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San Luis Park the Most Fertile Section in the Rocky Mountain Territory.

COAL, TIMBER AND GOLD IN ABUNDANCE

Ophir's Treasure Again Attracts Attention-Mount Baldy Shows Up Well-Oregon Has Copper and Gray Wolves-Other Northwestern Notes.

Located in southern Colorado is the great San Luis park, the largest, the most famous and the most fertile in all the Rocky mountain region. It embraces portions of Cone-Jos, Costilla, Saguache and Rio Grande counties. It is 100 miles long, on an average forty miles wide, nearly as large as the stata of Connecticut, writes a Denver Times-Sun correspondent. It is a level plain, and was orginally the bottom of a great inland lake fed by the Rio Grande, the most important river in the state, which flows diagonally across the valley to the southeast.

Its elevation is about 7,000 feet. In winter climate is one of cold nights and warm days, and almost entirely free from The mercury at night ranges from 10 above to 10 below zero; during the day time from 25 to 40 above. As compared with the temperature of damp climates, these degrees seem warm. The summers commence about the 1st of June.

The soil in the valley rises from a light, sandy loam to a deep, heavy clay, and there are large sections in the valley of a black vegetable mould.

There is practically no timber in the valley,

but the mountains on all sides are covered with spruce, pine, quaking ash, dwarf oak, The settler is free to take for the cutting all he needs for fuel, fencing, buildings,

etc., without any charge or cost whatever.

There are abundant coal beds in the mountains near by. Gold and silver mines are being operated in the mountains on all sides of the valley, and the world-famous Creede camp was only discovered a couple of years ago, so casually have they been prospected. The iron mines, which principally supply the great Bessemer works at Pueblo, are located in the valley.

The walley.

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will graze during the summer months hun-dreds of thousands of stock, which are owned and cared for by the farmers of the

and many other ailments. There are no bliz-mards, no cyclones, wet seasons nor dry seasons to spoil crops for farmers supplied with irrigation. Good water is found at a depth of 100 to 200 feet. There are more than 3,000 such wells already in the val-ley, and such is the flow that they are being generally utilized to irrigate gar-dens and yards and to supply dwellings. Some farms have several of these wells. the water from which is stored, and considerable areas of grain are thus irrigated. The city of Alamosa is wholly irrigated from one of these flowing wells, which differs from all others in the valley only in the matter of

The great Rio Grande river supplies the many smaller streams which drain into the

farms evidence the great agricultural possibilities and resources of this valley. Nowhere can there be grown larger crops of all small grains, small fruits and garden vegetables. Failure of crops is unknown. The growth of straw is something phenomenal, and eastern people cannot credit the facts. Entire fields of wheat frequently grow to get the county shut two large-sized colts when he came back after the colts a few hours later he found both had been killed by fields of wheat frequently grow to get the color of the county shut two large-sized colts. people cannot credit the facts. Entire fields of wheat frequently grow to a height of six feet and upwards; cats from Another stockman, while riding over the six to eight feet; barley from five to the wolves. bushels of wheat, forty bushels of barley, fifty bushels of peas, sixty bushels of oats and 200 bushels of potatoes, and frequently obtain nearly twice that yield of each. From the yield and quality it might be supposed that the San Luis valley is the natural home of the potato. The quality is positively un-surpassed. The conditions of climate, soil and rainfall are destined to make the valley

an ideal potato section.

Grasses cover the valley, are developed by irrigation, and large yields make the hay crop an important interest. Alfalfa, the most valuable of all forage plants, has proved a great success. Its importance to this valley for hog raising, cattle feeding and sheep and dairying cannot be overestimated.

OPHIR'S ROCKBOUND TREASURES. discovered in Nevada. Ever since they resumed work at this point I have been con fident that a good find would be made, says a correspondent in the Salt Lake Tribune. The strike was made a little below the 250 level. They have drifted diagonally across the drift is in ore which averages \$75 a ton.

The ore runs southeast and northwest, while

the drift by which it was cut is being run to the southwest. It is judged by Superinit lies to the northwest. In drifting along Head camp, which the new vein sixty tons of ore were taken Wis., next June.

out which will average \$90 a ton.
Other bodies of good ore will be found in this part of the Ophir ground. Some years ago two Mexicans came to me and wanted me to try to get for them a lease of the upper levels at the old shaft. They said they would give the Ophir company half of what they took out, and I should have half of their half for securing the lease. They would themselves furnish everything and leave every opening made by them securely tim-bered. I went to Mackay about the matter, but when I mentioned the ground I wanted he would listen to no proposition I could make. I was first to offer to give the company one-fourth of the yield, and if that did not do an even half was to be offered. But

Mackay "wouldn't have it."

According to what they told me, the two Mexicans had a sure thing. They were employed in the mine when the first bonanza (which extended down about 500 feet) was worked out. In following down the rich mass of silver very little attention was given to the rich feeders of gold that came in. They gouged out what could be handily got at, then timbered and logged up the ground and went on down after the silver. The Mexicans informed me that they passed several rich gold streaks. The one they were after was one near the 250-foot level and was about three feet in width. After it was logged up they marked the spot on the timbers, and also made some measurements from the shaft. According to their story this vein was so rich that spangles of gold could be seen glittering all a handful fo the decomposed

material.

For many years the two Maxicans waited for a chance to get at this little golden bonanza, and when the Ophir folks sunk a new shaft and erected big works far away to the east, seemingly deserting the old ground, the pair thought the time had come when they might secure the prize they were so anxious to obtain. I had several talks with the two men, both before and after I spoke to Mackay, and I am confident that they knew the whereabouts of a nice little streak. They said they could find the ven in twenty minutes after they got into the mine.

There were also rich feeders in the old up-per levels of the Mexican mine immediately adjoining the Ophir. In the early days I was in that mine almost every week, par-ticularly when Harvey Beckwith was superin-tendent. I had the run of the mine and used

was formerly known as the old Copper Belt, in the very heart of Mount Baldy's gold bearing region. The property is being devel-oped by means of a tunnel run alongside the ledge. The tunnel is in over 500 feet and lately cross-cutting was commenced. So far neither the foot nor the hanging wall has been reached, says the Sait Lake Trib-une, but the ore body is fully sixty feet wide, and carries gold running from \$4 to \$48 per ton, with \$15 as the average value throughout the entire width of the vein. It is the intention of the company to continue developments and push the tunnel some 500 feet further to a point seventy five feet under the bottom of the 325 foot shaft, so as to better open up the wein at depth and effect good

COPPER IN OREGON.

Some mining men in this city have or exhibition a little piece of ore, says the Sait Lake Tribune, that had welts of copper projecting from it like the gold was said to stand out in the famous Enoch Davis mine; that is, so that you could pick it off with a knife. About a dozen miners looked at it at handed it back to its owner with the re-mark: "That is too good."

The bit of ore was represented to have come from a newly acquired mine in Oregon, catled the Silver Coppolis. According to reports the specimen was only an average sample of an almost unlimited vein of cop-Baker City, Ore., where Messrs. Taylor and workings. Clark have been interested in copper proper. In sink

increased as soon as sufficient funds come in from assessments levied on the stock. Speaking of the Mount Baldy districts generally, a vast amount of gold bullion will soon be coming from the mines and mills in that region. All the gold properties are in fine shape, the experimental station is passed and the Daiton, Sevier, Annie Laurie, Butler, Monarch and others will be surprising the most sanguine with their outputs before another year has elapsed. The ledge from which the specimen above

aluded to was taken has shown widths vary-ing from six to twenty-five feet, and Mr.

The vast open ranges in the foothills and copper property which Messrs. Clark and higher mountain valleys, parks and ranges Taylor have owned and operated for some two years past, known as the Philadelphia gold and copper claim. In the latter the vein has been found to be not only rich, but sinwalley.

Comparatively warm winters and cool summers and the dry, exhilarating climate make the valley a natural sanitarium for those troubled with asthma, pulmonary affections and many other allments. There are no blizards, no cyclones, wet seasons nor dry seasons and the free gold this winter in order to acquire the free gold this winter in order to acquire the free gold this winter in order to acquire the free gold this winter, in order to acquire funds to erect reduction works in the spring. The distance of the mine from the market makes if necessary that the reduction work be done on the ground. At present a high freight rate of \$10 hinders progress, but the Southern- Pacific has promised to endeavor to give the company the Tacoma rate of \$6 to the seaboard. GRAY - WOLVES ON . THE RAMPAGE.

The gray wolves are on the rampage in the northern part of Gallatin county, Mon-tana, says the Portland Oregonian. Already they have killed hundreds of calves, and in some instances have been known to attack larger irrigating canals, though there are steers and cows that became separated from scores of smaller canals and tens of thousands of acres supplied with water from the the sneaking coyote, for the large wolves are many smaller streams which drain into the much stronger, are more fleet, and, when valley.

Agriculture has long since passed the perate chances. The gray wolf is the fiercest experimental stage. Hundreds of thrifty of his species and many a man in the great

six to eight feet; barley from five to six, hills, came across two large steers that had and the yield proportionately large. There-fore, any farmer of requisite skill and energy wolves. The two steers were surrounded will produce every year an average of thirty by a number of the big gray creatures and several coyotes, which had been running the cattle about. The steers were badly bitten unequal struggle. At the appearance of the tockman the wolves and coyotes slunk away. When the winter finally sets in and it be comes a difficult matter for them to get a calf or a sheep the stockmen fear that these wolves will become desperate. They will then go in hands and will andoubtedly attack almost anything that might furnish them a

NEW GOLD FIELD. The new gold field in Maggie Gulch, six miles up the Animas river above Silverton, is attracting great attention at this time, Locations are being made all about the gulch says a correspondent in the Durango Herald. A fine and rich body of ore has been found The Gold Nugget is the only mine that has in the Ophir mine, near where silver was first shipped over a ton of ore as yet, and this mine, on its first car of ore, ten tons, yielded: Gold, 52.60 ounces per ton, and silver, 1,604.40 ounces per ton, amounting to \$18,000, and many other mines in the gulch are yielding over \$500 per top on small lots. This camp will be a great shipper in the spring. The the ore body for a distance of twenty feet, owners of the Gold Nugget took over \$20,000 and at the present writing the whole face of the drift is in ore which averages \$75 a ton. in other parts,

THE DAKOTAS.

Scuth Dakota Modern Woodmen will meet in convention December 27, to elect deletendent Lyman, from appearances where the ore first cut, that the best and largest part of gates to the sixteenth annual convention of Head camp, which will be held in Madison,

> A special term in instructions in grammar, bookkeeping, arithmetic, general agriculture, gardening, veterinary, medicine, surgery, etc., will hereafter be held at the State Agricultural college at Brookings.

Armour is now the county seat of Douglas county, South Dakota, that town having won the prize from Grand View. The county offi-cers have removed the records from the latter place and established offices in Armour, where court house will soon be completed.

Charles Schofield, residing with his parents near Rapid City, last August was bitten by a rattlesnake, and the case is remarkable for the reason that it was presumed that the doctors had effected a permanent cure, but a

reaction set in and death resulted. Rev. W. H. Jordan, presiding elder of the Sioux Falls district of Methodist churches, who was sent to New York by the South Dakota conference as a delegate to the general missionary committee of the church, writes home that South Dakota's application for \$12,000 has been granted in full. Iron Nation, head chief of the Lower Brule Sioux, has just died at his home in the Sioux reservation of pneumonia. Iron Nation was recent years and was about 90 years old. For more than fifty years he has been promi-nently identified with every event of imporconnected with the history of the

The George A. Bennett personal injury suit against the Northern Pacific railroad, which has been in the district court at Jamestown, N. D., three times and in the state supreme ourt three times also, has been sent back o the district court for a fourth trial, for he reason that the jury failed to determine the fact of negligence, a material error. judgment obtained by the plaintiff against the road was for over \$7,090.

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A case of Asiatic leprosy has been discovered in the western part of Grand Forks county, and is creating quite a commotion in the neighborhood. The unfortunate victim is Jens Olson, a Swedish boy 17 years old, an orphan, who has been cared for by an uncle. When the doctor discovered the discase the county commissioners had a small cabin built for him on a farm, and he will be kept there alone, food being sent to him daily. The young man is a horrible sight. The flesh is rotting away, but the victim does not apparently suffer much pain.

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S. F. Mount, manager of the Monarch Mining company property at Marysvale, Utah, Ing company property at Mary

ufactories as well as to the Sioux City street of last year's hope have been 197,664 pounds car lines.

COLORADO. The Yankee Blade at Granite will be

In the Alma district the Ling properties McGraw reciting their destitute conditionare shipping gold ore worth \$240 per-ton.

The deepest shaft in Cripple Creek is on the Moose mine. It is 400 feet in depth and shows no sign of playing out. The Summit Mining company, operating at Cripple Creek, will build a tramway from the

mine to the company's mill before it de-clares a dividend, & Cripple Creek railroad hauled 9,787,779 pounds of orc. equal to 4,893 tons, or 326 car-loads. At \$59 per ton these shipments foot

of the machine is from ten to twelve tons per hour, with six inches of water.

ports the specimen was only an average sample of an almost unlimited vein of copper ore contained in the mine. The location of the latter is about fifteen miles from of the bottom of the deepest shaft of the

In sinking the shaft on the Silver Queen mine to make connection between the upper and lower levels good ore has been encoun-The gre is free-milling in character, but and lower levels good ore has been encounthe company has no mill. However, the tered as far as the shaft has been sunk intention is to erect a mill in the spring. It is now down twenty-five feet, says the but a series of experiments will be made
first, in order to determine the best method of
treatment to adopt. Only a small force of
miners is employed, but the number will be
29 9-10 ounces gold.

Work on the new placer mines on the Dolores river, below Rico, has been sus-pended for the winter. Several nuggets ranging from \$1 to nearly \$7 each were taken out. It has been proven beyond all question, says the Rico Sun, that there is a sufficient quantity of gold in the gravel along the river for a distance of several miles to remunerate several hundred miners for taking it out, and also pay a very handsome profit on the necessary expense to be incurred in opening up the ground. WYOMING.

Government Fish Commissioner Johnson fistributed 4,000 trout in the rivers of Sheridan county. The employes of the Union Pacific rolling mill at Laramie are expecting a rush of

work all winter. It is stated that there is over \$1,000,000 worth of ore in sight at the Helen G. mine in the Atlantic district. The ore averages

\$15 per ton. Patterson's saw mill in the Big Horn mountains turned out over 80,000 feet of lum-ber during the summer. Next season a shingle mill will be added to the plant.

Ranchmen in the remote sections of Fre nont county fear that the bears will be roublesome the coming winter. They are already coming down among the foot hills. This has been a splendid fall for cattle There have been no storms as yet. Stock of all kinds will go into the winter in fine condition. There is an ample supply of feed on

A ranchman near Lander secured a stand of bees two years back, and from that start now has eleven. He says bee culture pays better than anything in this country for the amount invested in it.

Ore from the Miners' Delight mine returns from \$50 to \$60 per ton over the plates, and from a shaft 225 feet deep, with levels at sixty, ninety, 150 and 200 feet from the surface, over \$500,000 has been produced.

ion of country between Chevenne and Fort Collins, Colo. There is a band of a dozen or more which has been preying upon young calves and yearlings, and even 2-year-olds, if in a weak condition, are killed and eaten. Colorado parties have become interested in he Sunshine coal mine, twenty miles west of tween Silver and Caldwell, Idaho, about six Laram's, and will develop the property as rapidly as possible. Considerable new ma-chinery will be put in this season. The company will sell coal on the dump for \$2 a

The Rock Springs Independent says that surplus of potatoes this year. during the past two months more capital has been invested in the Sweetwater mines than for many years. More good mines have been developed, more buildings have been creek. These immense deposits are to be built, more men employed, than in any worked and probably upon a large scale. year since 1870.

The valuation of cattle in Wyoming for of cattle was \$14,651,125, out of a valuation of \$931,020,764. As compared with 1893 every county in the state shows a decreased valuation except Natrona.

A party of eastern hunters just returned from Jackson's Hole report that on the morning of their departure, just after a snow storm in the mountains, they saw at least 1,500 bull elk in one herd about half a mile from their camp. The party killed all the game it wanted.

Gold mining in Wyoming is booming. There has just been shipped through the First National bank of Rock Springs \$10,000 in gold bullion from the Mary Ellen mine at Atlantic City, Fremont county, the pro-duct of last fall's work. The mine is 185 feet deep and employs a night and day shift of sixteen men.

It is estimated that over half a million of sheep have been driven into Sweetwater county from outside points, principally from Utah, to graze during the winter. Sweet-water county derives no revenue from these herds, and the ranchmen in the county seriously object to having their ranges destroyed by the foreign sheep.

The Union Pacific Railway company has just obtained United States patents for 176,-000 acres of land on the Laramie plains. says the Laramie Boomerang. This is part of the land covered by the deeds of the Wyoming Central Land and Improvement company. In accordance with the decision of the supreme court of the United States the patents having issued the title is forever

OREGON. A stage is to be run from Fort Klamath to Crater lake next summer.

The first pile has been driven for a new \$25,000 cannery at Astoria. A Seaton firm has 400 tons of chittem

bark in their warehouse for shipment to San Representative Belts is shipping 200 Oxford grade bucks from Pendleton to a Mon-tana purchaser.

A rich copper find has been made fifteen miles from Baker City, Ore. Salt Lake men own the new bonanza. A familiar sight on the streets of Joseph are Orville Hall's two pet deer, which wander about town unmolested and unafraid.

Junction City wants the blue ribbon for wo big things; an eighty-six-pound pumpkin

and its city recorder, who stands six feet

six in his stockings. James Orr, a Western Union lineman at Portland, Ore., claims to have papers and documents proving that he is a great grand-son of George IV, king of England. William Davis of Royston, Klamath county, says he has made 3,400 pounds of butter this season, which netted him 22½ cents a pound after deducting the cost of freighting to Ashland. "My cows," said he, "have paid me \$22.50 each this year, after taking out overly possible expense attached in keeping

every possible expense attached in keeping Marshfield is likely to have a woolen mill something the same in plant capacity as the one at Bandon, which has done so well. The plant would cost \$15,000 and the pay roll would be \$1,500 monthly. The concessions asked include a 'factory site, water privileges, factory building as large as the one at Bandon, one acre of land on water front and \$5,000 in coin.

The Eliensburg ignigation ditch laborers, 152 of them, have sent a petition to Governor

The Centennial mine is steadily shipping ore to the Yankee Hill stamp, which is returning \$70 to the cord.

The deepest shaft in Cripple Creek is on but they do not enjoy the low prices any more than their pale-faced brethren.

A new product of Okanogan county is exhibition at Spokane. It is a box of borax from Little Chapa mountain, twelve miles from Loomiston. There is said to be any amount of the stuff in that neighborhood in the beds of old lakes, which now contain water only part of the year.

pounds of ore, equal to 4,893 tons, or 326 ear-loads. At \$50 per ton these shipments foot up \$244,850.

The cost of operating the Cripple Creek placer with the Snodgrass machine averages about \$30 per day, while the result of the last cleanup was \$80 per day. The capacity of the machine is from ten to twelve tons per the contracted to a Seattle firm. The oyster-planting experiment in Willapa bay was successfully commenced the other

Riches with depth is the rule at Cripple Creek. The Portland company shipped a tenton lot of ore from their mine, which gave returns averaging sixty-seven ounces gold to the ton. At \$19.50 per ounce the value would united States Commissioner McDonald. The planting was done at Bay Center, where a protection reserve of ten acres has been

David Fitch of Wilbur one of the leading merchants of the Big Bend country, says that the farmers of his section are turning their attention to flax, and a large acreage will probably be grown next spring. "They will realize," said he, "that they cannot hope for a large price for their wheat next year. Diversified farming is the only way I can see for our farmers to get out of the hole quickly.

The prune crop in Clarke county was a light one. The total acreage was about 200 acres. The shipments so far made, which includes almost the entire crop, amount to about twenty-four car loads, or about 580,000 pounds of dried fruit. The average price received was 6 cents per pound, thus making in round numbers \$35,000, which the prune growers of this county have derived from a comparatively small crop. There is a total of about 4,000 acres at present planted to prune orchards in the county, and the number of acres devoted to this important industry is constantly increasing. There are twenty-five fruit-dryers in the county, and many more will be built as the young or chards come into bearing. MISCELLANEOUS.

Recent reports place Alaska's population at 32,000

Reno is to have a maccaroni factory in the The Helena Street Car company wants the ouncil to allow it to raise fares to 10 cents. It will only be a short time until through trains from Sierra valley will arive in Reno.

The large cement works erected at Vancouver, B. C., have started up. They have a capacity of 600 barrels a week. Utah has a law making it a misdemeanor to shoot ducks after sundown. A hunter re-

ently found guilty of the offense was heavily Wainuts at Rivera, Cal., are still on deck and going off at the rate of six or eight carloads a day. The total shipment to date is 120 carloads,

New finds of gold-bearing rock have been made in the mountains northeast of Beaver, Utah, and the specimens brought in present fine appearance.

The Pennsylvania smelter at Salt Lake City has constructed a new furnace equal to 100 tons per day. The old furnaces will be blown out at once. A pair of shoes were finished in a Salt Lake shoe factory just forty-four minutes after the pelt was taken in hand, beating the best

eastern record by six minutes. Mike Jordan of Owyhee has located, surveyed and commenced work on a piece of road which will shorten the distance be-

and a half miles. The Union Pacific is shipping large quantities of potatoes from Idaho for the eastern market. The rate is 50 cents to Omaha and 72 cents to Chicago. Idaho produced a large

The total shipments of stock over the Mon tana Central this season amounted to sixty-1894 was \$3,460,964, out of a total state valua-tion of \$29,198,041.20. In 1886 the valuation ninety-four trains, consisting of 1,077 cars, against ninety-four trains, consisting of 1,735 cars, last season, most of the falling off being in

> Englishmen have purchased a big mining property near Dillon, Mont., paying \$425,000 for it. A London expert estimated 600,000 cubic feet of ore in sight. The ore runs from \$40 to \$120 per ton. The new owners will erect a large mill at once.

> A representative of the Colorado Irrigation company filed in the recorder's office of San Diego a claim for 500,000 inches of water to be diverted from the Colorado river for irrigation of the desert south of and along the line of the Southern Pacific in San Diego county.

> Another rich ore body has just been dis Another rich ore body has just been discovered in the Little Alma mine, in Lump Gulch, Montana. It was found on the 106-foot level, about ninety feet west of the shaft. It is fifteen inches wide, solid ore, and has an assay value of over 500 ounces of silver to the ton.

> Arrangements have been perfected for the consolidation of the Mexican Southern and Intercolonial railroads, and the former line is to be immediately extended to Salina Cruz, where it will connect with the Tehuantepec road, thus forming a direct route from the United States to the isthmus of Tehuan-

> From Bingham, Utah, come some remarkable reports of the Dalton-Lark mine that there was a vein 1,500 feet long in sight which yields lead and silver ore that is bringing as high as \$25 per ton in the pres-ent depressed condition of the market and prevailing low prices. Some 1,800 ions will be shipped this month and next.

The Great Falls (Mont.) Water company will make an important change in its plant by the addition of two large reservoirs. The work will be completed next summer, and the cost will be about \$35,000. As a result the insurance companies have agreed to make a reduction of 10 per cent on the rate.

At a depth of 450 feet a wein of from thir een to fourteen inches in thickness has been tapped in the Coromandel, at Bingham, Idaho, which is so rich as to yield its owners at the present time as much as \$2,000 to \$5,000 per month. Besides, there is an unlimited amount of ore untouched, but still in sight, which is equally rich.

Mining is increising in Alaska and prom

Mining is increasing in Alaska and promises to be a permanent industry. Some veins of rich gold-bearing quartz have been discovered during the two years past, but most of the mines which were first worked to a successful development in Alaska were mainly of the low grade ores, which are found in lodes of extensive dimensions. found in lodes of extensive dimensions The results of the clean-up on the Horse Fly hydraulic claim, in the Cariboo district

B. C., have been received. The cuts hav been frozen in so that the richest portion of the claim is unapproachable, but the sluice boxes yielded \$13,000 in gold as a result of half a month's work, and it is claimed that the mine will yield \$40,000 in gold per month. The Helen G. company of Lewiston has just erected a large building for the new just erected a large building for the new sixty stamp mill, which has just arrived at Rawlins. The machine weighs 230,000 pounds and the freight from Chicago to Rawlins was \$5,500. The company will have the mill in operation by January 1. The lode of free milling gold ore, which runs \$7 to \$8 per ton, can be reduced at a cost of \$2 per ton, and like the Homestake mine of Deadwood will be of national repute in

James Watkins of Philomath has 1,000 bushels of Burbank potatoes, raised on summer fallow, that yielded fifty bushels per acre. It cost 2½ cents per bushel to dig them, and 30 cents per bushel has been offered for spuds in his neighborhood. At this figure the crop will net him \$275, many times as much as he could have netted from the same acreage of wheat.

WASHINGTON.

The question of issuing \$20,000 water bonds is being agitated at Ilwaco.

In Skamania county the question of moving the county seat from Stevenson was voted upon, and by a vote of 136 to 104 Stevenson retains it.

From Yakima the shipments of hops to cold or same the county and the shipments of hops to cold or same the reduced at a cost of \$2 per ton, and like the Homestake mine of Deadwood, will be of national repute in a very few weeks.

One of the most phenomenal strikes ever made in Montana is the one just made by Schaeffer & Tietjen, in the Frieberg. They have been working on a tunnel for some months, and when the rich ore was reached they were 700 feet from its mouth. The strike is a body of ore about eight inches miling ore, and, as they have already drifted on the lead some eighteen fest, they think it must be z true fissure vein. They are employing a large force of men and are working the county seat from Stevenson was voted upon, and by a vote of 136 to 104 Stevenson.

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