thing. Mr. Smyth only proposes to follow s example of his predecessors, but one man can do the work why about the control of t the example of his predecessors, but if one man can do the work why not abolish the deputy, save the \$1,800 a year, and let the attorney general corn the \$2,000 salary that is paid him? One-third of the clarks around the state house are in the way of the other two-thirds, who can do the work. The legislators have a bard job on their hands, but they want to

playment of convict labor by the state or the making of convict labor to operations and wouldn't contractors have been a great measure to free labor for years and has worked much larifactly and effecting to the death of the gallant Cuban general was accomplished. It may almost be said to have been an accident.

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Nebraska and other states, in hopes to reduce the cost of running their penitentiaries, have placed their prisoners at work in manufacturing goods and placed them on the market in competition with free labor. This market in competition with free labor. This market in competition with free labor. This pages of history furnish no brighter expende labor added that radio and thus worked hardships. duce the east of running their penticularies, have placed their prisoners at work in manufacturing goeds and placed them on the market in esuperlien with free labor. This made labor idle and thus worked hardships upon all classes of society. This is a matter our legislature should look into.

ALL FOR THE EXPOSITION.

Exerce Domnerat: We have the next legisbeing will have the interest of the state enough of heart to make a liberal appropriation for the Transmississippi Exposition.

whole. It will be the means of tringing to the state who have never seen it, and once to see the state with its fertile fields will change the opinion of those who have formed an opinion that Nebraska is a Thus far, though like a cat, or a bad penny, Thou hast come back, thou'lt die one time

Transmississippi Exposition because that exposition takes place in Omaha and Omaha has an editor whose views are against silver monometallism and he lan't afraid to ear so at any stage of the game.

Schayler Herald: We are pleased to notic a disposition on the part of the leading newspapers of the state to use their influence toward scouring a libe along repriation at the hands of the Nebraska legislature for the Transmississippi Exposition. No false idea of economy should prevent a substantial ap-propriation. It will be money well expended. exposition means more to this state and the great central west than many sup-pose. His benefits cannot be overestimated It will be the means of bringing thousands upon thousands of strangers within our borders, and will advertise the many great natural advantages of the transmississipp country. Every citizen of Nebraska should add his mite toward making it the grandest success of the age.

Chappell Register: The Deaver papers now threaten Omaha that if The Bee does not stop poking fun and picking on Billy Bryan they will "boycott" the Transmississippl Exposition. That kind of talk is silly and childish. The Exposition will be of as much benefit to Colorado as to Nebraska, and if Colorado can stand a boycott of this kind Omaha certainly can. But, as it is not Colorado that is making these silly threats, only a few over-zealous supporters of Bryan, the threat will fall flat. The idea that a paper must not criticise a public man is silly, an a paper or a person who would retaliate b "boycotting" an enterprise that the whole country is interested in has simply entered its second childhood. Colorado cannot afford to be left out of this exposition. When the time comes they will be in it clear up to the neck, the Denver papers to the contrary notwithstanding.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Sloux City Journal: A great many people will be surprised that the old grange is still in existence and that it is strong enough to urge its chief officer for secretary of agriculture. There are not as many the granges as formerly in the country, but the old members are still authoriastic in the proper work of the grange. It was politics that got the grange into disrepute, as it has brought disrepute upon other organizations of laborers.

Des Moines Lender: It is time for action It is time for Des Moines to demonstrat that a man who robs the city treasury serves the same punishment as the clerk who robs his employer's till. For the sake of the future generations of Des Moines, it is time that the seeming apathy which exists concerning the crimes which have been perpetrated at the city hall should be turned into action. It may not be advisable an indignation meeting, but it would be well if every citizen of Des Moines were to organize himself into an indignation commit tee of one, and to retain the office until something is done.

Neola Reporter: Iowa is indebted in the way of outstanding warrants unpaid, for lack of funds, to the amount of about \$600,-000 and the extra session will run this sun up about \$50,000 more. The reason is the nonpayment of taxes over the state. About \$800,000 remains thus unpaid. Thus it is seen that the state's finances is not in so very bad shape. Enough is owing the state to pay off all its indebtedness, and more. This is also the condition of the business men. It is different, however, with the farmer. He has little outstanding due bim, but is close run because, while his grana-

ries are full, prices are dreadfully low. Des Molnes Capital: The bright your newspaper men of Canton, O., have starte the rumor that Allison has been tendered the position of secretary of state. These boys find life a burden at Canton and they are compelled to do something to drive away the ennul of their uneventful lives. One day the boys put Dingley on the course for excretar of the treasury, knowing that there was not ing in it. At a later hour they named other, The Allison rumor was reserved until Thurs day, when it appeared with great emphasis Readers of newopapers usually can be warnengained all cabinet paragraphs which begin with the words "it is reliably stated," 'Is given out today" or similar expression These expressions are made to cover up an entire lacks of authority.

CUBA'S PATRIOTIC LEADER.

New York Herald: There are many who believe that when the latest report that Maceo has been killed is thoroughly investigated the Cuban leader will be able to prove

Washington Post: The last Macco death rumor carries more detail than its predeces sors, but the general public will not over look the fact that it comes from the same old source. Globe Democrat: It may be true that

Macco has been killed, but if so, it does no justify any particular rejoicing on the parof Spain. There are others, and the revolu-tion will go on, with the added incentiv of revenge for the loss of a favorite leader New York Tribune: If Macco be dead, I still accurs to have outwitted Weyler cor-pletely. While the latter was looking for in the Pinar del Rio hills, fifty away, he crossed the much-vaunted trochs

passed clear around the Spanish army and marched almost to the walls of Havana Campos was right when he said Maceo wa a military genius.

Kansas City Star: A description Maceo's fatal wounds by his own physician would indicate that the Cuban general is really dead. The people of the United States would have been better estimated if it had been Weyler, but the cause of the insur gents is not necessarily hopeless because they have lost a leader whose place can be

filled without serious difficulty. Chicago Record: The announcement of his death following so closely upon President Cleveland's message, in which he recognizes Macco as the head of the rebellion and almost as the rebellion itself, is a suspicious coincidence. Maceo has been reported killed many times and certainly the assembling of congress seemed an opportune time to kill him again. With no longer even a leader of undoubted authority the cause of the in-

the chiefs have pocketed the salary and done surgents would be further than ever from recognition by congress, and if at last Maced has been killed or bought off by Spanish gold

agitators throughout the nation. The employment of corvict labor by the state or brillian; victory for our troops." It was the locating of convict labor to speculating nothing of the cort, it was a totally un-

ample of unselfish devotion to a worthy cause, of arduous effort to perfect the qualities of leadership and of patient bining for the time and opportunity to strike an effecafforded by the career of Antonio Macco. Chicago Tribune:

mough of heart to make a liberal appropria-ion for the Transmisolacippi Exposition.

Crelefiton News: Omaha has elected a new poart of directors which is to proceed toward.

Moceo, most respectant of men, Hall and farewell! Had and farewell again!

And yet again! Thou hast death's trocha-crossed. Crelebton News: Omaha has elected a new board of directors which is to proceed toward making the Transmississippi congress a success. To properly manage an exposition of this kind will take a great deal of time and talent to make it a grand success.

Tobias Gazette: The Transmississippi Extra County of the total at Omaha ought to be of the county of the total at Omaha ought to be of the county of the coun

Tobias Gazette: The Transmissassiph BA position to be held at Omnha ought to be of great benefit to that city and the state as a whole. It will be the means of bringing many to the state who have never seen it. Both rest. So, head insurgent and resur-

Grand Island Independent: About the biggest piece of nonzense seen in print for a long while is the alleged fear that the western mining states will not participate in the

TART TAKE-OFFS.

Sumerville Journal: The phrase, "No lows is good news," never originated in any

Chicago Record: "Any church news. "Church news? I should say so?"
"Well, what is it?"
"We've a new widower in our congrega-

Packs "Now, Johany Tuffun, you may tell me what the lesson last Sunday was about."

"Flout er bloke wot ast for a handout and de people t'rowed rocks at 'Im."

Cincinnati Enquirer: Fisher-Do you be-love in heredity? Mann-Sure, Many a time I have noticed hat when a man was rich his son had the

Washington Star: "How is Dabbles get-ing along with his pictures?" asked the "Splendidly," replied the cynic, "He's buy-ag them instead of trying to paint them imself,"

Chicago Record: "What do you think of he president's message?"
"Why, it seems to be at least a foot and a
salf shorter than the other one."

Boston Courier: Perkins (to tramp)—Gebit of this, now; we don't permit anybody it is around her. Tramp—Excuse me, sir Oldn't know it was you or I wouldn't chought of competing.

Indianapolis Journal: He-How the blithfact anapoins Journal? He—How the blift-ring blazes did my shaving brush get full of sand, I want to know? She—6h! Some must have accidentally tot into it when I was using it to lather av blevele tire to find where the puncture

New York Weekly: Traveler (in Ireland)-don't see how it is you people keep in such rishman-Sure, we do niver have enought

Chicago Record: "No. Mrs. Blimber, a coman is not fit to marry unless she knows ow to cook." "Then a man isn't fit to marry unless he mows how to saw wood."

Detroit Free Press: Mother-Why did you accept Chartle from among all the young man who have paid you attention? Daugh er-Because he was the only one that had be good taste to propess.

Boston Transcript: Justice-What hap-ened next? Did he indulge in incendiary Witness—Yes, your honor; he said some-hing about firing me out.

Washington Star: "Some people seems a heap mo' skyaht o' misplacin' ten cents var o' chah'ty." said Uncle Eben, "dan loy is o' gittin' swindled in er minin' scheme aw a confidence game."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "Why do they say as smart as a steel trap?" asked the talk-tive boarder. "I never could see anything articularly intellectual about a steel

A steel trap is called smart," explained A addury Poppers, in his sweetest voice, ecause it knows exactly the right time to ut no." More mucht have been said, but, under the reumstances, it would have seemed unit

Washington Star: "Do you think your son will get through callege?"
"Yes. I have every reason to believe he will. He passed his first foot ball game splendidly."

Indianapolis Journal: "Bidston averages us pretty well as a pleader at the bar."
"Yes, that's the word exactly. He averages When his ideas get thick his arguments get thin."

Puckt Scadds—So, Prince Picayunski says he's the heir apparent. How does that suppen, when he's the younger son? Miss Scadds—Oh, he explained that. His prother is the heir consumptive.

CONSERVATIVE STATESMAN. Cincinnati Enquirer. Said the scribe, "some folks have been blab That you're after a place in the Cabinet."
The statesman replied.
"I'd necest it with pride.
But you'll not find me hastily rabbin' it."

HIS NECKTIE.

Boston Globe. Here, with a moose about my neck, An impulse suicidal Now all but overcomes me, on The eve of my own bridat

Alasi Alasi Tho' I have longed To lead her to the aliar. I'd counted on so other than A metaphoric halter.

I blush to wear the thing. Good sooth, My head-I shame to show it! Yet not for worlds on worlds would I Let her, my hady, know it.

I dare not tell her what I think. Remembring her transistance Embrace when she bestowed the gift Her fairy fingers fashioned.

Her heart it was that prompted her, Her pretty hands obeyed it; The noise here is the net result. And Love laughed when she made it. Rut O, when I a-wooing went And won her, little recked I That on my wedding day she'd dec Me with a home-made necktie!

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.

Written for The Hee. When Caesar rises from his grave, And people cease to curse and rave; When faithful Sol in the east will s When faithful Sol in the east will set.
And mankind cease to think and frei;
When millionaires their gold don't love.
And clouds no longer pass above;
When kings and rulers cease to be,
And four and one make only three;
When crime and robbery are no more,
And low is high and high is low;
When these things come to pass, I say,
Then advertising will not pay.

J. OLIVE SCOTT.
Central City, Neb.

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Pulse of Western Progress.

house are in the way of the other two-thirds, which he present Cuban war, the legislators have a hard job on their hands, but they want to remember the people are behind them, and will expect them to hew to the line.

Color Bluffs Standard (opp.): The question of convict labor will occupy the alterior for the Nerskal eleighatters as well expected in the Knights of Libits, has agricultured in the Knights of Libits, has agricultured in the Knights of the states of the state of the states o

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Laramie (no estimate)..... There are three varieties of coal mined Wyoming, which are as follows: Bituminous (coking and noncoking), semibitumi-nous and lignite. The bituminous coal is an excellent fuel for all purposes, and is sold as far east as the Missouri river and westward to the Pacific ocean. This variety quite hard, breaks with a bright fracture, and stands storage and long transportation with but little loss. The semi-bituminous coal contains a higher percentage of water and in general is utilized wherever bitumi-nous coal can be used, except for coke-making. On account of its slacking qualities it cannot be successfully stored. The lignites contain a higher percentage of water, often 20 per cent. They have a decided woody texture and are generally of a brown color. This fuel is largely used for steam and donestic purposes, but cannot be safely burned under a locomotive boiler on account of light burning particles of soal being forced through the screens and causing great de-

RICH CROPPINGS OF COLUMBINE. The new strike recently noted at Columbine will be in the shipping list in a few days, says a Steamboat Springs special to the Denver Republican. The owners, Messrs. Bratton and Ungles, have recently leased one half of the property for one year on a oyalty to Wilcox & Russell, who are sack-ng ore for shipment. Exhaustive assays show that the ore is worth \$300 in gold and silver, taken as a whole, with a pay streak cusuring four feet in width. The leasers ropese to push the outputting as fast as essible, and will put on additional men as ast as reom can be found for them. Recent levelopments show that this streak of pay ore crops out at the surface for nearly 900 feet, and for some time to come it will cessary to understope from the surface for the first few hundred tons of

There has probably never been a camp in state where as much rich ore has been ad cropping as at Columbine. The first and at the Minnie D stood above the surface eighteen to twenty inches and milled over \$400 to the ton. The first find at the Hidden Preasure showed the edge of the pay streak Treasure showed the edge of the pay streak for over fifty feet, and this paid nearly \$200, after counting all expenses of mining transportation over 200 miles, together with smelling charges. The independence, another claim in the camp, has paid to ship to Denver from above the top of the grass, while the Tom Thumb, another of these sunlight croppers is still continuing to valor Signal I want to know?

While the form Thumb, another of these sunting to make light croppers, is still continuing to make light croppers, is still continuing to make light croppers. Is owners and leasers feel very comfortable these cold winter days. Now comes this bead Shot iede, lying by the side of another named the Colorado, of the same character, that would be hard to equal in any country. The triangle formed by these several pay finds is nearly two miles on each side, and the territory is all located and being worked.

New York Workiy: Traveler (in Ireland)—

While the form Thumb, another of these sun. In the several light croppers, is still continuing to make light croppers, is still continuing to ut the several finds being on somewhat igher ground than that lying between the wners did not have to contend with any vash or slide, which is the case in the lower round. Sufficient work has already been one to prove that those in the low grounds vill have to sink from 100 to 200 feet to catch

he first, or silver blanket, and 159 feet fur-her to catch the gold contact. SOUTH DAKOTA CONGREGATIONALISTS The annual report of the Congregational eneral association, which met at Pierre last May, has just been issued, says a Vermillion special to the Minneapolis Tribune. A very good showing is made in all branches of thurch work, especially in the increased membership of the churches. The amounts contributed by the various church societies have been large, considering the hard times. a number of Sunday schools have been or-anized and several new young people's soletles started. The total number of Congre gational churches in the state is 153 and 113 ordained ministers in the field. Many churches which are not able to support a churches which are not able to support a minister are furnished with supplies from neighboring towns. The total membership of the church in the state is 6,221, a gain of 1,080 over last year. Each church has one ore more Sunday schools under its care, with total membership of 10.032, with an average attendance of 5,804. There are seventy-five oung people's societies in active work, with n enrollment of 2.708. The total amount ontributed for benevolent purposes is \$15. res, including the ministers' salaries, is \$51.442. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are: Moderator, Rev. Thomas L. Riggs, Oahe; secretary, Rev. W. B. Hubbard, Armour. The next meeting of the association will be held at Vermillion, May 18 to 20, in-

NEW LINE TO LOS ANGELES. The talk of the Utah and Los Angeles allroad project has been revived in consetence of some recent litigation, which has or its object the segregration of that portion f the Union Pacific railroad known as the Oregon Short Line, between Salt Lake City and Milford, Ney., and its formation into an independent road. If this can be accom-plished, says a Los Angeles dispatch to the San Francisco Call, it is claimed that the building of the Salt Lake road is but the natter of a short time.

The Union Pacific system is now under he control of a receiver, and until this ob-Just as soon as it can be formed into an independent line there will be no barrier to prevent it from extending its lines.

By a decree of the federal court at Sain ake City the defendant, Oregon Short Line and Utab Northern Railway company is re-quired to pay to the clerk of the federal court the amount of \$2.417.516, otherwise the lines embraced in the system will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for ash after four weeks' publication of the totico of sale. It is claimed that the bondholders of the road have brought about the condition of affairs and expect to buy the road themselves. It is further stated that these same individuals have already secured the right of way for a considerable distance between Milford and Los Angeles, which is bout 400 miles.

A company has been organized for a year passed called the Utah & California Railway ompany, waiting to build from Milford to of road cut loose from the Union Pacine sys-om. The new company has all its ties and at'a bought and contracts for delivery made and will begin work immediately after it

It is the intention of the new company to build its road from Milford through the great coal districts of southwestern Utah icto Ne-vada, and then through the fertile Las Vegas valley to Good Springs, where there are millions of tons of lead, and then on to Los Angeles, opening up to the farmer niner and homesceker a vast area of spiendid country. NEW KOOTENAL ROAD.

A few days ago the Spokine Review published a rumor to the effect that in all probability the Great Northern would extend its line from some point near Bonner's Ferry up to the east side of the Kostenal river, it order to make connections with the Kaslo & they will not talk, the fact is a significant

per mile on an average, making the total cost of construction \$544,000. The probabilities are that the road will be built next ties are that the road will be built next spring and one thing that lends color to this conclusion is the fact that the Canadian Pacific railroad is building a very fine large boat for passengers and freight on Slocan lake, which will bridge the gap in the road between Slocan and New Denver. It is understood also that a transfer boat for cars will be built next aumner.

will be built next summer.

This road when completed will form a connecting link between the Columbia & vein two and a half feet in width has been uncovered, assays from which return \$55 by a company man. to Nelson, and the Nakusp & Sloran, run-ning from Sandon to Nakusp. The company is building one or two boats to run on Sloran gulches tke from Slocan City to New Denver. vill enable the company to ship out ore from will enable the company to ship out ore from the Slocan to the east by way of Crow's Nest Pass railway, and will put the Canadian, Pacific in a strong position in the matter of hauting freight, as they will have two out-lets. In all probability there will be a large amount of railroad building in the Kootenal the coming year, and there will be strong competition among all of the roads for the husiness of the favored courty. ousiness of that favored country GREAT GEOLOGICAL FIELD.

"Nowhere in the world is there such rich field for geological researches as in the state of Washington,' said George Hyde of the United States geological survey, speaking to a representative of the Tacoma Ledger. He had fust returned from an extended trip n which he made a survey of \$12 mile setween Ellensburg and Mount Stewar "I found rich mineral deposits. Gold, copper and nickel seem to lead. On Williams creek Kittitis county, a prospector named Nelson has what I consider the richest gold deposit in the state. It runs \$5,000 to the ton.

"With twelve men, pack mules and instru-cents, I started to work June 30, and quit Sovember 50. Although we did not lose any men or beasts, we had some narrow escapes. One day three of our pack mules slipped and tumbled down an incline 5,000 feet. It was cmical to see them making revolutions in he air. They were not hurt. Another day. while on Mount Stewart, the mule on which I was mounted caught his shoe on a twig and went tumbling down a precipice. We rolled together, and sometimes the horse would bounce over me, and again I would tumble over him. In this way we reached the bottom, and when I picked myself up the steed was quietly nibbling grass. I was bruised considerably, and I am afraid one of my bones was shattered slightly.

"Another time, one of the meanest mules in the pack, which we would have been glad to get rid of, tumbled 300 feet down a rocky chasm. We expected he was done for, but he only had the breath brushed out of him. "The weather was cold toward the last Often, with the glass 30 below zero, we were compelled to push our way through four fee of snow, over treacherous trails. Our only covering was tents.

"I will return next season with a double force of men, and push further into the Cascade mountains, toward Mount Tacoma."

save in the largest mines, where many horses and wagons are employed, no work can be done." Thus did D. W. Brunten, a promment mining engineer and large owner properties in this district, express himself i regard to Kootenal, the British Columbia district that is just now attracting world-wide attention. Mr. Branton, according to an Aspen special to the Denver News, had just returned from a several weeks' trip to Keotenzi. The cres in both the silver and gold districts, he says, are very rich. Ross-land, in one end of the country, is the gold principal place, is the silver district. The per day is the output at present, and it is gold ores, which show a large per cent of expected to put on a larger force in the copper, are very rich, and the lead and zinc near future. corper, are very rate, and the way from 100 to oras of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred and sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from 100 to One thousand four hundred sixty dolores of Slocan run all the way from present, Mr. Brunton says, enjoying a remark-able boom and an enormous number of miners of these men are ill-advised, however, as here is no possible chance for a stranger to tet work. What few big mines are operated in the Jackson Hole country.

Mr. W. E. Beck of Big Horn country hat is out of the question, the ground being, at the present time 8½ cents a pound, or severed with snow from four to len feet just \$85 per acre. The same party threshed lesp. Even in summer prospecting is most 102 bushels of oats from ninety pounds of blifficult, owing to the heavy timber. So seed, value, \$40.80.

The Hecht ranch, on the Little Laramic.

THE DAKOTAS.

diller before the winter set in, now sells an feed upon an occasional frozen carcass

Ensign Berryman of Sloux Falls has de-Vatertown. Watertown has not yet enjoyed the luxury of a Salvation army, but the Sioux the game. alls leader says they will soon know all

about it. A carload of mineral paint from the Black Hills will be ground up and distributed over the country is small quantities for the purfive feet thick.

office at Aberdeen for the month of November consisted of fourteen homestead entries, 2.240 the month, \$414.52

The sheriffs of North Dakota will hold . mass convention in Pargo December 23 for the purpose of calling attention to the need of a better classification of the law relating to their duties. The sentiments of the sher-iffs will be crystalized and matters upon which legislation is deemed necessary will be brought to the attention of the legislature that convenes in January.

While there were no protests or contes by the candidates in Hand county, yet it is opported that in one precinct counting of the otta was begun just after noon, and as a oter deposited his ballet it was taken ou and canvassed. One or two did not vote at all, as they did not want the beard to know how they voted. The precinct gave a popu ist majority, and surely could have r could be yet thrown out.

Seventy-five Fort Totton Indians, return-ng from a visit to their friends at Standing Rock, were caught in the big atorm at the Hawk's Nest, near Carington. Over forty of their ponies died from hunger and a porion of their supplies had to be abandone until Agent Ralph Hall sent relief team nd sleighs to their assistance. Until the cams reached them the Indians camped in he snow in their thin summer teepers. Information has been received that the chiteet of the Indian bureau is now engaged

the preparation of plans and specifications or the Indian schools at Rapid City and hamberlain Money for the building of nese institutions was appropriated by last congress. Commissioner Browning writes that the plans and specifications will be completed as speedily as possible, so the contracts for constructing the buildings can be let at an early day. The drilling company that is sinking the

government artesian well near the north end

received \$20,000 from the estate of the late J. Henry Stickney of Baltimore.

covery a year ago in the fact that no one has expended \$2,500 in development that has not been paid back in production of actua values in gold. Very little development work is being

done at Puma City, but where there is deep work values increase with depth. ports brought in every day show values from \$65 to \$246 in ten-foot holes. About four miles from Victor are the Big.

Some good reports are coming in from the guiches southwest of Cripple Creek. Two miners working the Tecumsch in Long Hungry guich have received returns of \$16.40 from a trial shipment. Another claim near the old city dump grounds is said to have

\$30 ore in a vein opened to a depth of ten

feet: During the past year a large amount of verk has been done in the Sangre de Cristo range, east of the Rio Grande railroad. Several districts were formed a year ago, of which Duncan, lying east of Moffat, is the most important. There are now altogether river, evidently having been driven in by the storm, and many fine, fat specimens have ange, and at the late election Duncan been caught on sturgeon hooks,

Messrs. Hayney and Jamison, who are working the young Sampson mine on the castern slope of Sampson mountain, just barrels. The total value is \$3.508.568. west of Deer Creek, are in a good sized body of ore that runs from \$12 to \$384 per west of Deer Creek, are in a good sized body of ore that runs from \$12 to \$384 per tain Wagon Road company made a selection of a reservoir in the Cowlehee valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road company made a selection of a reservoir in the Cowlehee valley and the country at The Dalles Monday. The selection embraces a portion of the grant given the company for will hold \$5.000,000 cubic feet of water, which will hold \$5.000,000 cubic feet of water, which nd are daily increasing the output.

Granite is much excited over a discovery made in a tunnel a few days ago. Three broung fellows started to tunnel about three wears ago to connect with their vein. After hing of the cold snap, and put everything toing 320 feet they found it. The vein is in shape for putting up 15,000 tons of ice, his wide, but the pay streak is only about three The snow was cleaned off the ice and it was ner. nehes through. As the assays return from all marked off and steam got up in boilers at the clevator, when the chinook struck it, and in a few hours the ice was gone. The most important strike that has been

nade in the Silverton district for several nonths is the discovery of an immense body f lead ore in the Royal Tiger, an old pat-nted mine in Arastra Basin, belonging to Watson Bros. The mine was not worked at all until last summer. The breast of he tunnel shows eight feet of solid lead, carrying gold, probably the most re-markable body of lead in the San Juan country. The tunnel is in only 200 feet. There is a brilliant future in store for this mine, as the gold values would alone pay for shipping

WYOMING. Judge Torrey has put up over 10,000 tons hay on his Embar ranch, in Big Horn

Drilling still continues in Converse county on several of the wells being bored to test he oil fields.

Mining on Casper mountain is taking on new life, and development work on both sold and copper properties is going rap-The McConnell Ashestos company has just

ad a 220-foot tunnel run on their asbestos roperty in Casper mountain camp, and vill push the work further next year. Recent reports are to the effect that the ews concerning the storm in Wyoming was very much exaggerated. Stock is doing very well, there not being sufficient snow on

the ranges to cover the grass, Iron ore is being taken out and loaded section, and Slocan district, of which a at Hartville as rapidly as men and teams promising town called New Denver is the can do the work. An average of two cars

game licenses issued by the officers of Ulnta county, nearly the entire amount being

a the winter have more men on their lists threshed 18,000 pounds of alfalfa from han can be used. As far as prospecting, eighteen acres of land. This seed is worth

The Hecht ranch, on the Little Laramie. carring mountains that no horses or burres an penetrate them, and prospectors are Evans of St. Louis. This property is one empelled to carry all their supplies on their of the finest ranches in the west, comprising 7.628.27 acres of land, with water rights and Hay, which found few buyers at \$2 a ton at | The consideration was not learned.

Twenty thousand head of elk, at a low estimate, is placed upon the several herds Wolves are quite numerous again in Hand now at the grazing grounds on the Gros unty, but they do not attack stock as they Ventre and Flat creek hills. This is from 5,000 to 9,000 head more than has ever atempted to winter in Jackson's Hole for over five years, and it shows conclusively what

A new company of Omaha parties, under the name of the Casper Range Mining com-pany, has miners engaged on three important claims, sinking shafts, driving tunnels and others getting copper out of an open cut. pose of giving it a practical test. It is esti-mated that there are 1,000,000 tons in the de-posit in Two Bit gulch, lying in a voin month. The smelter is to be a forty-ton the business at the United States land company has already located a site for its erection on a group of the company's claims. A vein of coal opened near Casper City acres; nineteen final homestead proofs. last fall has wen laurels and created a de-2.832.83 acres; twenty-five final timber cui-ture proofs, 3.877 seres. Cash regints for nous conf. that is similar to the Rock Springs coal. It is shipped by the carload to Ne-

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braska, and the demand has called for day at once jumped up and four-foot wood was and night shifts of workmen. Little doubt eagerly anapped up, when it could be secured, exists that the coal will prove agood quality at \$1 a cord. Slab wood, green chunks and About four miles from Victor are the Big Four and Big Six claims, which have been developed by a shaft 160 feet in depth. A vein two and a half feet in width has been uncovered, assays from which regime 250.

> OREGON. Arctle owls are being seen in all parts of

One farmer in Table Rock precinct, Jackn county, raised and sold 30,000 pounds potatoes this year, W. L. Condron raised 807 bushels of car-rots on a half sere of land, on the old You-kam place, in Coos county, this season.

It has been seven years since the big ice houses at Hood River were filled. They hold 12,000 tons, and much ice was put in during the recent freeze A school of codfish is now in the Columbia

The Willamette Valley and Cascade Mounportion of the grant given the company for building a road from Albany to the castern boundary of the state in 1853. Here is an III wind, and a chinook at that,

Henry Kubli, while rounding up cattle

near the bridge on Hig Applegate, in Jack-son county, succeeded in rounding up a large buck deer. The deer took to the river and Mr. Kubli and his horse took the same trail. When both were fairly in the water, Mr. Kubli threw his lariat over the horns of the deer and the animal was hauled to the bank, a very secure captive. G. Millett of Junction City the other day sold 7,500 bushels of wheat for 75 cents a

bushel. This man, says the Eugene Guard. only a few years ago was a renter withou a dollar, while now he is worth \$35,000, and has made every cent of this money by farming. He is a practical farmer and claims today that raising wheat at 50 cents per bushel on Willamette valley land is the best business in the world. There are now about 70,000 bushels of

wheat in storage in Albany held by farmers.

Of this amount about 15,000 bushels have been stored for four or five years and is vicinity of Willox, Ariz, where they kill a being held until a satisfactory price is secured. For some of it as high as M cental One of the new wells in the extern extension of the Los Angeles oil district is age is in small quantities and well scattered among the farmers. If sold at the present price it would put about \$50,000 in circula- is now working well, the percentage of sugar

in Grant county, with his family for Col-lege Place, Wash. He took with him a big temest. No sooner was the cut free in College Place when he disappeared. He was afterwards seen by several freighters acar Pendleton and arrived in Long Creek soon after, having traveled 140 miles, over a road that he had never been before, except when taken out in a wagon

Ice dealers estimate that the recent cold snap saved Pendleton about \$5,000, which would have been sent out for freight and for putting up the ice at North Powder. Probably close to 2,000 tons are used annually in Pendleton. It retails at % of a cent pe-pound, or 75 cents per hundred. Two thou and tons at that rate would sell for about \$20,000. Some large customers get a less rate, but in all probability \$20,000 is the retail cost for ice in Pendleton each year. Most of that for next season will be put up in Pendleton.

WASHINGTON.

A small plant has been established in Aberdeen for making soap. Tacoma salmon fishermen are now seining

herring that will be used as balt by the halibut fishermen. would at the headquarters of Wishkah river are said to be intested by a large number of big gray walves. The pay roll of the coal company at Ros-yn for last mouth was the largest for

months, amounting to upward of North river loggers got over 1,500,600 feet of logs below the falls during the late flood, and there is about 1,000,000 feet above

The Kelso Journal says the recent freshet in Lewis river, Cowlitz county, was the greatest since December, 1887. Great damage was done property along the river. Durits the recent flood of the Cowlitz river, a large cedar caught upon the submerned cable upon which the ferry is oper ated between Kelso and Catlin, and several days before the obstruction could be removed:

The cold snap found the people of Ellensburg poorly prepared for a siege as far as fuel was concerned, wood especially being very scarce. The advent of the new wood heaters had made an unusual demand, and it happened that none of the woodyards had a good supply on hand. As a result the price

verything that looked like fuel were readily

oing its big sawmill on three-quarters time, using the output of three different logging camps near Bucoda. If any one is idle in Bucoda, it must be from choice rather than a desire to secure employment.

The Barnes cannery, at South Bend, will probably start up again on December 15. when the season again opens. Steel heads are already beginning to run. The exact number of cases of saimon canned at the Darnes cannery this season is 9.026. Besides this there was shipped to Portland, in bulk, about 144,000 pounds of fish.

The Ellensburg creamery from Pebruary 1, 1896, to October 20, 1896, ran 274 days; the milk of 600 cows was used and 1.713.700 ounds of milk were worked; 21.283 pounds pounds of milk were worked; 21,289 pounds of creatin were bought, and 76,631 pounds of butter made; the average price a pound for butter was 20% cents, and for butter fat 3% cents. Custemers were charged 3% cents a pound for making butter.

The Cowichee Reservoir and Canal company the other day filed with the local land gary. The cost of construction is estimated

H. H. Plough of Davenport has a well on his property which acts in a peculiar man-ner. It is forty-eight feet deep and contains two feet of water. Every winter it freezes over, and even forms a thin layer of ice on its surface long before there is any occasion for it that may be accounted for by a lower-ing temperature. The other morning he atlowed the full momentum of a 4x4 scantling eight feet long, attached to a rope, to fall upon the ice several times from the top of the well and the effort failed to break the ice. Mr. Parber, who lives on the adjoining property, has a well of the same depth, which, these cold mornings, emits steam. MISCELLANEOUS.

The Southern Pacific will creet a fine new assenger depot in Riverside

Jerome, Ariz., has a mining beom. Town ots have advanced \$100 in price. The Ojai Valley Railroad company in south. rn California will begin work January 1 Recent finds near Pearce, Ariz., show that they have some very rich ore in that camp. Forty-five carloads of walnuts valued at arly \$79,000 were shipped from Fullerton.

in the beets running very high. About three weeks ago, says the Blue Goorge L. Bush has raised a very good Mountain Eagle, Mr. Rambo left Long Creek, quelly of rotter as his arrived a very good quality of cotton on his ranch near Hox

violiting 100 barrels ;

prines, in southern California. The unemployed men at San Francisco, es-timated at from 5,000 to 15,000, have formed in organization, with John Lee, a printer, as

Three Chinamen have been arrested Albuquerque, as it was claimed they had erossed the Mexican border and come into he United States. The Board of Trustees of Sacremento has

passed an ordinance probibiting, under pen-alty of a fine, expectorating upon the pave-ments of the city. City Engineer Capps of San Diego has declined to accept the work done on the Morena dam, which forms a part of the city's new \$1,500,000 water system

Engineers estimate that it will take

wenty-two months to complete the eleven

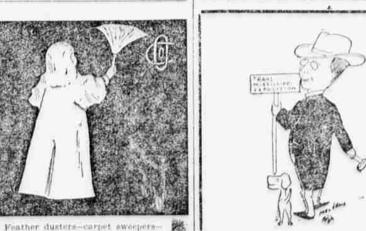
steel bridges necessary to close the gap in he coast line of the Southern Pacific rail-The Tournament of Roses ausociation of Passidena is setively at work, and hopes to be able to arrange a festival for Pass-

fenn January 1 that will eclipse all previous The copper deposits at Skinnerville, near Dripping Springs, twenty-five miles south of Globe, Ariz., are attracting considerable notice and development work is being done on a number of claims.

For a five weeks' run the Fortuna mine, near Yena, Ariz, is said to have cleaned up \$00,000. The gold averaged \$18.09 an ounce, which exceeds in value any gold yet produced in the territory. The Mexican boys, Garcia and Winship, who placed ties on the Maricopa & Phoenix

track for the fun of seeing a wreek, got six months each, in addition to a pretty long erm already served waiting trial. It is reported that the Boothern Califor-ia Railroad company has signed a contract or building the long-delayed extension of the line from San Jacinto to Lakeview, and that the work of laying the track will begin

National aid will be asked for the big Butte reservoir to be located on the Gila. If secured and the dam is built it will be the largest artificial lake in the world. and irrigate a whole county.



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