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Two Pailroads Already Interested in Entering the Blanca Gold Camp.

RUSH TO THE CAMP CONTINUES UNABATED

Rich Strike at Fresno-Pierre Stockmen Complain of Bigh Freight Rates-Developments at Eddy, N. M .-General Western News,

Both the Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific roads are understood to have sent special men to look over the ground at the new camp at Blanca and determine the probabilities of permanency, output, etc. Mount Blanca, on the northwestern slope of which the gold finds have been made, says the Denver News, is on the eastern side of the San Luis valley and forms part of the front range. It is practically the southern termination of the Sangre de Christo range. The camp, it is claimed, can be easily reached by a thirty-mile extension from the San Luis valley line of the Rio Grande, which can be built at a comparatively small cost. It is also close to the proposed line of the Missouri Pacific from Pueblo to Creede and the San Juan country by way of Mosca Pass. The project was well under way some time ago and wis stopped by the financial de-pression. The people of the new camp are very sanguine that one or the other of the lines will be built.

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The rush to the camp continues, there being 400 town lots staked in the town of Blanca. The prospects which have had enough development to show that they are of value are the Vesuvins, owned by Frawley, Kunkle & Heistle; the Castle Garden, when the Medical Bros., and the Sunflower, owned by Fullenwider Bros., and the Sunflower, owned by McLin, Harrison & McClure. Such complaint is made by the mining men that farmers from the valley have come into the camp and stuck claim stakes so thickly that the mountain sheep can scarcely dodge them. This interferes with genuine development, but will, of course, worked itself out in time. The first

terferes with genuine development, but will, of course, worked itself out in time. The first town lot was staked by J. M. Chritton. The road from Mosca is crowded with wagons going to the front.

Engineer John R. Patterson, in speaking of the camp, says: "There can be no doubt that there are several leads in and near the camp that will assay \$40 to \$7,000 a ton, and while it may ar may not be free milling, yet there is enough free gold in it to show colors in washing. I do not believe that colors in washing. I do not believe that the gold is confined to Arastia gulch, and the best thing to anticipate from the presthe best thing to anticipate from the present rush is that a large number of prospectors will be attracted to the Sangre de Christo range, and being disappointed in getting a claim in Blanca camp, will prospect the range. There is about fifteen miles of it between the Maria Baco and the Sangre de Christo grants that I would particularly call their attention to. It is all government land. Blanca camp is within one mile of the line the Missouri Pacific would naturally take if built." PIERRE SHIPPERS PROTEST.

For the first, time in the history of this country the stockmen, assisted by the people are making a vigorous protest against the Northwestern Railroad company. This Northwestern Northwestern Railroad company. This company has always had a monopoly on Pierre business and also the shipping interests across the river, but up until the last two years they have dealt very fairly, says a Pierre correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune. During 1893 and 1894 the road has grown so unreasonable in its demands that they amount almost to extortion. Last year shipping rates from here to Chiesen that they amount almost to extortion. Last year shipping rates from here to Chicago were raised from 38 to 42 cents, and the raise was accepted by the large number of shippers in this county in passive submission. But this year the stock yards company has raised the price of switching in the yards at Chicago from 80 cents to \$2 per car, and the Northwestern company on top of this raise and in the face of the hard times, when beef is from 75 to 80 cents lower, comes in and increases the freight lower, comes in and increases the freight rates another cent and a half, bringing it up to the xeedingly high figure of 43% cents. It is estimated that 20,000 head of beef cattle will be shipped from this point this fall, and figuring on this basis these out of the pockets of shippers this season. The stockmen have sent representatives to Sloux City and Omaha in hopes that these two cities will hold out to them some induce-

a saving of over 40 per sent in freight rates besides a vast saving of shrinkage which is lost on the long trip to Chicago.

The Missouri River Stockman's association, which is composed of men who own collectively herds that will aggregate fully 100,000 head, have sent a committee to the

ment to consign their shipments to them. The price would not have to equal that of

Chicago to let them out, as there would be

Milwaukee road to arrange for shipments from Chamberlain to Chicago, RICH STRIKE NEAR FRESNO.

Reports come from Auberoy valley, forty illes northeast of Fresno, of a rich strike of gold in a ledge known as the Mountain View, says the San Francisco Chronicle. has been worked for years, but never

placer mining was done in the vicinity.

The Mountain View mine is owned by parties in Chicago and they have been work ing it under the superintendence of P. B. Donahoo. They are running a drift in 1,500 feet to strike the ledge at a depth of 1,200 feet from the surface, and fifteen men are

doing the work. They struck rock in two places that is exceedingly rich. It is known to run up into the hundreds of dollars to the ton and promises to be very profitable property. The exact width of the ledge was not learned, but it was satisfactory and the outlook is good in every respect.

This property has always shown every indication of being a good mine, and with the present company back of it there is no doubt that it will be thoroughly developed. Some of the rock taken out is so rich that it is broken up and sold for specimens. Testwith the mortar and horn spoon that some of the rock will go \$1,000 per

the richness se≡ms to hold good in the en-tire ledge, although some streaks are ex-ceptionally rich. The ledge grows wider as the men go down and old miners express the that it will turn out to be one of the

best in the state.

There is considerable excitement among the owners of small mines in the vicinity and renewed activity is seen on every hand

P. B. Donahoo, the superintendent, was in Fresno, but left for the mine soon after the news came of the rich strike. VAST PLACER FIELDS IN UTAH.

Mr. George W. Moody of Delta county came up from the canon of the San Juan below Bluff City, Utah, says the Montezuma Journal. Mr. Moody has been in the canon for the past three mouths. He is an experienced placer miner and a close observer, and his colories of the San Juan and his opinion of the San Juan as a gol-placer field is entitled to much weight. H says that it is a mistaken idea that it re quires any expensive machinery or patent process to accomplish the best results in saving gold on the canon bars. Those who are having the best success are those who are employing cheap appliances, with copper plates, and saving the gold by amalgama The proper preparain sluice box or rocker. The proper prepara-tion of the copper plate is the most important matter in connection with placer mining in the canon in order to obtain satisfactory resuits. There is along the river in the canon a stretch of gravel bars forty miles in length, according to Mr. Moody's observation, that will pay from \$3 to \$5 per yard to the man, with the simple process above indicated. In this field profitable to 2,000 men for several years to come is predicted that the coming fall and winter will see not less than 1,000 men at work in the canon. There will be a stampede, but those who go there will be men who are familiar with the conditions under which

THE PECOS VALLEY RAILROAD. Fine progress is being made in the con atruction of the Pecos Valley railroad between Eddy and Reswell. More than twenty-five miles of track has been laid, and by the

they will have to labor and with no exag-gerated notions of the results to be obtained.

tation that trains can run the entire length of the road by the first of October.

In honor of the completion of this iron highway there is to be a grand celebration, consisting of a fair with the finest exhibit of truits, grains, grasses and vegetables over apply the Borea value togetables. of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables ever seen in the Pecos valley, together with a barbecue and an excellent program of sports. Special trains will be run from Chicago, St. Louis and the Missouri river points for this occasion. Already many tickets have been spoken for and a large number will be present. Everything points to a more rapid settlement of the valley in the future, as it now has an easy means of communication with the outside world, and its advantages, both in raising large crops by irrigation and its favorable markets, are being fully appreciated.

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Poor hay crops throughout the country cannot but redound to the advantage of the Pecos valley farmers. The alfalfa fields never yielded larger than the present season nor has the hay been of finer quality. The drouth in Kansas, Nebraska and further east will undoubtedly be the cause of many cattle being brought to the valley for winter feeding. In one way and another our farmers are confidently expecting to realize better prices for their crops than has been better prices for their crops than has been the case for some time. It would seem that

the case for some time. It would seem that this anticipation is well founded.

This appears to be a new golden age, and Eddy does not propose to fail behind in the advancing procession. Six miles east of the town some ore was found the other day and samples were sent to Colorade Springs for assay. The result has just been made known. This ore runs from \$4 to \$10 in gold to the ton, which, considering that this is appropried to be purely a farming locality and supposed to be purely a farming locality and the rock was taken from almost on the surface, is claimed to be a very excellent show-ing. The wonders of the Pecos valley are today by no manner of means all known or appreciated.

GREEN MOUNTAIN GOLD.

The 'editor of this paper, says the Gunnison News, accompanied by William Hill, took a trip to the Green Mountain gold camp the other day. While we were much hurried in our glance through the camp we were more than pleased with what we saw. From one property, the Only Chance, owned by Gilbert Bros. and others, they are now taking a carload for shipment. The ore at present depth, ten feet, is a decomposed quartz from which assays have been obtained all the way from eight ounces to 440 ounces. High expectaeight ounces to 440 ounces. High expecta-tions are being indulged in regard to that tions are being indulged in regard to that property and the opinion prevails that the smelter's return will astonish the old-timers.

R. S. Fisher of Bonanza is located at Union Hill and is doing a flourishing assay business. Mr. Fisher is very enthusiastic and says such surface showings have never been made before in any camp. Among the many good showings obtained, he reports sixty-nine ounces from a specimen from the Lucky Strike, owned by Cuenin & Daly. This claim is one of the bonanzas if indications go for anything.

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Mrs. Jacks has obtained a splendid group known as the Scorpion group, and is pushing development work. She enjoys the distinction of having a full-blown law suit on hand already.

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One noticeable feature is the enormous number of men who are prospecting the country. The gulches contain an average of three camps to the mile, and the hills are fairly covered with men. Two towns are already laid out, Union Hill, near the Denver City mine, and Diamond City, about three miles west of that place. CLAWED BY A BEAR.

clawed by A Bear.

Adam Q. Mechling, the veteran hunter of the Sauk, fell under the jaws of a she bear the other day and is now nursing a lame shoulder and hand and lacerated thigh as a result of his experience, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

In company with Joseph Mathias of Pennsylvania he was hunting for deer in the dense undergrowth of the forest east of Hamilton, in Skagit county, and was passing through a thicket in which devil's club grew profusely. Progress through the undergrowth was most difficult, and in order to see where they were the two men climbed to the top of a log that had fallen across another log. All at once Mechling raised his hand with a warning gesture of silence. "Sh-h-h. I see a fawn's head," he whispered, at the same time pointing over the tops of the bushes to a brown animal some yards away that seemed to be eating the red berries of the devil's club. "It is a fawn," he added bringing his club to his shoulder. Taking a steady aim he fired, and the animal dropped from sight. A moent later there was a commotion in the brush about twenty yards to the right. "I struck it, but it is getting away!"

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shouted Mechling, and he plunged from the tog into the thicket, determined to capture the fawn before it could get further into the est. In a second or two he was at the t where the animal was first seen. As crashed through the brush, suddenly a black object ross up before him, uttered a smothered growl, struck flercely at his arms and sent his Winchester spinning twenty feet away. The bear, for such it was, im-mediately closed with him, and down he vent, the savage beast on top, tearing his clothing to shreds and lacerating the flesh in dozen places. Mechling called to Mathias, who at once

sprang to his assistance. When Mathias reached his companion's side he found the bear lying across the prostrate hunter, the claws of the left fore foot set in his right shoulder, the right paw clutching the left hand and the jaws closed on the left thigh. Mathias placed his gun at the side of the until recently has any one sunk deep into animal's head and sent a bullet crashing through the skull from just behind the ear. mountain, and in the early days much rich The shot apparently produced no effect. He then touched the bear's side with the muzzle of the rifle and fired a ball through the Then the beast slowly unlocked its jaws and rolled dead from the body of Mech-

> Mechling was helped to a rancher's cabin and his injuries attended to. Five inclied wounds were found on the thigh, the shoulder was badly scratched and one claw had pierced the left hand, entering at the back Strange to say, his injuries were compara-NEBRASKA.

Maggie Lingner of Gretna had one of her fingers smashed between the cogs of a cider

W. A. Hemleben, night clerk at the Pacific hotel in Norfolk, killed a mink in the rear of the hotel. Bort Clayton was dragged into a barbed

wire fence by a runaway team and has died from his injuries. G. W. Strong has sold his creamery at Falls City to M. Giannini. Mr. Strong is re-

turning to New York. A. B. Charde has purchased a half in terest in the Wayne Democrat and will as-sume editorial charge of the paper. At the meeting of old settlers at Endicott lasper N. Helvey was elected president, and

was decided to hold another reunion in the same grove next year. Frank Pursell, living three miles out of Mason City, was handing a gun from a wagon when it was accidently discharged.

learly tearing off his arm. Lizzie Smith, a demestic, has sworn out varrant for the arrest of John Sonnenfield. blacksmith, at Bromfield, for assaulting or, and Sonnanfield has been arrested.

Rev. U. Spencer of the Auburn Episcopa hurch preached his farewell sermon and has left for California, having accepted the pastorate of a church near Los Angeles. While cuting corn near Springfield, Ira White accidently severed a blood vessel in his shin with the point of his knife, and the flow of blood could not be stopped for a con-

siderable time. The second annual session of the northwest Nebraska conference of the Methodist Epis copal church will convene at Chadron Sep ember 12 to 16. Bishop Foster of Roxbury

Editor John Albin of the McCool Record is sick with typhoid fever, and as he expects shortly to become editor of the York Demo-crat he annunces that he will cease the publication of the Record.

Charles Woods was running thresher over a bridge near St. Edward when the bridge collapsed and the engine went through. Woods had his leg broken, besides seing badly scalded in many parts of his

body. Neligh recently and the men who were sus-pected of stealing hogs from Rev. Mr. Grif-fiths were notified that six days would be

given them to get out of the county. Two Only a year and a half ago the 13-year-old son of Henry Graves, living two miles south-west of Odell, became subject to a Jerking

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nights that if he would fire a gun off twice his eyesight would be restored. He told his parents, and his father told him to try it. He did it and his sight returned.

At the residence of H. T. Donnell at Ponca, a girl tried to fill the tank of a gasoline stove while it was burning and a serious fire was only averted by the prompt action of J. V. Pearson, who rushed across the street when the girl called for help and extinguished the flames with hot water from the boiler. In doing so he badly burned

A large number of white people are attending the closing exercises of the harvest nome at the Omaha reservation, about sixteen miles north of Lyons. This harvest home was organized for the purpose of Christianizing and educating the Indians of the Winnebago and Omaha reservations. The leader of the movement is Rev. Levi Levering, an Omaha Indian, who has been attending Bellevue college for the past two or three years. Rev. Mr. Levering is a ready speaker and a young man of ability. He has all the English speaking Indians on the reservation interested in this harvest home movement and expects great good to result. The effect of sending Indians away to be educated is just beginning to be manifested among the tribe.

H. Newcombe, artist of Huron, awarded the medal for perfection of work in class "D" at the national convention of photographers in St Louis. There were 11 competitors for the prize, from all parts of the union.

THE DAKOTAS.

The State Board of Equalization has made a slight reduction in the assessment of Min-The assessment made by was \$9.438,012. This has nehaha county. The assessme the county board was \$9,438,012 were considerably raised. The Valley T.

The Valley Land company of Huron closed a deal with an Illinois syndicate for fifty quarter sections of land in Edmunds county. A large portion of the tracts are occupiby rentors and under cultivation. nsideration is nearly \$50,000. Jol La Croy and Bill How are in jail a

cattle from W. C. Pratt's ranch in Hyde county. The cattle were driven to Faulk-ton and from there they were shipped to Sloux City, where they were identified by

The Faulkton Milling company was organized at Faulkton by the adoption of articles of incorporation, with a capital stock of \$10,000, three-fourths of which is already subscribed. Arrangements have been com pleted with the railway company for tracks and ground, and the work of erecting a 100barrel roller mill will commence at It will be equipped with the very best of modern machinery.

The annual meeting of the Corn Belt Real Estate association at Mitchell was attended by representatives of eighteen counties, and was a profitable and enthusiastic gathering. All members reported a great deal of inquiry from eastern tenant farmers for farm lands, with indications of a large influx of settlers this fall and next spring. Reports on the erop conditions showed that the results were not nearly as bad as first feared.

In view of the fact that corn and wheat will be a slim crop in Douglas county this fall, and that the farmers have more hogs on hand than they have grain to feed, at the flist meeting of the Board of County Com-missioners a resolution was offered by Commissioner LeCocq recommending that the county purchase 30,000 bushels of wheat and distribute it among the farmers, taking a note and bill of sale of the hogs intended to be fattened in paying for said wheat. The plan meets with general favor.

COLORADO. Large melon shipments are being made from Rocky Ford. A company of Ute Indians are giving performances at Colorado Springs.

The Portland mine, Cripple Creek, is in creasing its shipments of first-class ore. The Puzzle mine, Summit county, has shipped \$83,000 worth of ore since last Sep-

Ore from the Lexington mine, near Idah Springs, is producing ten ounces in gold to The Idlewild mine, near the Alice, Yanke Hill district, is to be worked with a good

force of men. A contract has been let for sinking the main shaft of the Little Giant, Bear Creek district, another 100 feet. Rico and Silverton are fast regaining their old time prosperity. The new Austin smelter

has helped Silverton perceptibly. At Montgomery, Park county, the Whist mill has taken out \$20,000 since the first of the year. It is a ten-stamp plant. There are said to be 5,000 acres of potatoes

to the acre, the crop will be worth more of them provided with passes from Captain money than the entire ditch cost. Ray of the Shoshone reservation. Cripple Creek places \$100,000 as the probable cost of the new De Lamar chlorination plant on the site of the destroyed Rosebud

The Telluride Journal asserts that there are more men employed in San Miguel county this year than at any previous time in its history. Hard rock miners find no trouble

For the week ending August 10 Creede shipped seventy-six car loads of ore. The York and Chance has not cut down producgold in the lower levels. In the Leadville district the new mill of the Yak Mining company is turning out con-centrates at the rate of fifteen tons per day. The main item of value, is the lead, which runs from 10 to 25 per cent. The Fort Collins Courier says the project

of enlarging the Larimer county ditch from the river down to the reservoirs, so that a larger volume of water can be carried during flood times, is being talked of. Some very rich ore has been struck in

the Nevada mine in the Silverton district Samples of it showed free gold all over it. This ore body was found between the upper and lower levels, but at present the exten the body has not been determined. sacks were taken out, and the contents will WYOMING.

The well known hoodoo, the letter B on the wheat, has made its appearance in Wyoming. A herd of thirteen antelope were seen in the big basin about ten miles from Laramie. It is reported that parties are killing fish

The Burlington extension to Billings, Mont. is now completed and will be running daily

A ranchman living at Jackson's Hole states that he caught by trolling twelve trout which weighed in the aggregate 140 pounds. A forty-ton smelter is to be built near the Rock Springs copper mines by local and Denver parties. Some of the ore is worth \$100

The numerous gold prospects in the Atlantic district are being rapidly developed this season. Several stamp mills have been put in and others are contemplated. William Reeder, a ranchman residing at Logan, in the northern part of Swestwater

county, has received notification from Enggland that he has fallen heir to an estate valued at \$700,000. The Rock Springs gentlemen who are operating the hydraulic placer works on Four-mile creek, eighty miles south of Rawlins, have a gold brick valued at \$2,000, the returns from one week's clean-up.

A new gold saving machine is at work on Snake river, and the men are enabled to clean up \$10 a day each from the gravel run through it, yet there are men who say that there is no gold in Wyoming. The walls of the new city hall at Rock Springs are beginning to rise above the level

of the foundations. The contractor expects to have the structure ready for occupancy by October 1. It will cost \$25,000. There is considerable of a boom in the Salt creek oil district. Numerous eastern parties are coming in and taking up claims. Nine hundred and thirty-five certificates were filed in the office of the county clerk in one day

The colony of Colorado farmers who lo cated on the lands of the Wyoming Develop-ment company at Wheatland have demon-strated that the finest of cereals and root crops can be grown on these lands. Every farmer who located at Wheatland this season will raise a magnificent drop of potatoes, oats

The hay crop in the Platte valley is about over with, and the production has been something enormous. The harvest was much heavier this year than last, and the number of tons cut and etacked, including alfalfa, is greater by one-third than the abundant harvest of last year. The wheat and out crop will be in about the same proportion.

The Revero and Northern Spy mines have turned out to be tin properties. What the owners took to be sliver proved to be tin. The local assayer, Mr. L. S. Kempher, made two tests from samples taken from the out-crop, which gave returns of 5 per cent and 6½ per cent tin. This lode is over sixty feet wide and shows a strong outcrop for over 6,000 feet.

The Lander Clipper says a gentleman just returned from Jackson's Hole confirms the report of the depredations of the Indians in that section. He says that the country in that section. He says that the country is fairly alive with red skins, and that they There are said to be 5,000 acres of potatoes are killing game to their heart's content, maturing under the Larimer county ditch. leaving the carcasses to rot in the sun. If the yield equals the average of 100 sacks carrying away the skins only. They are all

OREGON. Patrick Gaten of Ona is 107 years old. He

has just been visiting at Corvallis. A drive of 2,000,000 feet of logs from the McKenzie has been delivered to the Har-risburg Saw Mill company.

discovered soda springs, which the next legislature will be asked to appropriate money to An army of crickets, that has been marching north from the Malheur country, arrived at Blue Mountain springs, at the head of the

Ike Banta of Seal Rock gold-saving machine fame has left for the Big Bend country with one of his machines. Owners of land lying along the Columbia have sent for

John Day valley.

At least ten car loads of chittum bark will be shipped from Eugene east during this summer. This industry has scattered con-siderable money throughout Lane county during the past two or three years. The large flour mill erected by Martin & Brandon on Lost river, at the new town of

Merrill, is nearly completed. This mill is a large three-story building and is substantially built, and is located in the midst of one of the largest and finest wheat-growing sections of the Klamath country. The Lebanon paper mills expect to pay out about \$12,000 for straw this year.

price paid to the farmer for straw is 50 cents per load, and teamsters receive \$2 per ton for hauling. The mills will consume this year all the straw available in the vicinity of ebanon, and teamsters are hauling from the prairies a dozen miles away. The whistle of the woolen mill is delight-

ing the Bandonites. The buildings have been nicely painted up and "Bandon Woolen Mills" is painted on the roof in large letters, which can be read for a mile or two out at sea. The company has been making buggy robes, and have some fine samples on hand. They will commence making blankets next. A Drain correspondent has an entry in the champion plucky-girl contest. His candidate lives in the Shoestring settlement. From April 1 to June 1, this year, she planted three acres of potatoes, did all the cooking and sewing for the family, milked four cows fed the calves, pigs and chickens, shot three hawks and a wildcat, set the dog on eighteen tramps, attended thirteen dances and three picnics, read five dime novels, and set up four nights in the week with her beau.

The Asterian has an amusing account of the landing of a bull near Knappton, from the landing of a bull near Knappton, from the steamer Eclipse, which was new and novel in its way, and doubtless was enjoyed by the bovine. On reaching the desired spot the blowing of several whistles brought two men in a skiff out to the steamer, some the question arose as to the lack of capacity of the skiff to hold the animal. But men who knew their business were in charge, was thrown to the men in the skiff, at ing the animal to the side of the steamer, a lextrous and concentrated pull of the crev of water. It only took a few moments for his lordship to appear at the surface of the water, blowing like a porpoise, with his tail slightly elevated in the air, heading for the shore and towing the boat along at a rapid WASHINGTON.

It is rumored that the government post at Port Townsend will shortly be abandoned. Prairie fires have swept over 1,500 acres of the rich bunchgrass on the Colville Indian reservation. Whitman county has decided on a

near Elberton for the poor farm and \$4,400 will be paid for it. The plant known as China lettuce is getting a good start in some sections of Asotin county, and steps will be taken at once to prevent its further spread.

Jefferson county is much grieved at a re-cent ruling of Secretary Hoke Smith, by which it stands to lose a bill of \$300 for taking care of some shipwrecked Alaska Indians last winter. The Snake River Fruit Growers' associa-

tion will ship this season 150 carloads of fruit to eastern points. The association's shipments thus far have aggregated 16,050 boxes, or sixteen carloads. The Palouse is a great country. Not only are the greatest wheat crops of the world raised here, but the most wonderful of many other things are here seen. That's what Joseph Oakes of near Endicott thinks, and he has good reasons for his opinion. Or Friday evening last his little child of 2 or 1

years was missed by the mother.

one sitting on the ground, while twined around its neck and shoulders, and partially

snake, whose triangular head was swaying and vibrating about the child's face. The snake was snatched away and dispatched, when it was found that the baby was entirely

What is supposed to be a kind of clam has been discovered at Point Defiance by A. M. L. Hawks. No one locally can be found who can tell to what species it belongs, so it has been sent to the Smithsonian institute for examination. Sturgeon fishing at Kalama has been an important factor in developing the farms sur-rounding Kalama, as well as the town itself. Many persons who have ranches fish during

in their crops and develop their farms. There will be twenty-eight canneries packing on the Fraser this season, which have taken out 560 fishing licenses. About 1,300 censes have been issued altogether for the Fraser this year, which is 200 more than last year and double the number of four

or five years ago. Skagit county will petition congress, as vell as the state legislature, to take measures to protect the valley against the damage by another flood. Last spring's losses foot \$500,000. To dredge the mouth Skagit river and to dike the banks will require from \$125,000 to \$200,000.

MISCELLANEOUS. Cattle shipments in northern Montana are Eastern capitalists have arranged to take

the bonds of the proposed Monterey & Fresno railroad. The big dam across Stevenson creek at Ridge has been badly cracked by an earthquake shock. Since the building boom struck Caldwell,

Idaho, the town has been overrun with con-tractors from Boise City. Crops are said to be below the average in Central Rio Grande valley of New Mexico on account of the lack of water, The Shoshone shops are to be closed per-nanently September 1, and it is understood the machinery will be moved to Pocatello. The Burlington extension to Billings, Mont.,

and the company expects to commence run-The Municipal Investment company of Chiago has purchased the water works in Albuquerqua and Santa Fe for over \$500,000, Big irrigation ditches will be run to furnish water to irrigate 100,000 acres of New Mexico

s now completed north from Sheridan to he Crow agency, a distance of seventy miles,

It is stated that two women kidnapped a female Chinese slave in Los Angeles Satur-day night and took her to San Francisco, presumably to save her from a life of de-bauchery. The Chinese in Chinatown are considerably worked up over the matter The Coeur d'Alene Indians are taking stens prevent the carrying of concealed weapons pon the reservation. Louis McCheel, the Indian police, arrested a white man with a revolver upon his person Thursday, and

fined him \$5 for carrying the same. But failing to pay the fine, his revolver was taken in Heu of the fine. The Plute Indian prophet of Walker lake, who caused such a furore among his people several years ago by announcing the coming of the Indian Messiah and originating the ghost dance, is at his old business again with new tricks. He announces the end of the world to take place soon by a might mountains and make a plain of the earth. Reports from the Yukon state that the gold mines are yielding more gold than usual

dust. The miners lost large quantities of stores by the floods, and it is provisions will run short for It is expected that at least 1,400 white will winter on the Yokon this year. During the last winter the thermometer registered 32 degrees below zero along the coast, and before been known there. Eighteen Indians starved to death.

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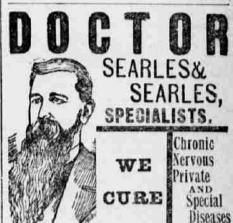
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