Pulse of Western Progress.

made in Oregon City by Dr. J. C. Perry, a well known physician of this city, and Mr. W. C. Cheney, superintendent of the Portland General Electric company, says the Portland Oregonian. The experiments were made with gold bearing rock, in which the X rays defined the free gold as plainly as if it lay on the surface of the quartz. So far as is known this is the first successful experiment of the kind conducted with quartz, and the splendid results obtained justify the assertion that the new ray will prove of great value in mining operations. The possibilities of the X ray to this direction are almost unlimfted, and it promises to become as valuable to the mining expert as it already is to the physician and surgeon.

During the experiments, an accident disof the rays. A double platcholder, to accommodate plates on either side, was filled, and one side exposed for a brief period, with a hand on it. The holder was then inserted for the quartz experiment, and a fine plate obtained, bringing out the gold very plainly. But in developing the first plate with the hand, Dr. Perry and Mr. Cheney were surprised to find faint skiagraphs of the quartz, showing, in this instance, that the rays had passed through a rubber diaphragm, the glass of the first plate, an iron shutter, and spring beneath it, and the plans of the second plate. before it reached the sensitive film of the latter plate. The result obtained was very similar to that of a composite photograb, only in this instance it was unintentional.

UNIQUE TUNNEL SCHEME. The most unique mining enterprise that has come lately to the surface is that of the Pike's Peak Tunnel Mining Railway company. This company has been organized, mays the Helena Independent, under the laws of Arizona with a capital stock of \$50,000,000 in \$100 shares, and according to their prosctus they propose to drive a tunnel from blorado City through Pike's Peak, and under Cripple Creek. Giles Otis Pearce is the consulting engineer of this company, which claims to own enough rich ground to pay all ses of driving the tunnel from the The prospectus of the company states

The shortest route now to reach Cripple Creck's mines by rail is fifty-four miles. This straight, short tunnel will reach Cripple Creek in sixteen miles and pass through be-neath the principal mining towns and camps, in twenty-two miles. On the line it will cut through Pike's peak, Crow mountain, Gold-field, Bull hill, Battle mountain, Squaw mountain, Raven hill, Gold hill, Poverty guich, Globe hill, Grassy, Gillett, Horn mountain, Cameron's cone, localities where ar located the principal mines now being

The average depth of the tunnel beneath the surface at Cripple Creek will be 2,500 feet, but where it will intersect the following named mines the depth below will be Victor, 4,000; Portland, 3,500; Rebecca, 3,500; Independence, 3,200 feet."

GRAPE CROP INJURED. Extreme cold weather, attended by hard frosts that were unparalleled for fifteen years, has had disastrous effect on the grape crop of California, and has injured severely early cherries, peaches, prunes, apricots and vege-tables, says a San Francisco dispatch to an tables, says a Sin Francisco department of the mildest for many years, and throughout February and part of March the sur was as warm as in June. The result was that all fruit was far advanced, and therefore suffered from the surface in Nana fruit was far advanced, and therefore similared more than usual. The wine grapes in Napa and Sonoma valleys promised a large yield, and all deciduous fruit trees were loaded. For three nights, however, the mercury fell below the freezing point, and only those vine-yard as who built fires and smudges saved their crops. It is estimated that fully onehalf the grape crop of the state is ruined. On the other hand, the price of wine grapes has advanced to \$25 a ton, so that half a crop will bring more money than a full crop last year. Upon the fruit growers tha loss will fall heavier, for last year they suffered from poor prices at Chicago and New York, due

RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY. connected with his many interests in Washington and British Columbia, says the Spokane Review. He brings full confirmation of the news reported in the Spokesman-Review in regard to the building of the Red

Mountain railway. "I have all along intended to build this road, and now I shall build it," he said, "The conditions now will warrant it. Up to last year the conditions were different, but now I am sure that the tonnage is here, and am prepared to go shead and build it this summer. In a day or two I shall go over the route, and when I return I shall make the start, and it is safe to say the road will be completed to Rossland this summer. The curveys have been made for some

time. In fact, there were a number of surveys made, and now I am certain I have the best one that could be selected. "The road will follow closely up the north fork of Sheep creek, making one detour in

order to get a good grade." "Will you bridge the Columbia?" asked

Yes; that is part of the scheme, to go through to Rossland without transferring. The bridge will cross the Columbia near Northport. How soon the work will be com-

ed on the bridge I cannot say exactly." When will you inaugurate daily service from Spokane to Nelson?"
"Some time before the middle of May." This sets at rest any doubts which have

been expressed relative to the building of the Red Mountain road. As a business proposition, the time was not ripe until this sum-mer, and not until last fall was there a reanable guaranty of tonnage from the camp and, as it would cost one-third more to build through the mountains in winter, the wisdom of the delay is apparent. The road, when completed, will be as well built as any road in the northwest. NO FAITH IN NAVAJO GOLD.

The announcement that a military expedition had been ordered to repair to the Navajo reservation for the purpose of clearing it of invading hosts of prospectors did not create much feeling in Denver, says the News, for the reason that there are few of the reliable men known as prospectors of the southwest who take any stock in the reports so assiduously circulated about that district. It is argued that if there was any amount of gold in the reservation it would have been made known to many white men

extraordinary success have recently been for most of their lives. No such reports have been received from a reliable source, and all the talk has been of the nature of numers from those who heard the story from

> Navajo reservation has many times attracted the attention of prospectors, and scores of remarkable stories have been told, in which it is claimed that the richest gold deposits of North America are to be found within the limits of the reservation. The reports were published very extensively several years ago, and in 1892 the Interior de-partment took the matter in hand and se-cured the appointment of a commission to go into the country and report upon its gold deposits. The object of the department was to throw the reservation, or at least a part of it, open to gold hunters if the stories were proven to be correct. General A. McD. Mc-

Cook was placed at the head of the expedi-tion. Other members were ex-Governor Barstow of Vermont and an expert mining During the experiments, an accident dis-covered the peculiar powers of penetration ant Baker acted as engineering officer of the expedition, the party making quite a for-midable array in the eyes of the Navajoes, who inhabit the fastnesses of the reservation. A competent body of prospectors accom-panied the party and a thorough exploration of that portion of the reservation which was alleged to be richest was undertriken. The party spent six weeks in the mountains and returned to civilization loaded with spec imens, which were taken to Los Angeles, then the headquarters of the military de-partment, and assayed. The returns were usatisfactory, and the project to open the reservation was dropped

While in Denver, General McCook many times spoke of the expedition. He was positive that the stories concerning mineral wealth in the reservation were fakes and gold would never be found in paying quan-tities in the home of the Navajoes.

AFTER TREASURE TROVE. Jacob Simon of this city has received some good news from the island of Coces, about 350 miles off the coast of Costa Rica, in which he and Captain Geisler are interested. says a Stockton dispatch to the San Franisco Call. Several years ago Geisler learned that millions of dollars in treasure was buried on the island. Expedit ons had been sent before to discover the hiding place of the buried wealth, but Geisler secured chart from some source that purported to give the location. He needed money to back his enterprise, and so he manused to interest Jacob Simon of this city, who is cossessed of considerable wealth and is a keen business man. Simon fitted out an expedition here, and the schooner Hayseed was secured for the trip. It was provisioned for long voyage and a party of Stockton men

vas selected to man it The island was reached, but the expedition did not prove to be a success, as the reasure could not be located. The schooner eturned with its men after a time, but Seisler still had faith in the ultimate sucress of his plans and so had Simon sland had rich soll upon it, and Captain Geisler saw a chance to get hold of it until such time as he could locate the treasure that he was convinced was hidden there. He made an offer to the Costa Rican govern-ment and obtained a concession to farm the sland for a long term of years. He at once et about arranging to colonize the island. Numbers of Germans were brought from

heir native land and put at work plant-This was three years ago, and yesterday Simon received a letter from the island telling him that the coffee was getting ripe and that a good crop would be harvested this year. This was very pleasing information to Simon, as it takes nearly five years for coffee to grow from the bean on the mainland. on the mainland.

The little island is only six miles across and is nearly all high land. The mercury on the warmest days seldom registers above 90 degrees and at night the temperature drops to 65 degrees. The island is heavily wooded and there are millions of birds upon The only animals are the wild which are there in great numbers and are

The treasure supposed to be hidden on the island amounts to \$60,000,000, according to the traditions handed down to those who are now searching for it. It was in 1821 that it was supposed to have been buried D. C. Corbin returned from the east, where he has been for several weeks on bus-Relampago off Acapulco and took the money that was being sent from Mexico to Spain.
AN EXCITING CONTEST.

Two river men belonging to the Stone breaker crew witnessed an exciting incident on the Clearwater last week, says the Lewis-ton (Wash.) Teller. As they rounded a bend just above the mouth of the North Fork they observed the water being lashed into a foam. The splashing was equal to the commotion caused by a powerful engine turned loose. With the roar of water came a scream in a voice of despair from the concealing foam that rolled ten feet high that rolled ten feet high.

The men toiled on over the stony beach

towing their heavy boats. When they came within fifty feet of the strange commotion of water the battle seemed to end, and only dancing bubbles marked the scene of disturbance. Two great bald eagles were sit-ting on the beach with native pride subdued by water that dripped from bedraggled plum-age. They watched the approaching men with savage glare and rejuctantly deserted their sentinel perches on the boulders. They moved little by little from rock to rock till they were fifty feet above the river on a

On the beach between the rocks, ten feet from the water, was a salmon, a monster of forty pounds. It struggled and beat the rocke and gasped in the battle for breath. It was torn by the claws of the eagles. Its eyes were picked out and it lay the prey of the cruel birds. The eagles had pounced upon the salmon as it cruised on the ripple. They buried their claws in its back. Side by side there were a dozen wounds. The fish had borne the birds to the shoals; they dragged him, inch by inch, toward the shore—inch inch till they had him on the stony brach. Then the battle was won. The victors waited for the fish to beat out its own life on the rocks. They waited for their din-ner, but the men robbed them.

JACKSON'S HOLE OR BUST. Colonel W. T. Sawyer will in a few days leave Denver with a colony of about seventy-five families who intend settling in the as his mine has already made a record, he having turned out ore running per assay \$4.671.42 in gold. He received \$1.64 at grass roots, and their glowing accounts of the country have induced others to enter this spring, says the Rocky Mountain News 1985. spring, says the Rocky Mountain News, Part of the colors which will leave Denver will

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The present winter in the valleys has been quite mild. Only about two and a half feet of snow has been recorded, in comparison with a foot more last year. As winter ex-tends only from January to the latter part of March, this does not amount to very much. The lofty mountains surrounding the park breaks all wind storms, and at the colonists with means, it is stated, but ment in town. poor men stand but little show on acc of the necessity of getting started before

there can be returns off which to live. In the vicinity of the Groe Ventres and Teton a mining excitement of considerable importance has sprung up. Captain Smith recently took into Market Lake several large samples which ran over \$99 in gold, and free milling. The extent of the vein, he said, he did not know. Marcus Daly and other big operators have sent in prospectors within the past two weeks, and bundreds of claims have been located. One of the claims near Captain Smith's property, two men worked last fall. When the snow drove them out about Christmas, they had an ounce of amalgam as an average for eacl day they had worked. The water used in washing was from a well and pumped by hand; so with these crude appliances the showing is remarkable.

THE DAKOTAS. Aberdeen is to have a large elevator in place of the one recently destroyed by fire. A party of Elkhorn surveyors has run

preliminary survey up Battle creek, leading toward the town of Keystone, Pennington county. Keystone is noted for the rich mines in the vicinity, and the residents now feel assured of railroad connection in the near future. By sending out notices to the county uditors over the state, State Auditor Hipple has discovered that there are seven telephone companies doing business in South Dakota, which have so far been exempt from taxa-

tion, but which will be required to make returns in the future. Messrs. Waite and Gibbs, who recently old the Florence group of mines to the Golden Reward syndicate for \$80,000, have purchased the property at the corner of Main and Deadwood streets for \$7,300, and will immediately erect a thoroughly modern

to establish a park on the large tract adjoin-ing the city on the west, which was recently acquired. An artesian well will furnish water for the lawns, lakes, trees and flowers, with which the park will be artistically arranged. The park will include about seventy acres of land, and it is anticipated will be a great improvement to the city when completed.

Range papers report more calves on the range this year than for any year in the past, says a Pierre dispatch, and they accredit this fact to the policy begun last year by many of the stockmen to raise their own calves rather than to buy eastern cattle every spring. The home-bred cattle are bet-ter in every way than the eastren "dopies" which are brought ento the range, and the policy now begun will be given greater con-sideration each year. On account of the mild winter and spring the cattle shipments for the market will very likely begin several weeks enrier this year than is usual. All

making his daily run, noticed repeatedly some-thing in one of the railroad cuts near Rock-ford that glistened like gold. At first he paid but little attention to it, thinking it ime to get to Sellers, who struck at him was iron pyrites, but his curiosity having been aroused, he had a friend get some of the rock that he might have it tested. To his great surprise the returns showed the himself up raid the case will be investigated rock to be very rich in gold. He immediately had his friend locate it for both, and they are now taking out some nice ore. It may Plans and specifics be that Dr. Rothermel's theory that gold been prospected over many times and nothing found until the engineer discovered it his cab while running by at a speed of thirty miles an hour.

Recent dispatches to the Omaha papers about 12,000, from Chicago, Hot Springs and Rapid City
relative to the failure of the bond upon the houses required in Cottage Grove and Le-Tea group of mines, do the property and this mining region great injustice. Prof. King, the expert who examined the property found some of the thirteen claims included with practically no development. Rock from mere holes and prospecting shafts did not give good returns, but he did not pronounce the claims "worthless," as stated. The Bee correspondent, who saw an abstract of the report and correspondence, can state posttively that in declining to take the whole property the Peck-Studebaker syndicate of-fered to develop the Dolcode, with a view to purchase. Some of the richest quartz ever shown was taken out by Prof. King. and his report on this claim could not have been other than favorable

COLORADO. Ore worth \$42 is claimed by Denver men on Sampson mountain, in Deer Creek dis-trict, Jefferson county.

A three-foot ve'n running high in copper and iron and averaging \$50 to the ton has been opened in drifting from the 200 foot level in the Denver and Central mine at

Dr. W. Moore, who recently located a claim on the Fall river district, near Cen-tral City, and set a force of men to work on the claim, reports they had only gotten down fourteen fest when they struck a rich vein of ore, which assays \$110.40 to the ton. W. H. Adams, up from San Luis valley, reports that a large lot of cattle will be brought into the neighborhood of that val-ley by Nick Dowling. Dowling is at pres-

ent in Arizona, where he is buying the stock, which will be brought to the valley and turned lose upon the ranges. About 4,000 head will be brought north. Near Dow Center Dick White has just eceived returns from a mill run of \$65 per ton gold. G. W. Dow has a force of men at work on his tunnel which is now in fortyfive feet. Mr. Dow has an incentive to work

Reports from the Taylor park placers, located about forty miles from Aspen, are to the effect that the Taylor Park company, which owns 2,700 acres, has a force of men settle in the Teton basin, where a ditch is being built for irrigation purposes. The news from Washington indicating that three at work and the gravel is panning splendidly.

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miner, who came everying. He visited the crew who have been operating quartz mines of crew who have been operating quartz mines of crew who have been operating quartz mines convalits, and another of 100,000 feet down on Cross mountain, in the Tin Cap country, and says they have shuked about 500 tons of ore that will run probably \$1,000 or \$1,200 hundred and lifty thousand feet of logs were

Saw Pit district was uncovered in the Lime north side of San Miguel river, between Sum-mit and Willow creeks, about four miles this side of the camp of Saw Pit. Four claims, the Lime Klin, Lone Pine, Chiff and another, comprise the group, and they all he alongside each other of the line contact. The tunnel, in the breast of which the ore was encountered, is in 140 feet. The mineral lies in the line contact and is the rich-ect in gold yet discovered in the district. Marsame time store great quantities of water velous values are obtained by pannings and for summer use. It is a good country for the strike has created a repule of excite-

> WYOMING. Ex-Governor Osborne has adopted a peculiar rand for his sheep. It is a skull and crossones.

An oil spring near Muddy creek, in the vicinity of Casper, flows a beautiful greenish colored oil steadily. The Casper oil refinery is pushed to its utmost capacity in filling its orders. The output the present month has been twice as much as any month since starting up.

A party of twenty graders are at work a short distance west of Casper building reser-voirs, in order that water may be sored for use of stock shippers during the summer and fall months.

Hugh L. Atkinson, a well known resident of Bates Park, lost his life Monday by the accidental breaking of his wagon, on which he was hauling a load of wood. The deceased was 59 years of age and was one of the picturer settlers in the Bates Park dis-

At Newcastle County Commissioner H. F. At Newcastle County Commissioner H. F. Smith was seriously injured Menday by a runaway team. Mr. Smith was attempting to stop the horses when he was thrown to the ground, the horses and wason passing ever him. Six of his ribs were broken and he was severely bruisel about the head and

John Mead, a young man claiming to have good connections in Missouri, was arrested Casper Friday, charged with stealing a pair of horses from a Johnson county ranchmen. Sheriff Patton took the prisoner to Crawford, Neb., where he turned him over to the sheriff of Johnson county, who took him to Buffalo for trial.

The numerous claims that have been taken up under the Brockway canal, on the Fetterman flat, near Douglas, are the scenes of great activity. Plowing and seeding to grain, alfalfa and small crops are being done during will immediately erect a thoroughly modern five-story stone and brick business block in Deadwood.

I alfalfa and small crops are using the prevailing fine weather. Hundreds of acres will be under cultivation this year, and the hitherto barren desert will be made, under the hitherto barren desert to bloom like the transforming effect of water, to bloom like

J. E. Dain has in view the unearthing of a J. E. Dain has in view the interacting of a mammoth meteor on his gold claims at South Pass, within a few weeks, says the Wyoming Derrick. Last year when Mr. Dain was working his mining property, he went out with his gun to kill some meat one morning and found where a mighty meteor had torn up the earth for 200 or 200 feet, mowing the brush in its way as a mower would cut grass The heat was too great for him to approach the spot at the time, but he was determined then to remove from its earthly repose the luminous phenomenon of the celestial space. On Friday last John Sellers, living near

the Lak ranch, Carbon county, shot and killed Morris O. Smith, the 16-year-old son of William Smith of Elk Mountain. Sellers and Smith had quarreled about the ownership of a horse. On Friday while Sellers was hauling a load of lumber he was met by the Smith boy and a brother and a young man named Lewis. The three young mon tried to pull Sellers from his wagen. He tood off the two larger boys with his ride,

OREGON.

Plans and specifications are being drawn up be that Dr. Rothermel's theory that gold for a new opera house in Eugene. It is in-been prospected over many times and the state of th 80x120 feet. E. Boettcher, the Umatilla sheepman, ex-

to the east. He will take the usual number,

mati to accommodate the great flow of im-migration to South Lane this year. R. A. Graham has been endeavoring to secure the establishment of a beet-sugar fac-tory in Coos county, and the Mail says that there is a fine prospect that such a factory will be located on Cocs bay or the Coquille

Wool has begun to arrive at the Pendleton warehouses. The quality is pronounced, as a general thing, very good. The scouringmill proposes to increase its capital stock by \$30,000 at its annual meeting, the 5th The recent high waters have caused the

Willimette river to cut a new channel nearly a mile long in the vicinity of the mouth of the McKenzie. The new channel is yet full of snags and has never been navigated. reason of the change in the river channel has been rendered unnavigable. There is a move on feet in the vicinity

Buena Vista to have a slice of Polk county cut off and annexed to Benton. The people who reside about Buena Vista state that in night speciacles and the carnival's spirit, order to get to the county seat, Dallas, they are obliged to go in a round-about way, that takes time and makes the expense greater than if they could take the boat and run direct to Corvallis,

The Barnhart sheep, between 7,000 and The Barnhart sheep, between 7,000 and made a most remarkable find recently. While 8,000, are being sheared on the Baker ranch below Pendleton, on the Umatilla. Some very good wool is being hauled to Pendleton from the shearing pens. Some of the J. E. Smith sheep are also being sheared at the game place. Shearers are receiving 5 cents per fleece this year, the same price paid a out mountain, at the foot of which it was several to the state the most state of the Columbia river below Trail creek, he d'scovered a huge toulder of ore that will weigh no less than 60,000 tons. Three assays made from it ran from \$47 to \$63 in gold. The huge out mountain, at the foot of which it was pelled to board themselves.

Hardwood logs for the Independence saw mills are now being cut along the Williamette, above Corvailis, . William Briscow and John Nixon of Corvallis recently secured a con-tract for the delivery at Independence of 100,000 feet of ash and maple, and the first have piles use it for them. raft comprised 12,000 feet, and was taken down without the aid of a steamboat. It went to pieces several times, but was finally landed at Independence intact.

The big logging outfit, which, in the em ploy of Captain Smith, has been operating in the vicinity of Corvallis for the past five months, has about completed the contract for furnishing 1,200,000 feet of balm and white fir logs to the Oregon City pulp mills.

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The news was brought by Ben Marney, a All the logs have been taken down except to the ton. The men will endeavor to have taken from the Gerhard place. Unless an a large stamp mill put in this summer. Other contract to secured there will be no One of the most starting strikes in the more logging operations by the outfit for

the present. WASHINGTON. The revenue cutter Bear is taking 400 tens of Blue Canyon coal from Lake What-

The establishment of a weel-sc at Prosper will be delayed until fall by the death of the partner of Melville Stone, the Michigan man, who had arranged to engage . the business. Three sober citizens are reported to have

seen a reptile, in Silver take, near Medical lake, with a head and face of a monkey, large eyes that shone like balls of fire and with a row of fins on its back webbed to gether. Only \$500 of the \$4,000 required is yet to be

raised for the Gimore creamery, at New Whatcom. Bellingham hay people will hold \$2,000 of the capital stock, the other \$1,000 to be taken by the people of Whatcomb county outside the cities. A vast acreage of grain has been sown this season in Kilckitat county, and all bids

fair to produce an abundant yield. One ob-server estimates that the wheat crop of Klicklat county will this year be some-where near 1,000,000 bushels. A new saw mill to east \$50,000 is such to be erected on the water front in Tacoma by a company, at the head of which is H. M. Lillis. Work on the mill is to be commenced in thirty days. The capacity of

he mill will be 30,000 feet of lumber per A promising discovery is reported on Curcreek, forty-five miles west of Marcus H. Mcintyre, the locator of the claim, which is called the Monte Carlo claim, showed an assay receipt which shows that the ore as-says \$27 in gold and 19 per cent in copper.

It is of the peacock variety. He says there s a ledge there six feet wide. The Anderson Woodenware company of Tacoma has received an order from a Kansas City packing house for 200 carleads of ware, he manufactured from wood native to Washington. Several days ago the company received orders from Kansas City. Omaha and other certral eastern packing houses for woodenware, aggregating 200 carloads.

The specifications of the gasoline launch that is to carry summer travel between Actoria and Ilwaco, connecting with Coumbia river boats, have been enlarged. The boat is to have two engines of twenty-horse power each, instead of fifteen, and her forward part will be built for trucking baggage. giving, it is thought, first class service.

The Goldendale Agriculturist reports that out on the R. A. Simms place, on the Columbia mountain, the crows are acting in a pecullar manner. They are building nests, as usual, but, instead of leaving them pen on top, they are all enclosed, except a small entrance on the side. As far as can e learned, no one has ever before seen such doings.

The new Caithness sawmill, at Everett, will ut 100,000 feet of lumber daily when completed. The main building will be 40x200, a wing, 20x50, and a boiler room, 40x52. The buildings mentioned are two stories When these buildings are completed, a dry-house will be added, as it is the intention to cut large quantities of cedar siding, as well as ordinary lumber. MISCELLANEOUS.

A prespector has located the graveyard at Monb, Utah, as a placer claim. Preparations for an active season of de

elopment are being made at Gold Hill, Little Cottonwood (Utah) canyon. Salmon fishing on Rogue river for the eason has commenced. Report is that sal-

mon are plentiful in that stream, and a sucesful season for fishermen is anticipated. The audeophone, a new invention for longdistance communication, is successfully used it. Rogue river in communicating between e towns of Wedderburn and Gold Beach, ituated a mile apart.

Six feet of the mastodon discovered at erroyo Grande has been exhumed and the mbject is attracting a great deal of atten-ler. The bone so far as explored is elipcal in shape and shows no joint,

Parties have contracted with Gila county . T., cattle owners for 2,000 head of cows and steers for delivery May 15 at Geronimo.

A company with the necessary capital is seing organized in Mohave county, A. T., to build electrical lines of road between Kingman and White Hills. The line will handle freight and rassengers and will make the run between the two towns in a little

A strike has been made in the Kincannon, near Murray, Idaho, a property belong-ing to the Granite Mining company, that promises to be one of the best of the year. It is a two-foot ledge, and several assays made on it show very uniform values, averaging about \$105 per ton.

Colonel Russell Heath of Carpinter's has a tree of the species from which camphor of commerce is made. The twig was scarcely larger than a lead pencil when planted, seven years ago, and it now stands nearly twenty feet high and measures, near the base, seven and a haif inches in diameter.

The Flesta at Los Angeles proved the most brilliant of the California flower festivals ever given. The street decorations, the costumes, the floats in the great parade, the which was gayer than New Orleans or St. Louis exhibits at their annual pageants, all much combined to make the week's festival noteworthr.

A poor prospector named Martin Neilly made a most remarkable find recently. While year ago. At this rate the men are com- found. Neilly is fairly crazed with joy at his good fortune.

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Miss Ida Tarbell has written an admirable blography of "Madame Roland," and which she largely draws her version of the revolu-

misrepresented her courtship, and though she imitated Rousseau in relating incidents which would have been well to ignore, she yet uppressed the fact that in 1784 she sought to secure a title for her husband and spent several weeks in Paris in vain appeals to the royal officials whom a few years later she was instrumental in degrading and bringing to the guillotine. The witter deals imparfally with the woman whom her culogists have exalted as a saint, but whom she shows to have been a strange compound of ideality and conceit. With better judgment and more self-control Mme. Roland would have been one of the great characters of history. As it is, she is certainly one of the noblest and most interesting figures of the French revoution. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. In Mr. George Gissing's new book, "Sleeping Fires," we have another type of the prob

The creed and teachings of the writer are voiced in such atmouncements as "The mere the prices agreed upon are \$9,\$12 and \$15 cessary as the divorce courts. The book is for 1, 2 and 3-year-olds, respectively, and interesting in spite of the poor, unliterary way of treating such vital questions. It represents the formula of the grade the poor and in a weak way benest character of the girl, and half dreads wards the wrong-doer, and in a weak way bonest character of the girl, and half dreads

disgust from such writers as Mr. George and so found a watery grave in trying to Gissing and his ilk and seek a purer and breast a storm. Charles Scribner's Sons, healthier atmosphere. D. Appleton & Co., New York. New York. "In the Blue Pike," by George Ebers, is a delightful romance of German civilization at the commencement of the sixteenth century. The story deals with the unrequited love Kuni, a rope dancer, for a policiman. A the characters introduced, and they are many

and varied, are pictured with Ebers' charac teristy; fidelity to human nature, and the homely events of Kuni's life are told with graphic skill. D. Appleton & Co., New York. Another of Eugene Field's unfinished booke is in the hands of the reviewer. It is titled "The House," and tells of the trials and adventures of one Reuben Baker, astronomer, nd his wife, in selecting, buying and preparhouse for the occupancy of their family. There are many clever things in the Field's insight of the everyday people d him being particularly in evidence in "The House," Although there is un-necessary verbosity, the experiences of this couple are very amusing, and all lovers of Eugene Field will find much pleasure in the reading of "Tae House," Charles Scrib-ner's Sons, New York.

'The Farmer and the Lord," by Gaorge H. Hepworth, is a purpose story that will have little force to convince any but those already of its own faith. The farmer is an honest, sturdy fellow, whose faith does not take in miracles or bother itself much about any other lift than that he observes upon this sphere. This man becomes converted to religion, as the phrase goes, by the apparent daughter meets her death. That such blind exaltation of religious belief is much akin to the criminal taking of one's own life—that it is a fatalistic nonresistance to death, or turning our backs on the duties imposed in life of which we should delives the first such blind that nothing could be done until the carpentof which we should deliver the full measure, the author seems to be unaware, and the unchooled farmer is made to take this act for a miracle, and is thereby converted to Mr. Hepworth's full satisfaction. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York.

"Venezuela," by William Ellerov Curis

& Co., New York.

"Venezuela," by William Elleroy Curtis, combines the features that the traveler or casual reader looks for in a history, a narrative of travel, and a guidebook. The open-Preparations were made to abandon the doomed vessel and take to the boats.

With a firm hand the captain wrote a brief account of the disaster, giving his reckoning of the latitude and longitude and

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the direction in which he expected to navigate the boats.

Then he called for a bottle.

It was brought.

He removed the cork, rolled up the manuscript, and was about to insert it when one of the passengers, a tall Missouri colonel, hastily spoke up.

"Captain," he said, pale, but with the ring of iron resolution in his voice, "I see they's a few draps left in that flusk. Hand it here and I'll empty it. * Thanks. Now let er go!"

Tach the country, and what condition of affairs one may expect to find upon landing. The short but eventful history of the nation is clearly told, and the chapters on Miranda, Bolivar and Guzman Blance are especially noteworthy. Harper & Brothers, New York.

"A Lacdicean," by Thomas Hardy, tells the etary of an heiress, Miss Paula Powers, the daughter of a great railroad builder, who left her an enormous fortune at his death. Among her possessions was the De Staney Castle, a building which had belonged to the Among her possessions was the De Stancy Castle, a building which had belonged to the De Stancy family for many centuries. Miss Powers met George Some sett, a architect, who fell in love with her.

unconscious of the fact that she returned the "Reminiscences of Literary London, 1779
to 1853." by Dr. Thomas Rees, well printed on fine antique laid book paper, appropriately went, of the ownership of an old castle and the surrounding property, every square yard of which was associated in tradition the family which had so long own which had so long owned it

and Mr. Hawthorne wrote what has proven to be a cleverly constructed tale, thoroughly American, well told and with a touch of New York society and cosmopolitan life which gives a decidedly attractive character. There tionary heroine's character from letters and journals now in the Paris Bibliotheque Nationale.

Her letters to M. Roland, whom she married, show clearly that in her memoirs she misrepresented her courtship, and though she through no fault of his, remains true to his best and simplest instincts. The story is written in the writer's best vein and is really the cleverest thing he has done. The conversations are somewhat on the order of Mr. Oscar Wilde's epigrams, and the bachelor maid and the prima donna are thoroughly fin de siecle and American. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.
"A Master Spirit;" Mrs. Spofford's new book, is a brief romance in which the old

problem, whether art for art's sake is bet-ter, or duty for duty's sake, is once more stated in terms of humanity. There are but four characters in the story-an old woman, a young woman, two young men. Gratian is the aesthetic smatterer, with one particular sinister side to him. He is an impressario, and is ever on the lookout for a voice. Madama is the ex-singer, but with a method ematical novel of the day. It deals with Her voice has been lost, but she can still the eternal question of man in his relation impart those lessons which make people he eternal question of man in his relation impart those lessons which make people woman in the manner that characterizes sing. In some American town Gratian comes he writers of the yellow book school. The across a g!rl-he calls her Domina-whose style is light and unfinished, and the scenic voice recalls pearls, amber, sweet incense, description more or less labored and forced, and who, besides that, knows how to sing Gratian determines Domina, who in her sweet heart is dominated by her music, shall eremony of marriage as of no account." All leave her place as singer in the humble vil-rue, no doubt, but until we get a new world lage choir and be Lucrezia or Gulletta. She and a new race of humanity to inhabit it, it shall entrance audiences with Isolde's death is a very necessary ceremony—quite as nec-essary as the divorce courts. The book is Fidelio's "Abscheulicher." He makes love isks which was the greatest sinner, the man such change as may come into her peacefu who lived without marriage or the woman life. It came near a marriage, when the who married without love. May the day soon come when the public will turn with is drowned. He always would compt fortune fates would have it otherwise, for Gratian

SIGNALED FOR BEER.

An Old Custom of Carpenters Shocks Some Good Church People, Every builder in this city, says the New York Sun, knows that when the timbers of a new structure have been completed the carpenters tack up a fir tree to notify the owner that unless a keg of beer is forthcoming they will loaf in doing the rest of the work. The custom is observed so strictly by carpenters that sometimes it causes trouble, especially if the owner happens to be

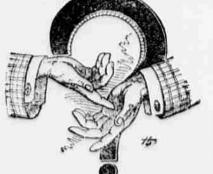
a prohibit onlet That is just what happened in the town of Nyack recently, and the good prople of the place have not yet got over the shock to their moral teachings which resulted from a strict adherence to the rule. The custom is called "topping the building." All Nyack was shocked—all religious Nyack, that is—when it woke up one morn-

ing not long ago, and saw a fine evergreen nailed to the apex of the roof timbers of the isw church building there. The building of the church was under the personal supervision of the clergyman of the parish. The evergreen was a notice to him that he must furnish the customary keg of

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