak Grove, Juniper Flat and Wapanitia plains in Wasco county, comprising 45,000 acres of valley land and about 15,000 acres of foothill land. The company, with a capital stock of \$500,000, is building a ditch thirty-six miles in length, to take water from Clear creek for the irrigation of this tract of country, and sections of the ditch, amounting in all to about twenty miles, are completed. About fifty teams and 125 men are employed on the work, and the force will oon be increased.

The lands to be irrigated are in a valley surrounded by the Cascades, Mutton moun-tains and Tygh Ridge mountains, and lie between Tygh valley and the Warm Springs reservation. They are well adapted to grow-ing grain, hops and fruit. They can be reached from Portland in a day and a half by the Barlow Pass road to Government camp, thence by the road running south across the range to the Oak Grove country, which is now the most traveled road across mountains, over 1,000 teams having

crossed on it last year. When the ditch is completed, logs and lumber can be rafted down it from the mounains at the head of Clear creek into the Des Chutes, and so on down the Columbia to Portland. When a railroad is built across the Cascades by way of the Barlow pass it will tap that section of country.

LUCK OF COCHETOPA. Thirty or forty out of the gold claims located at Cochetopa pan gold in large quan ities, says the Saguache Crescent. Fleming is interested in the Craig-Gilber claim, and he informs this effice that piece of ore taken from their dump, with no idea of getting a rich specimen, showed an as say value of \$92. The dump has since beer picked over with a view to getting a general average of the ore, and if the value shows by the first assay holds, the owners will begin shipping at once.

With a big strike of gold at Biedell, a rich and increasing body of ore in Tuttle creek, with honey comb quartz rich in gold in Finley guich, with rich copper ore in big bodies a few miles west of town, with Bo-nanza's rich camp not far away and the newly discovered gold fields near our west-ern border, what is the matter with Saguache taking a big stride to the front this summer? The indications really seem to brighten.

STRIKE IN THE NEW DEAL. Silver mountain is again coming to the The strike in the New Deal mine is creating a general stampeds for the moun-tain. Old claims that have lain idle are being restaked and worked, and quite a number of parties from a distance who have money are investigating the merits of the mountain, says a special to the Denver News. About twenty claims have been staked off this week, and once again the road is Totted with teams hauling up supplies.

The pay mineral is there, and all that is needed is a little money and lots of hard work to begin shipments. It is estimated that \$10 ore, if found in any quantity, can be worked at a profit, as the cost to get it o market will not exceed \$5 per top.

FREE MILLING GOLD. most surprising strike of free milling gold ore was made in the Annie lode, fif teen miles east of here, two weeks ago by the Fullenwider brothers, says a Mosca special to the Denver News. said of the find until assays had been made with the astenishing result of \$42,000 per The gold is found in honey comb easily worked, almost crushing in the hand.

Much of it is visible to the naked eye and is certainly a sight to see Rich float has been found in that vicinity for years. They have four feet of it in plain view and are in only six feet. The greatest ex citement prevails here, and much ground is being staked today. The find is a few miles north of Mount Blanco, and in a district that promises wonderful things in the

NEBRASKA. The Platte county fair has been called off ecause of the failure of crops.

O. B. Houghton, a well known banker of Hampton and a prominent Mason, is dead. An old settlers reunion and district fair is to be held at Bayard September 13 and

Frank T. Hawks has started the Progress Orleans and will make it a republican

Elm Creek has voted \$10,000 in bonds to build an irrigation canal. The bonds carried three to one. A victous horse kicked the 8-year-old son

of W. H. Brown of Aurora in the head and fractured his skull. The Beatrice canning factory is now run-

ning full blast and will continue in operation through the season. A band of five State university students has begun a series of union evangelical serv-

ices in the Presbyterian church at Pawner H. M. Henry lost seventy-five tens of hay by fire on his land one mile east of Wayne. He says the hay was worth at least \$8 a ton

As a result of overstudy, the 15-year-old son of George Lehman of Columbus has be-come violently insane. It is hoped that his mind will be restored by proper treatment. The 5-year-old son of E. M. Brewer o Butte secured some matches while his par-ents were away from home, and the result was that the house was burned. The boy

escaped. Thomas Duncan, mayor of Indianola, has issued a proclamation ordering all citizens of McCook suspected of being infected with he smallpox to keep away from the city of

Indianola. On Wednesday morning the reopening the Catholic church at Auburn will take place, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, the first Cathic pastor of Auburn, will be the celebrant

at high mass. A Santa Fe train struck a team at a crossing near Superior and instantly killed one of the horses. The driver, named Sullivan was so seriously injured that it is feared he

cannot recover G. Jacobs of Superior nearly lost his life while trying to unload a bull from a stock car. The animal threw him to the ground and attempted to gore him, but spectators who were near at hand drove the animal tway before fatal injuries had been inflicted. Fifty delegates attended the Otoe county Sunday school convention at Talmage.

Billy Sumner of Bayard does not like a rattlesnake for a bedfellow. He was killing time on a hot Sunday afternoon by loung-ing when he discovered a large and victous reptile on the bed with him. Billy's own account of the later events is given verbatim by the Bayard Transcript: "I left that bed in by the Bayard Transcript: 'urry, y' kno', and grabbed a shovel, kno', with me 'art a thumpin', y' kno, but I 'ad a 'eap o' fun poundin' the life h'out o'

While Miss Nettle Hungate of Chadron was bathing in the waters of Bryant's lake she went beyond her depth and sank. J. W. Good, who was in a boat near at hand, jumped into the water to rescue the girl.

but first at the right time Mr. Bryant reached the drowning couple and rescued them from

a watery grave. Every time a certain Dawson count nan goes to Lexington she straps a big six-shooter and a belt full of cartridges around her waist. The cause for her thus arming herself has never been explained to the public, and she has never been ar-rested for carrying concealed weapons, for

she wears the shooting irons in plain sight. What was at first thought to be a genuine ghost put in its appearance at the Dawson county jail the other night. Two guards were asleep in the jail at the time, and they were rudely awakened by unearthly noises proceeding from the corridor. Springing from their downy couches and seizing shotguns and a lamp or two they proceeded to investigate, and found a table in the west room overturned and lying bottom-side up, with dishes, etc., scattered over the floor. No one had evidently been in the room, and two prisoners, Burke and Don-nelly, were securely locked in the iron cages adjoining. The prisoners had before claimed the place was haunted, and now, they asserted, it was made manifest that ghosts walked abroad. The deputies could not unravel the mystery, but the next day Sheriff Hobson made a careful examination of the room and found a cord, with a nail curved in the shape of a hook attached to it, fastened to a coal hod. The cord ran along the top of And the spook business came to an abrupt end. The prisoners wanted to be placed in another room in the jail with King, Thompson and Hilton, and in order to have their desire gratified, had adopted the spook scheme. They still occupy their old quarters. THE DAKOTAS

South Dakota pharmacists held their ninth annual session at Huron last week. A contract has been let to Contractor Owens of Pierre for the construction of sev eral additional buildings at the New Lower Brule agency at \$28,400.

The first cattle shipment, 100 head, was made from Pierre last week. The stock i in splendid condition. The estimate is placed at the low figure of 20,000 head to be shipped rom this place in the fall. Letters from Captain Todd of the Castalia belonging at Sioux City, which went to the upper river this spring, say that the boat is having a good trade in addition to its

government freight contract, and is securing full cargoes on every trip. It is running both ways from Bismarck to the military Land owners in Harmony township, Jer-auld county, have decided to sink two artesian wells as an experiment. County Com-missioner D. McDonald says he is heartly in favor of expending about \$50,000 for rtesian wells. People who a year ago were against the scheme are now its earnest sup-

orters. The removal of the county seat of Law rence county from Deadwood reopened with a new petition to the county commissioners asking an election to be called for the pur pose of deciding whether the proposition will be signed by the people of the county or not. Much dissatisfaction is shown in both Deadwood and Lead City.

The Indian appropriation bill has passed both houses and will at once go to the president. It ratifies the treaty made with the Yankton Indians for cession of a part of their reservation, and settlers will soon be permitted to take up lands there. The ap-propriation for payment of damages to settlers evicted from the Crow Creek reserva-tion by executive order in 1885 was retained. Under the bill Indians are permited to lease their lands.

Probate Judge Parliman of Sloux Falls has decided that the life insurance money now in the hands of the executors of the J. G. C. Schlegel estate belongs wholly to the widow, and that the creditors have no claim whatsoever upon it. There are about twenty creditors, and they propose to carry the matter to the supreme court if necessary, to test the state law under which the widow has absolute claim to the life insurance money of her deceased husband.

The first artesian well of a series of four entracted to be put down in Douglas county under the provisions of the artesian well law has been completed and was formally accepted from the contractors by the county commissioners. The well is located at the head of Andeas creek, a water course with out water except for a short time in the spring, is 937 feet deep, flows 900 gallons per minute with a temperature of 61 degrees. The successful completion of the well at this time means much. The water is already being drawn for miles in all directions by farmers for domestic purposes. The remain-ing three wells in other localities are to be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible

COLORADO. In Boulder county the Keystone mine has some ore worth \$8,000 per ton. The Green mountain placers, Park county will be worked very late this season. About fifty men are at work in Low Pass district, Lake county, all mining gold ore.

A vein of free milling ore, about thirty inches in width, is reported in the Gold King mine, Cripple Creek. The Eureka mine, Tarryall, is producing \$40 gold ore. It is concentrated at the Wells mill and shipped to the smelters.

The gold output in Leadville district shows a steady increase. When they pro duce at all the flat veins are liberal. Cripple Creek is promised another chlor-ination plant. The works are to be built at Gillett and will cost about \$40,000.

Raven Hill, in the Cripple Creek district looks forward to a pay roll of at least \$20,000 per month in the next ninety days. The new Crawford mill on Left Hand

creek. Boulder county, is credited with sav-ing 85 to 90 per cent of the value in the ore. Its capacity is ten tons per day. In the San Juan country the Pelican min entinues to output silver. The ore is high grade, averaging 286 ounces per ton. About

100 men are employed at the mine. The Bulldozer mine in the La Plata section has a new eighteen-inch streak which yields \$200 gold to the ton. The ore is treated at the Lewis mill, being hauled

In Granite district the Monte Cristo mine reports a big strike. It is on iron quartz carrying free gold. The pay streak carries nearly nine ounces in gold, while the veir matter runs from \$12 to \$15 per ton. Mr. E. T. Carr, representative of th

Boulder Fruit Growers association, informs the Camera that the association has shipped 3.289 cases, of an average of twenty boxes the crate, and realizing an average price of 20 cents a box. The potato fields under the Larimer county

ditch, says the Fort Collins Courier, have been watered in good shape and the water is now running into the reservoir, to be held for later irrigation of potatoes and alfalfa. Over 7,000,000 cubto feet of water every twenty-four hours is now flowing into the

A vein of copper ore at Cripple Creek was opened up 150 feet east of the Florence and Cripple Creek depot. An assay returned 33 per cent copper and one-half ounce gold. The discovery was visited by h dreds of people. Everybody owning town property in the neighborhood feel as though

they were owners of a mine. According to the Cripple Creek Journal the Elkton Mining company will increase from fifty-eight to 150 men, and will increase its output in proportion. The mine is now producing about twenty tons daily. of which from four to five tons are smelting

ore, the remainder going to the mills. Word comes from Leadville that the Matchless mine, one of the original bonanzas of Fryer hill, and the property of ex-Senator Tabor, is about to be reopened. It closed down fourteen months ago, at the expiration of a 5,000-ton contract with one of the Denver smelters. The Leadville Herald-Democrat credits the Matchless with an immense reserve of iron, which can be mined to a profit. The shaft will be sunk 200 feet deeper and seventy men will be put

Sheridan is to have a new court house. In one day recently 635 oil claims were filed in Natrona county. The fees amounted to \$856.25. The state association of Congregational

churches will meet in Big Horn, Sheridan ounty, September 12 and 13, It is nothing for a Laramie fisherman to go out to some of the streams adjoining that city and secure 250 trout. No section of the is more favored in this respect than Albany county. The whistle of the Union Pacific shops

blew at Cheyenne for the first time sine

About twenty-five additional men

were put to work, making 120 employes all Eight hundred and fifty head of cattle from Soda Springs, Idaho, are being branded by the Swift company in North Park.

S. P. Lidel, agent for the Lander, Wyo, S. P. Lidel, agent for the Lander, Wyo,. Transportation company, informs the Gazette that his company has shipped from this country the past two months 800,000 pounds of w.ol. Of this amount 200,000 pounds were shipped from the Lost Cabin country and 600,000 pounds from the pens on the Sweetwater. In addition to this 43,000 pounds were shipped from the Sweetwater country via Rawlins in child to all water country via Rawlins, making a total output for Fremont county of 843,000 pounds.

OREGON. The Bandon woolen mill has started up. Salem has spent \$30,000 for bicycles this A hardword saw mill is being set up at

Coquille City. Quite a little osage orange hedge is being set out in Polk county this summer.

A telephone and telegraph line between Grant's Pass and Crescent City is being

It was decided at the Salem hop conven-tion to pay pickers 40 cents for nine-bushel boxes. Hop harvest will begin about Sep-Mr. Jewett of Sauvies island reports that he has about two miles of railroad and a turntable which came to his place during

Mr. William Osborne, who has just re turned from the vicinity of Mount Adams, says fully 100,000 sheep are pasturing there They are in excellent condition and grass is good. These flocks are owned in Oregon and Washington. A good many fruit dryers are going up this

summer near Milton, and the bulk of the output hereafter wil be shipped dried. This seems to be the best way of marketing fruit as a commercial product. Canned goods are surplus everywhere. William Rudio and Walter Brown brought over a large amount of gold dust from the Fox valley mines and had it run into bars

at the Canyon City assay office. Mr. Rudio approximates the output of gold from the placers and quartz mines of Fox valley this season at about \$15,000. The Coquille hay crop is enormous, break-ing all records. Hay, if carefully handled and judiciously marketed, will be a godsend to its lucky owners this year. It is one of the

crops whose price has not gone down with overproduction. The California drouth is the chief element in the situation. Jim McLaughlin, "our Jim," as the Gold Beach Gazette familiarly calls him, the champion diver and the boss varn spinner and chinook seiner, has arrived in Crescent City, and will do the "submarine act" in searching the wreck recently iliscovered there and which is supposed to be the Brother Jonathan. Jim will soon settle the question for the discoverers. J. N. Macy says, however, that the vessel found is one of the several schooners wrecked in that vicinity in early days. Macy was a whale hunter there in early days, and was at Crescent City when the Jonathan was wrecked, and is positive the Jonathan was farther off shore when wrecked.

WASHINGTON. The number of children of school age in Chehalis county is 3,216, as against 3,158 last

Chehalis county's assessment will be about \$6,250,000, a reduction of over 30 per cent from that of last year.

Prof. C. V. Piper of the Pullman Agricultural college is investigating the tomato blight around North Yakima. There was a falling off in raspberries, due been supplied mainly from Puyallup.

J. W. Wade, who owns four fruit orchards

near Olympia, has marketed in Tacoma and Seattle 22,233 pounds of cherries this Willie Stevens, a half-breed boy, has been arrested at Port Townsend for burglary and arson. He is charged with having robbed a house and then setting a fire in which

eight buildings were consumed.

back City of Everett. When completed and ready to go to sea the vessel and outfit will weigh 2,000 tons. Her carrying capacity, exclusive of this immense weight, will be Farm laborers in western Washington are

There are 1,375 tons of steel in the whale-

crossing the mountains by way of Cowlitz pass in considerable numbers. The men go on foot and carry their food with them, there ng no houses where they can obtain to in the wilds of the mountains. The Bellingham Bay road is hauling into

and decking, to be cut by the Port Blakely Mill company. That company has bought several rafts of logs from the lake which have proven eminently satisfactory. The Blue Canyon Coal company has hauled into Whatcom fifteen cars of coal to be

placed in the bunkers ready for the revenue

cutters under the company's new contract The tunnel at the Blue Canyon mine has The tunnel at the Blue Canyon inthe has been driven 200 feet, and work is progressing at the rate of six feet per day. The tunnel when completed, in October, will be 770 feet long, and will enable the company to bring out the coal without hoisting. A curiosity has been added to the Walls Walla Statesman cabinet in the shape of an old beaver trap, which, it is claimed, was used by the Hudson Bay company over fifty years ago. It was found in the bed of the

Yellowhawk creek by Mr. W. H. Colwell on Thursday, where it had been brought to view by the recent heavy floods. Attached to it is a heavy chain, the links of which have become solidly attached together by the accumulated rust of years. It is of steel and evidenty of home manufacture. When found it was set, but was sprung by a heavy blow with a hammer.

MISCELLANEOUS. Reno, Nev., is asserting claims as a health Montana wool is selling for 121/4 cents at

Great Falls. The first bale of California hops for this vear has been shipped from Sacramento. The Chino Beet Sugar factory opened for season's run. It will use 1,000 tons of beets per day.

Steamboat navigation on the upper Misourl has not been very lively this year, but the season has not entirely closed. The national guard of Montana in all probability will meet in regimental encampment next month at Fort Ellis, near Boze-

Osceola, Nev., has attracted attention from Denver and Salt Lake capitalists. The placer grounds make an excellent showing. Dry machines must be used. The Blue River Placer Mining company

just south of Dillon, is pushing work on its property. They are sinking a large sized shaft to bed rock in the old channel of the The Postal telegraph line is now at Canon Diablo on the Atlantic and Pacific line and is being rapidly pushed westward. line will be extended from Ash Fork to Pres-cott, and thence in all probability to

Phoenix. The prune industry is attracting attention in Idaho. It is reported that in the Payette valley, where the culture of prunes is one of the leading ifidustries, there are Idaho. anchers who have made as high as \$1,000 an acre.

Two professional trappers reported in Pres-cott lately that they had last year scored a record of forty mountain lions. They brought in with them on this trip about 100

tanned lynx skins, wolf skins, etc., which they have sold for rugs. They use Swedish bloodhounds in hunting.

A number of Great Falls, Mont., business men have formed a joint stock company to build a telephone line to points in the Ju-dith basin. The expense of the undertaking is estimated at about \$10,000, and if this amount can be raised the work will be com-

Placer gold is reported to have been dis-covered on the bench linds near Alpine, north of Prove. As is usual in such cases the Alpine folks are said to be keeping the find secret until they have tested the value of the gravel and located enough claims on

The people quickly recognize merit, and this is the reason the sales or Hood's Sarsaparilla are continually increasing. Hood's

WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

One of the Most Impressive Objects in the World

Marion Crawford reads a lecture to Amerans who decry the city of Washington and its society, in an article which he contributes to the August number of the Century. As to the much discussed Washington monument, Mr. Crawford says:

A famous living sculptor of ours has given us his opinion in condemnation of the Washington monument. It is sometimes called the Obelisk, for the comparatively simple reason that it is one, just as "they called Peter, people said, because it was his name." With all due respect to the sculptor's right of judgment, which is unquestioned, we may of judgment, which is unquestioned, we may differ with him and yet not brand ourselves barbarians. To the present writer it seems not too much to say that in a certain light the Obelisk is the most imposing simple object of great dimensions in the whole world. Doubtless when seen, as it always can be seen by day, from a distance of two or three miles, and from different parts of the city, cut off by a line of modern roots across a cut off by a line of modern roofs across a pale sky, there is nothing remarkable or beautiful about it. It is then but the top of an obelisk, and nothing more; a slender, straight line of stone visible in an uninteresting atmosphere. Even then it can hardly be said to be offensive, for it is too simple

to offend,
Go to it at evening, when the sunset lights have faded and the full moon is rising. It is impossible not to see its beauty then. For some reason, not immediately apparent, the white light is not reflected from the lower half of it when the moon is not far above the horizon. The lines are all there, but the shaft is only a soft shadow below, gradually growing clearer as it rises, and ending in a blaze of silver against the dark sky. The enormous proportions are touched then with a profound mystery; the solidity of then with a profound mystery; the solidity of the symbol disappears, the greatness of the thought remains, the unending vastness of the idea is overwhelming. Block upon block, line by line, is was built up with granite from many states, a union of many into one simple whole, a true symbol of what we Americans are trying to make of ourselves, of our country and of our beliefs. There is the solid foundation, proved and tried, which we know of and trust in. There is the dark and shadowy present, through which the grand, straight lines are felt rather than seen. And there, high in the still air, points the gleaming future, perfect at all points, bright at all points, lofty as all but heaven itself. There is the symbol. We may ask of our selves whether we are to overtake the shadows and reach the light, we or our children, or our childern's children; or whether the darkness will creep up with us always, and with them, for all ages to come, and even to the end. The Obelisk is beautiful not only by moon

light, as any one may see who will take the trouble to look at it with eyes human rather than critical—at evening, for instance, from the terrace of the capitol, when all the world is sinking toward its mighty plunge into darkness through the foam of the cloud breakers and the purple wash of night's rising tide; or at early morning, when the darkness sinks back, and the first blush of day warms the pinnacle of the lonely shaft—as though it had stabbed night in the sky and drawn the sweet blood of daylight upon its point. Most notably is it beautiful at such times when seen with the whole city from the great military cemetery on the heights of Arling-ton, than which few points in the world com-

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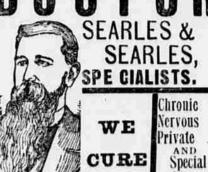
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