Pulse of Western Progress.

Coon of Cleveland, O., dropped in quietly, but kept the object of his visit strictly to himself, says a Florence special to the Denver News. Those who know Mr. Coon and the important part he has played in the development of the Colorado oil industry knew very well that his visit at this time was not ons of mere sightseeing, but all agreed that something of importance was on the tapis. Major Coon announces the organization and incorporation of the Chicago Oil company, with the following named gentlemen as incorpo- known, rators: W. R. Hausee of Chicago, John Coon, sr., H. M. Ciaffen, W. B. Page and John

Coon, jr., of Cleveland, O. Major Coon, the moving spirit in the en-terprise, is not a stranger in Colorado, having their children receiving the same treatment organized in 1883 the Arkansas Valley Oil as the adults. Nothing that has occurred in and Land company, which is today doing a prosperous business as a part of the United Oil company. In 1889 he originated the Rocky Mountain Oil company, which is also still in the field and doing a thriving business. The new company has not been formed noss. The new company has not been formed to interfere in the least with any of the present industries of Florence, but to help along the development of the oil industry, to aid the owner of oil territory or the individual owning an oil well to depose of the will take sick persons to him or try to bring vidual owning an oil well to depose of the aid the owner of oil territory or the indi-vidual owning an oil well to dispose of his product and to benefit the consumer. Mr. Con says Florence possesses the only true man. Some of the stories brought back by source of supply of petroleum between Indiana on the cust and the Pacific ocean on diana on the cust and the Pacific ocean on the cust and the Pacific ocean on the cust and the Pacific ocean on the cust and the people pear. the west, between the British possessions on the north and the Guif of Mexico on the south. It possesses the only perroleum with south. It possesses the only petroleum with a parafine basis, while all other so-called oil fields have for their basis asphaltum. Hence, Fiorence has the only petroleum which is about him. As he began making prepara-recognized as a commercial commedity among tions for moving on one of the men stooped oil men. He says no one pretends to say just how long the Florence oil field is and that, under existing circumstances, now is an opportune time for owners of oil land to develop the same and get something for it.

The company has secured leases of 1,000 acres of unquestioned oil land, sufficient for the company's present needs. Since the Continental Oil company in June made peace with its enemy, the Florence Oil and Refining with its enemy, the Florence Oil and Refining company, by agreeing to take its product at a fair price, oil has been increasing in price until there has been a general desire among industries using fuel oil to see compatition. It is believed that the Chicago Oil company is formed at this time more especially to produce fuel oil, but will also erect a refinery and manufacture illuminating oil if the trade requires it. The company is capitalized at \$600,000, and will go to work as soon as machinery can be gotten on the ground.

TROUBLE STILL BREWING. The trouble between the cattle and sheep men in Routt county, Colorado, is not yet set-tled by any means, says a Rawlins special to the Cheyenne Tribune. The cattlemen are determined to prevent the sheep from grazing on their usual summer range in the mountain foothills, while the sheepmen are just as determined to occupy their old ranges, Several of the largest sheep owners, being among the oldest settlers in that region, and

the largest taxpayers in the county, claim their most bitter ensures among the cattle-men are comparatively new comers, who are small farmers, and own but a few cattle, many only a couple of milch cows. Your representative was informed today by a very reliable man who has just come in

from the south, that the cattlemen have staked a dead line and threaten to kill all the sheep that pass beyond; also that they are patrolling the country. The sheepmen say they will occupy their former summer ranges peaceably if possibly; forcibly, if they Both parties are said to be arming. A con-

flict may be expected at any time unless there is concession on both sides.

NEW RESERVOIR AT GREELEY. An enterprise is on foot in this city that promises to eclipse anything in its line ever started here before, says a Greeley special to the Denver Republican. About two miles northeast of Loveland is a natural depression or basin, the largest probably in all agricultural Colorado. At the north end is situated Bord Level In the started on the shores of Alaska, and, finding fish and game pleutiful, there they made their home, and from these people have sprung the vast tribes of the Thlinket nation."

To a person who has lived among these siwashes of the north, there is no doubt but what the tradition is in the main true. Every Boyd lake. This was surveyed five years ago by Ditch Company No. 2 of this vicinity for a reservoir site, but it was estimated that to put it in proper shape would cost not less than \$100,000, and as the company did not feel disposed to expend over \$50,000, the mat-ter fell through. This basin, without any cover fully 1,500 acres. It will have a capacity of 1,500,000,000 cubic feet of water, which is four times more than either reservoir No. 2, near Timmath, or the Larimer and Weld reservoir, north of Fort Collins, will contain, and two and one-half times larger than the new reservoir of the Greeley and Loveland ditch. It will be filled from the Big Thompson river, Possil creek and the Cache la Poudre river, and can be turned in to the Thompson or Poudre to be sold where it is most needed, and will bring the best price. The new organization expects to have all arrangements completed in a short time, and then to issue and sell sufficient stock to warrant the immediate construction of the inlets so that the reservior will be ready for next year's crop. While the projectors are not disposed to give an esti-mate of the cost of all this work, yet they claim it will not exceed in price what was expended in the construction of reservoirs that are only one-fourth as large. The new reservoir will be able to give water sufficient to cover 33,000 acres a foot deep, and will bring into the market about 30,000 acres more land than is now cultivated.

ANOTHER RAILROAD PROJECT. Considerable interest is manifested in the cisco, via Boise, says a Boise special to the Denver News. E. T. Woodworth of Den-ver, who has just returned from San Francisco, having made the distance overland over the proposed route, reports being highly pleased with the prospects of the scheme. He reports a most cordial and substantial reception by the merchants and capitalists of San Francisco, who have been so long under the domination of the Southern Pacific as to cause them to welcome enthusiastically a ritorious proposition for relief. Mr. must successful companies is this line in the west, their latest success being the Denver-Cripple Creek read in Colorado. He is confident that sufficient bonds can be floated to road, and assures positively that dirt will soon fly.

COAST COAL PRODUCTION. Some interesting figures relative to the coal product of the Pacific northwest are to be found in the special report of Mr Wheeleck Parker, of the United States geological survey, upon which he is now en-gaged, and which will be issued this year as a supplemental pamphlet to the sixteenth annual report of this important govern-

The total coal product of the state of Oregon in 1894 was 47,521 short tons, having a spot value of \$183,914. Very little is known of the economic geology of the state or of the exact distribution of the coal-bearing formation within its borders. The developments are confined to the coal basin. in Coos county, though other lignite dis-coveries have been reported. The Coos-county basin covers several hundred square miles, and extends from the Umpqua river north into Douglas county, south to the Coquille river and back to the Pacific coast, from fifteen to twenty miles. The mines at Marshfield continue to furnish the entire output. The coal is loaded direct from the mines to Pacific ocean steamers and sold principally in San Francisco. While the coal is classed as lignite it is black, and of very excellent appearance when first mined, It will not coke, and the principal use is

for domestic purposes.

The total coal product of the state of Washington in 1894 was 1.100,470 short tens, having a spot value of \$2,528,441. The developed coal fields of Washington lie chiefly in a comparatively narrow belt, running nearly due north and south, through the western per-tions of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and Kink counties into Pierce and Thurston coun-ties. Some distance to the east of the southern end of this belt, in Kittitas county, ex-tensive operations have been carried on for a number of years. The main belt extends along the Cascade range, and important mines have been opened on both the eastern and western slopes of this range. Outcroppings have been found in other localities, notably in Lincoln, Spokane and Cascade counties. and in 1894 a small amount of coal was mined in Okanogan county. The coals of the state subrace lignite, semi-bituminous and bitu-

that almost inexhaustible supplies are at hand, not only for the future demand of its population, but sufficient to furnish a basis for profitable traffic for transportation to the entire Pacific coast.

PERFORMING MIRACLES.

When the fact that the "healer" was in the neighborhood became more generally known, people came from miles around either out of curiosity or to be treated, says an Albuquerque special to the Denver News.

An Oloe county farmer raised a stalk of Many of the Indians from Isleta were about him, and he treated them as they came. tion of the country for years created the excitement in this city caused by the accounts of the "healer." Many persons the accounts of the "healer," Many persons left the cty to investigate for thems ives, and their reports verified the accounts first given. One rich man in this city is to start out to try and bring the man to this city to treat placed upon the ground as a number of men, attracted by his odd appearance, gathered down to pick up the blanket and found to his surprise he could not move it. He made a second effort, but the blanket did not respond to his expenditure of force. He called a second man to his assistance, and the two were unable to move it. As they stood wondering the owner stooped over and apparently without effort picked up the blanket and OF JAPANESE DESCENT.

Rear Admiral Walker, since his trip to Alaska on the lighthouse tender Columbine, has been extremely puzzled over the origin of the natives of that region, says the Portland, Ore., Telegram. They are called Indians, or, more commonly, "Siwashes," yet the people bear less resemblance to the native American tribes, such as the Iroquois and Cherokee or Sloux and Apache Indians of the plains, than a Caucasian does to a Had Admiral Walker been cog-Tartar. nizant of the fact, when the Columbine was at Sitka, he could have come very close to a solution of the question by sending for an old Russian half-breed known as Ivan. This old man is a direct descendant of the first colony of Russians brought to Alaska, and with his wonderful memory is a veritable encyclopedia of Alaskan folk lore. The one amusement of the Alaskan during the long. dreary winter is story telling, and there is not a tradition of the Thlinkets but what Ivan, sitting by the side of his Ind an mother, has heard told over and over again, and in this way the old fellow has arrived at a fairly close knowledge of the ancestry of the Alaskan siwash. His story is this:

"Hundreds of years ago a great storm raged on the Japanese coast. Junks were blown from their moorings and many people drowned. Among these boats was the war junk of a powerful chief, on which a festival was being held, many women participating For days the junk drove before the storm and when the wind had subsided the chief knew not where he was. Drifting with the current of a mighty ocean stream, the party at last landed on the shores of Alaska, and, finding fish and game plentiful, there they made their home, and from these people

what the tradition is in the main true. Every lineament of the Alaskan's face is that of Japanese; they are not lazy, as are the In dians of the plains, but will work at every opportunity; they are courageous and will take the most desperate chances to procure food for the women and children depending upon them. Beyond a reasonable doubt the given, will make a reservoir three and one-half miles long and one mile wide, and will ancse peopling the country to the westward and on almost the same latitude as that inhabited by the Thlinkets.

PUYALLUP'S OBJECT.

Old General Spott, one of the most ancient Indians on the Puyallup reservation, is in-dignant, says the Tacoma Ledger. He objects to the manner in which the Puyalinp Indian commission is disposing of the lands on the reservation, and he couches his objection in vigorous English. He told his story

"These \$13 a day commissioners better go home and give up trying to rob us. They will never do it. They have been here two years now trying to humbug and rob us, and have done nothing but spend \$40,000 of the people's money for no use whatever, come here and first they try all kinds of ways to humbug us. Well, we like to do what the government wants us, so some of us give them the school land. That is our own land, and we are poor, but if the government is too poor and these commissioners are too poor and want the school land, we can let them have it. Then they can't get it from all the Indians and they take it without their consent. Now they will have to go home consent. Now they will have to go home and leave us alone, for we are tired of them now. We have found out that they are here to rob us. My wife and I went up to see them last week to see what they had to say why they try to take my children and give them a guardian when I am alive and my wife is alive and able to take care of our children. They said it was to sail the land wife is alive and able to take care of our children. They said it was to sell the land. My wife told them they meant to rob the land from the children; to put their hands in our pockets and rob us. We asked the old fellow Alexander, for the paper he had of us, and he got mad and said we couldn't have it. I said we must have it, then he said it was locked up in the desk and he couldn't get it until Anderson came back, so we waited. By and by he came in and then waited. By and by he came in and then they say we can't have the paper, that they are going to sell the land. Then I say you can't rob me; you can't sell my land. You give up the paper. Then they both got mad and said the paper was gone to Washington and I couldn't get it. So we came away, but if they try to sell my land I will keep it. When I want to sell my land I will sell it myself, an't not be robbed."

NEBRASKA.

Pierce county has a poor farm without The Schuyler Sun is twenty-four years old and has never missed an issue. The Lyons creamery ships fifty-six tubs of butter every week to New York.

James Hobt of Saline county raises corn his year with stalks ten feet ten inches high. David Fowler of Dodge county has cut, baled and shipped the product from 160 acres

nustered in. Norfolk has organized a tennis club and

will entertain the north Nebraska tournament n September. Scribner has levied an occupation tax on

Amateur robbers blew open the railroad

safe at Cedar Rapids, but got nothing but smoke in their lungs. Old Mr. Bryant of Happy Hollow, Cass in the claim and will appear as attorney county, stumbled into a well thirty feet deep for all the Indians interested. The total for the county is 1 285 000 and to be considered. and was only bruised.

The Presbyterians of Gresham paid off \$700 of an \$800 debt on their church, and now worship comes a little easier.

David Hunter, living near Sutherland, has picked thirty bushels of red raspberries from a quarter of an acre of ground. Henry Walker and a party of friends aught a 104-pound cat fish at the mouth of Cedar creek in Gage county.

The survey of the paper railroad from the gulf to the lakes has been completed to the north line of Lancaster county. Nicholas Seine of Wausau threshed seven

acres of barley from which he got 420 of investment of capital, bushels, or an average of sixty bushels per Sargent county, North Thirteen citizens of O'Neill gathered at a

grocery store to talk crops and politics. Just for the fun of the thing an inventory was taken and it was discovered that there were by the county in 1890. Some \$5,250 was ap-

oats which yielded eighty bushels to the acre. They were irrigated. Harian county has 100,000 acres of corn. At an average of fifty bushels per acre the erop will make 5,000,000 bushels, worth, at a low estimate, \$1,125,000.

A Red Willow county farmer has a 200-acre field of alfalfa. He obtained from it

An Otoe county farmer raised a stalk of corn thirteen feet, six inches high, and he thinks it's a pretty good thing. He claims his corn will go 100 bushess to the acre. A hired man working for Farmer Freese near Neilgh, was found dead with one foot caught in a horse's stirrup. It is believed he was thrown off and stamped to death. William Carmack was fooling with an old

revolver in a Platismouth livery stable. Of course, it wasn't loaded, and consequently when it went off, it shot a valuable horse in the neck. Surveyors looking over the proposed Lincoln and Dawson county ditch, are of the opinion that it can be built at a cost of less than

\$5 per acre. It will be seventy-five miles long and will irrigate 50,000 acres. Libni Garris of Tecumseh, took his wife, child and a shet gun into the country for a Sunday drive. The gun was accidentally discharged, and the doctor picked sixty bird shot out of the woman and thirty out of the baby. The reunion of the Grand Army of the Reublic of northeast Nebraska will be held at Neligh, Neb., or August 8, 9, 10 and 11. Noted speakers, such as ex-Senator Mander-son, H. D. Estabrook, Senator Allen and Governor Holcomb will be in attendance.

Jack Lottridge of Belvidere has been arrested on the charge of stealing a watch from A. P. Hazard of that town. He traded the watch for a bleycle. When arrested his house was searched and the officers found comforts, tobacco, shoes and many articles of mer-chandise which had been stolen from Bel-

Two children, 6 and 9 years old, sons of Bert Wright, living southeast of Hay Springs, took the their younger brother to a sand bank for a play spell. The sand caved in and buried the two older hoys. The little boy, hardly more than a baby, went to the house and managed to make his mother understand what had happened. With the assistance of a man passing by, the woman uncovered her children, but both the little fellows were children, but both the little fellows were

The following have been appointed as a re-ception committee for the state reunion, to act in conjunction with the Hastings Grand army of the Republic local committee Bowen, chairman; A. V. Cole, C. J. Dilworth, B. S. Morrell, G. W. Howard, Curt Alexander, B. F. Smith, Charles Woster, M. S. Mc-whinney, A. J. Boyer, I. D. Neihardt of Seward; J. H. Lee of Oxford; S. Cole of Bloomington, W. E. Wagoner of Greeley IOWA.

The little town of Melrose lost ten buildings Archer Brooks, a Greenfield boy, 10 years

old, met death by drowning, Iowa sent 800 teachers to the national conention recently held in Denver. The central Iewa shooting tournament will

be held at Jewell August 6 and 7. A prairie fire destroyed several acres of ats belonging to J. P. Hale of Independence Mrs. Lorenzo Ecter of Rock Rapids was ourned to death by an explosion of gasoline. The traveling men of the state expect to have a monster picnic at Marshalltown on

was drowned.

Rapid progress is being made on Adele's new system of water works and they are cheduled for completion September 15. Mrs. Herriott, wife of State Treasurer Her-

ott, was temporarily paralyzed by injuries scelved in a runaway accident at Stuart. While turning somersaults on a pile of awdust at Dubuque Martin Hayes, aged 19. broke his neck. He lived but three hours, Six thousand plants have already been set out on the state house grounds, but the grounds are so large that more are needed. It favorable returns are received, ex-

the honor of having the oldest citizen. Hi name is Conrad and he is 115 years of age. Frank King, an Independence young man, was run over by a wagon heavily leaded with coal. He died of his injuries in three hours.

The grade stakes for the extension of the Great Western road from Hampion to Curion have been set and work will commeace immediately. Des Moines people claimed \$5,000 inhab-

itants for their city, but the census only fig-ured out 57,000. Now the angry citizens demand a recount. Secretary Fowler of the State Agricultural

ion of a troop of twenty-one trained dogs at the coming state fair. The Forest City National bank has been authorized to commence business. It will have a capital of \$50,000, with C. J. Thomp-

as president and G. S. Gilbertson as cashier. Al Frazier and Andrew La Cross were re pairing the elevator in the Tremont hotel at Marshalltown when, without any warning, it

ropped three stories. Both were badly hurt, Boone has a telephone war between rival companies. Old time subscribers get their

'phones free, while new subscribers pay \$2 per month for business houses and \$1 per month for residences. John Nelson Phillips, an aged resident of Clinton, died of heart disease during the night without a struggle. His wife slept

with the dead body all night without realizing that death had entered the chamber. Lens Henderline, a farm band working near West Union, was driving a fractious team hitched to a self-binder. The horses ran away and he was thrown in front of the sickle and horribly mangled. He may re-

A. J. Sawyer of Manchester owed his home bank a note. He asked the cashler to per-mit him to see it. When the cashler handed out the note for inspection Sawyer coolly tore his name off and handed it back. Now he is under arrest for grand largeny.

over.

Fred Hall, a Des Moines tough. leased from the penitentiary by Governor Boies in order that he might take care of his aged mother. He took to loafing and falled to carry out his agreement. Governor Jackson has sent him back to the penitentiary to

serve out the balance of his time. W. E. Pulls, city assessor of Davenport, is accused of standing idly by and permitting a small boy who had fallen into the river to He refused to help and said: of hay.

The O'Neill militia company has decided not to disband. Many new members have been others. Public indignation is running high. THE DAKOTAS.

The city council at Grand Forks, N. D., will give employment to the idle men by extending the water mains. Colonel Charles Maxwell of Washington all business men in order to plug a hole in has just signed a contract with the Sisseton indians to procure their claim of back annuitles against the government. Maxwell has already signed a contract with the Devil's Lake Indians, who are interested for all the Indians interested. The total amount is \$1,385,000, and it is for the amount

> of the outbreak in 1862, but afterward cut off by congress. mount of floating gold in the vicinity of Gary. Mr. Sharpless, assistant state geolo-gist and member of the firm of Sharpless & Winchell, of Minneapolis, has made a test and decides there is not sufficient amount to war-rant a wash. But it is said that for some ever, the scheme has been decided not worthy

of annuities due friendly Indians at the

Sargent county, North Dakota, is going to sioners having instructed their attorney to

propriated by the board at the fast session case of C. C. Brundags against H. C. Burke for the payment of seed grain bonds, about and Emma Burke, from Seattle. for the payment of sord grain bonds, about to fall due, and as none of the delinquents owe more than \$40 it will be seen that the action of the board will necessitate the commencement of a large number of suits.

Harvesting is in progress in Columbia

Stock belonging to cattlemen, which were seized by the federal authorities and held as contraband at Rosebud agency, have been returned to the owners on payment of the benalty customary in such cases.

Kingsbury county is entitled to be called be "cream county" of South Dakota. Cream rom 50,000 pounds of milk is daily being made into butter at the big DeSmet and Iroquois creameries. This amount will be increased when the creameries at Oldham and Arlington are put into operation, which will be in a short time. Then it is estimated that about 80,000 pounds of milk will be handled daily with an output of butter equal to about 80,000 pounds per month. This means the distribution of about \$10,000 per month among the farmers in that section.

Work for the season has commenced on the Eldorado placers near Pitkin. A circus drew 6,000 prople in Aspen, which shows that the camp is reviving.

COLORADO.

The Silver Queen near Silverion is ship-ping three cars of \$700 to \$800 ore every

A new discovery of gold on Antelope crack a attracting much aftention to the La Veta district. John Woods and Dan Herr are working a

is said to be paying. The Necessity, up the hill from the Portand, is producing ore at a depth of twenty leet that runs from \$300 to \$500. E. P. Jones, manager of the Summit, in the Felluride district, has 50,000 tons of ore slocked out which will run from \$15 up.

carry gold and silver in paying values. The placer mining outlook around Breckin-eldge was never so good as now. Stuice oxes are going in at every available point. Harry Libby has in hand \$30,000 for work on the Galena Queen in the Silverton dis-trict. The mine will become a producer

Kokomo camp, in Summit county, is a neavy shipper of iron and lead ores, which

within thirty days. Reports of a great strike on the Extra ode have been abroad for several days, one eport giving an assay of \$1,000, says the clorado Springs Telegraph.

Very encouraging reports continue to come rom portions of the Willetta district. Some issays only show a trace while others run ip from \$3 to \$140 per ton. R. M. Maloney, on the Anchors at Cripple Creek, has put his shart down about 170 feet and has a large body of \$75 ore. Some fifteen tons are the daily output.

An ore body of about two feet was found in the Banker property on Bruce hill at Lend-ville. The dump carries twelve and onepalf ounces in gold and four ounces of silver Petrolsum and petroleum waste are bring us d extensively for fuel at several large mines in the state. It involves less labor and is more easily hauled to the higher

Settlers in many sections of the arid belt are now kicking about too much rain. One hundred teams and nearly 300 men ommenced work on the West Side Placer impany's big fitch at Rawlins. Peter Belleque, an old fisherman living a

Yoods, a little place on the Neucesta river as received notice that he had fallen heir with three other relatives, to the snug sum o Alliance canal, which will water a large tract of fine agricultural land near Sheridan s complete!. Water will be run on the lands inder the canal by September 6, which is

he time the appropriation permit expires. Work on Casper's scap factory has commenced and the building is now well under way, says the Casper Tribune. The factory s located east of town, near the race track and the work will be completed inside o

According to the Dauglas Budget Hon. J tugust 3.

Frank Friedel of Fort Madison lost his two calves this spring, among the herd of the calves this spring, among the herd of etk he has confined in his pasture—emphatic etk he has confined in his pasture—emphatic. cally disputing the claim that these animals will not breed in captivity. Francis Schlatter, the New Mexico Christ

who is now creating something of a sensa-ion as a leader mimong the superstitious natives there, was a Denver shoemaker who disappeared from Denver two years ago, sayng he had gone to Cheyenne.

A fifty-foot extension of the tunnel in the Amelia mine, three miles northwest of Rawlins, has just been completed. A very promising vein of gold quartz has been cut in ensive developments will be made. Henry D. Thompson, who is patting a saw all on the head of Red fork of is expecting to deliver about 100,000

feet of lumber to people in and around Ther-mopolis. Rough lumber is selling there at \$56 a thousand, says the Voice. Mr. Thompon will deliver his lumber there for \$40 It is estimated that the wool shipment

rom Casper this year will amount to 4,000, 100 pounds. The product averages about ten bounds per head. An estimate taken by the asper Tribune recalls the fact that there re nearly 300,000 head of sheep owned by Natrona county sheepmen which are grazin n that county.

Messrs. Burman and Hale have cleared \$35 a day for actual work done on their placer claim at Spring creek during the lasarea months. In addition to the amalgam rought in, they fetched twenty nuggets which were soid for \$205. These returns ogether with the reports from Cooper Hill. have roused Laramie people to fever heat The Sundance Mining, Coal and Railros, ompany, with a capital stock of \$200,000, has en incorporated. The object is to develor the coal fields of Crock and Weston count er ad to build a railroad into the fields. The officers of the company are: President, At-torney General B. F. Fowler of Cheyenne; vice president, Alva Hoyt of Sundance; treas-

urer, J. B. Reynolds, Omaha. OREGON. It is estimated that 15,000 Indian ponies range over the hills of Sherman county, and each pony eats enough good fodder to fatter 4-year-old steer.

Arrangements are being made whereby ; cheess plant may be added by the Yaquima Bay Creamery company; also a cold storage, so that btuter may be held during the dull везвоп. Some of the Antelope farmers say that

there is a band of mules killing calves and young colts on the Antelope range. It is said a mule will take a calf between his teeth and shake it to death. Hop buyers are beginning to gather in North

Yambill to look after their interests in crops contracted for or to be contracted for. One of the buyers has announced that the price will start at 10 cents this year. Captain Charles Lutjens of the sealing chooner Kate and Ann has spent consider

able time recently in trying to capture a white otter that has been seen several times recently in the vicinity of Otter rocks. Rattlesnakes are said to be unusually numerous this year on McKay creek, probably on account of the dry season. George Matcomb lost a horse from the effects of a bite, and another day his two little children, preceded by a dog, were walking along the trail near the house, when the dog was bitten.

W. Oldham has a fine specimen of petri-faction in the shape of a snake's head, which he found on South Slough. The scales and nouth show distinct, and are as natural as life. The head was broken off from the body. The Medford Monitor is informed, upon reliable authority, that the leading citizens and capitalists of Klamath and Lake counties signed an agreement to raise \$800,00 dy for any company that will build

railroad through that section. WASHINGTON. The flax crop of Whitman county promise o be a success this year. There are over 200,000 sheep on the range ear Mount Hood and Mount Adams. The grasshoppers are working in the grain fields of the Columbia hills, in Klickitat, and are said to have done great damage.

warehouse at Guy is nearly completed. It will have a capacity of 20,000 bushels. The fruit dryer now being built at Orcas, an Juan county, will have a capacity of 900 pounds every twenty-four hours. Work is progressing on the Goldendale & Lyle railroad, in Washington. The first ten miles of the road runs in a canyon and the

The Pacific Coast Elevator company's ne

grading is mostly dirt. The remainder the road is through open prairie. Interest at 5 per cent a month is not usurious in Washington, according to a decision handed down by the supreme court reversing the ruling of the lower court in the

Harvesting is in progress in Columbia county. Spring wheat is said to be a failure, and will not pay farmers to hire hands for its harvesting. From ten to fifteen bushels an acre is the estimated yield.

The ground squirrels, says the Ellensburg Capital, have done their worst, and are rapidly going into their holes for the winter. There is little doubt that they are afflicted with lice, and many believe they will no be so numerous next season.

The steam schooner Excelsior, Captain J. F. Higgins, has arrived at Seattle, with the first news direct from the Yukon this summer after having had a perilous experience in the great ice floe in Bering sea. The Excelsion was delayed fourteen days on the way north by a large field of ice, one mass being fully 400 miles long and 100 miles wide. In the opinion of Captain Higgins, Bering sea was was broken up in the spring by the winds.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Colton, Cal., cannery expects to put up 500 tons of canned apricots this season. Phoenix bricklayers have struck for an advance of \$1 per day in wages. They were receiving \$4 per day and demanded

On one big ranch near Santa Ana, Cal., there are seven steam threshing outfits steadily at work in the barley fields of the

Four hundered women and girls ranging from 60 to 10 years are employed in one establishment in Sacramento, cutting No more reports of army worms reach

Fresno from the surrounding country, and it is to be hoped that the last has been heard of them for this season. More than 1,000 Indians are now engaged in their annual sun dance at Havre, Mont. Enterprising teamsters are running excur-

sions from near-by towns to the dance The shipment of table grapes from Arizona to Chicago continues to prove satisfactory. The variety shipped is the seedless, an excellent grape, although not a large berry.

The apricot crop of Pomona is estimated at 750 tons, as against 2,500 tons in 1894. The cannery has put up 60,000 csns, Buyers are offering 7 to 8 cents for dried The sugar beet harvest in Orange county, California, has begun, and the yield promises to be the largest, and consequently the most valuable of any year since this product has been grown in that county.

Mr. Sonner is now extensively engaged in fattening hogs on the Hornet creek range, in Idaho. The feed used is crickets, of which there are abundance. The only trouble is that the hoge are too scarce to stop their

Tag Southern Pacific well at Glia Bend. Ariz. is to be abandoned on account of sand wearing out the "suckers" of the great pump as fast as they are put in. The well is 1,500 feet deep, and water was struck at a depth of 600 feet.

The three Compah volcances are in sreption. The Compah volcances are twenty miles southeast of Signal mountain, an inelated peak or bute in the northern part of the Compah range, south of the San Diego and Yuma trail, and near the mouth of New Yuman.

A young man had both bones of his forearm shot away in Yuma, A. T., and after the wound was dressed one sloughed away, which necessitated a second operation—that of bone grafting. The bone of a dog was selected for he purpose, and the treatment was entirely uccessful. The latest report of the county assessor of

San Diego gives the county valuation at \$23, 000,000. There are 232,248 orchard trees in bearing and 803,978 non-bearing. Of these 20 non-bearing; orange trees, 37,843 bearing.

Two boys of a dozen summers, George Ward and Oscar Gale by name, succeeded in killing a California iton near Amador, Cal. The boys shot the animal with buckshot, and after an exciting chase of half a mile, with e aid of a deg, they succeeded in killing i se lion measured eight feet from tip to th The Helena assny office has just receive he biggest single deposit of gold dust ever made in Helena. It is over 3,000 ounces and is worth about \$55,000. It is the first ship-ment of the serson from the placer mines on

to Seattle by steamer, and thence by the A Montana man has applied for patents on a wolf exterminator, which is a novelty the trigger is a string which runs through an eye on the barrel. To the other end of this string the bait is attached, so that

when the wolf or coyotg gives it a yank to get away with it the gun is discharged with supposedly disastrous effect to the varmini. The Utica mine, at Angel's Camp, Cal. which has been yielding \$500,000 worth of coll every month, is on fire. Plames were discovered in the 909-foot level. The men got out safely, but in a few minutes the m was filled with smoke and gas. An inef tual attempt was made to smother the fire with steam and flooding has been resorted to Chirteen hundred inches of water are not wing into the mine. It will take at least ree weeks to pump the water out again, to loss will be at least \$250,000. The Utlea s the largest quartz producing mine in the Inited States. Seven hundred men are em-

Another very rich mining strike is reported from the desert. The find is not far from the Desert Queen, McHaney's bonanza, and the Desert Queen, Merianey's conanza, and is 120 miles east of San Bernardino, and eighteen miles east of Twenty-nine Palms. The strike is in the Gypsy mine in the old Virginia Dale district. The owners have been working it about four months and have sunk a shaft to the depth of sixty feet, and have drifted twenty-five feet each way on the vein. The mine shows an assay, made last week, of \$423.77. This rich find is in a five-inch streak of decomposed quartz, rnu-ing through a twenty-four-inch vein. The

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ruined walls. continuing his explorations, he traced the line of walls, and was able to distinguish how the streets were laid out. He did not see any doors or windows, for they were hilden by masses of seaweed and incrustations. He traced the masonry for a distance of 100 feet and there be had to stop, for his diving cord did not permit him to go further. He had proved beyond a doubt that he had found the ruins of a once inhabited town which, through some catastrophe, had been covered by the sea. It is probable that these are the ruins of the lost town of Cissa, upon e island of that name, mentioned by Pliny,

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