tion with the sid granted by the general done nobly in its stock subscription; Uncle government and that subscribed by the cities and did the right thing and Nebraska zens of Omaha, will bring a hundredfold in should set the pace for western states, all returns to the whole state. Nothing the state of whom will be expected to appropriate of Nebraska needs more than a good dose of the present legs to make the Transmississippi Exposition ellists of life in the way of the present legs. elixir of life in the way of the present leg-islature getting a hump on itself in an effort to restore the confidence of the east in this great state, and in no way can they do it better than in a prompt passage of a bill converting the \$300,000 maked for this expo-

Promont Tribune: Governor Holcomb has done the proper thing in recommending a lib-eral appropriation to the state to help out the Transmississippi Exposition project. We hope the members of the legislature will regard it as a wise economy to withhold the way is open through this exposition. Such encouragement to this great enterprise. Each and all of us can some little good talk. governor should, perhaps, have specified how much. People's ideas differ as to what "liberal" means.

Schuyler Sun: In helping the Transmisstanippi Exposition no one should be more willing and ready to offer material aid than the railroads, and from the attitude taken by them they seem to appreciate the ad-Vantages to be derived.

Nehawka Register: The Transmississippl and International Exposition, which is to be held at Comaha from June 1 to November 1 1898, will afford the states west of the Mis-elssippi an opportunity to make an exhibit of their resources and productive industries. There are twenty states and four territories embraced in this region, and one object of this exposition is to acquaint the people of this and other countries with the wealth and great possibilities of this western couny. It cannot help but benefit Nebraska as will bring within her borders hundreds of thousands of visitors who will expend thou-sands of dollars for entertainment, to say nothing of the permanent investments that will be made when the possibilities of this great state are set forth by incontrovertible

Grant Herald-Sentinel: When the legislature gets down to business one of the first things it should do is to make a suitable ap-propriation for the Transmississippi Exposition to be held at Omaha in 1893. Con-gress has promised a donation of not less than \$200,000 for a government exhibit, and private subscriptions to the amount of \$400,-00 have been subscribed toward nushing the exposition along. Now let Nebraska come forward with a suitable amount and it will be an assured success. The magnitude of the undertaking can scarcely be compre-hended, but when the people of Omaha undertake anything they generally make a suc-cess of it, and with the assistance of every Nebraskan it will be one of the most won derful developments of western progress of the time. By all means let us all lend a helping hand and make the exposition

"Odell Wave: The effort being made by the managers to make the Transmississippi Exposition a success is receiving the hearty en dorsement of the press. This is right, but it should also receive the support of every citizen who takes a pride in the great west and its limitless resources, for the benefits to be derived from it are beyond computation. The state legislature will no doubt set a good example for other states by granting a liberal appropriation.

Coleridge Blade: The government has pledged \$200,000 for an exhibit at the Trans-mis-issippi Exposition to be held in 1898 at Omaha. It now devolves upon the legislature to come forward with an appropriation in order that the transmississippi states may know that we are in earnest in the matter The appropriation should be liberal and ac-tion should be taken early in the session. By so doing we may encourage some of ou dister states to more favorably consider the

Brewster News: More than \$400,000 has been subscribed to the capital stock of the Transmississippi Exposition association and \$200,000 pledged by congress for a government exhibit. With this great affair in our own state, Nebraska is under special obligations in making an extraordinary effort to have it a great success and should be first in allowing a liberal appropriation for her own exhibits; the other Transmississippi states will then act likewise in amounts proportionately; the production of a sum sufficient to make the enterprise equal to the best of its kind ever held in any country will be an assurance and the year 1898 will be the greates of all years in the history of our state. The News hopes our legislature make hay while the sun shines.

O'Neill Sun: The legislature will asked to make an appropriation of \$300,000 for the erection of suitable buildings and for a display at the Transmississippi Exposition to be held in Omaha from June 1 to November 1 next year. Whether this amoun is needed or not, the Sun believes that the legislature will do what is right and that the state's interests will not be allowed to suffer by reason of any meager appropria-

Arlington Times: Every Nebraska citizen should do all in his power to help the great exposition along which is to be held in "stand up for Nebraska." Other states repbut to Nebraska additional advantages are lent from the fact that it is to occur within our own borders and that on our own soil visitors from the east will stop. It then be hooves every citizen of the state to constitute himself a committee of one to work for this great exposition.

Geneva Signal: One question of consider able importance that will confront the legis give the Transmississippi Exposition, to be held in Omaha next year?

White fully realizing that the people of Nebraska are not in a financial condition to warrant lavish expenditures for any object that might be classed as a luxury, the Signal believes that the sound business judgment of the people will approve of an appropriation of about \$250,000 in aid of this exposition that quite on the ground of its being a good investment.

Perhaps it would be a luxury for Chicago to have another exposition at this time, but the transmississippi country is subject to different conditions.

Nothing like the proposed exposition has ever been attempted in this region. It is a source of advantage that has never been The west had practically determined some time ago to have such an exposition some central point. Omaha was the suc cessful competitor, being almost without op-The exposition would have gone to some other town in the west if not to Omaha. Now that we have the exposition, what are we going to do with it? Shall we take every proper step to get the greatest measure o value out of it, or shall we save at the value out of it, or shall we save at the spigot to lose at the bunghole by failing to appropriate a reasonable sum for making certain the success of the exposition and its benefit to the state of Nebraska.

Nebraska wants more people and more money, and a growth at our time of life as a state means the bringing in of more money. The exposition will familiarize thousands of with Nebraska's products, resources, topography and climate who would perhaps otherwise never know much about the state. We believe it will be profitable to all of us for these people to make this acquaintance.

The members of the legislature represent the people, and it now lies with them to say what shall be done for the exposition.

Ord Journal: The Transmississippi Ex position to be held in Omaha from June to November 1, 1898, will be the World's Fair of the western states and every opportunity should be improved by the people of Nebraska to push it to a grand comple-tion. The legislatures of Iowa and Colorado last year made good appropriations and our own legislature will be asked to do the same this winter, as well as those of other states in its territory. All preparations are going merrily on in Omaha and it only remains with the people of Nebraska to put a shoulder to the wheel and vindicate our state pride in a substantial manner. No better means could be employed to encourage immigration, bring in eastern capital and build up the native resources of our state. This is a good time to stand up for Ne-

Hastings Democrat: We must not forge that the exposition is a Nebraska affair and credit must reflect upon the state if the exposition is a success and vice versa. The legislature should be liberal with the

dollars is the amount asked for, a sum of exposition. It must be made a credit to the state and

a huge success.

Shickley Herald: A liberal appropriation the Transmississippi Exposition at the the exposition and will say amen to any-thing that goes to help it. This grand state of ours has a chance to show the people of the east, the west, the north and the south that she is wide awake and thrifty and that ing for it.

Niobrara Tribune: One of the first things rock and Nebraska should set a good, healthy pace for her western neighbors.

Sidney Telegraph: Active preparations for the great Transmississippi Exposition, to be held in Omaha from June I to November 1, 1898, have now begun. Uncle Sam is tak-ing a most lively interest in everything pertaining to the exposition and will lose no opportunity to render it all the aid he posibly can. Subscriptions are pouring in from The state legislature will be asked to make a liberal appropriation for the exposition, and it certainly cannot refuse to grant the request. The enterprising sitizons of Omaha have undertaken a big contract, but they can be depended upon to fulfill it with honor to themselves and credit to the state at large.

Valley Enterprise: The Transmississippi Exposition is now enjoying quite a boom, not only in Omaha, but in Nebraska and all over the transmississippi region. Let her boom. It will be a great thing for our whole state.

Hartington Herald: About \$250,000 or \$300. 000 would be the proper recognition for the Transmississippi Exposition. All Nebraska ould say amen to a liberal appropriation or this enterprise.

Kennard Enterprise: The managers of the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha are getting down to business. This is one of the grandest undertakings that has ever been mangurated in the west, and every state is interested, more especially the people of Ne-braska, should do their utmost to make this tion a grand success and an event that vill forever stand in the annals of history.

Elsie Leader: The exposition at Omaha n 1898 will be a great advertisement for Nebraska, and every man in the state should to everything in his power to assist in naking it a success.

Wayne Herald: The great Transmississipp! Exposition, to be held in Omaha in 1898, is attracting widespread attention throughattracting widespread attention throughout not only the United States but foreign countries. The government will appropriate \$200,000 for a government exhibit, and every state of the Mississippi valley will make an exhibit which will no doubt equal, if not ex-cel, the exhibits at the World's Fair. It hooves every Nobraskan to take an inrest in the Exposition, for it means everything to Nebraska. The great resources of the state will be made known to the world and it will bring capital to the state, resultand it will bring capital to the state, resulting in the building of such industries as will bring prosperity to the state. Wayne county should begin to prepare for it. Procrastination never brings good results.

Shelton Clipper: The management of Omaha's Transmississippi Exposition an-nounces that private subscriptions to capital stock have already been received to the amount of \$400,000. Congress has pledged \$200,000 for a government exhibit, and now if the legislature will make a lib-eral appropriation the success of the expoberal appropriation the success of the exposition is assured. This will be, no doubt, the greatest advertisement Nebraska ever had and will bring the resources of the state prominently before the world. It behooves very citizen of the state to do everything n his power to assist in making the exposiion a success. It's a good thing; push it

BRIGHT AND BRISK.

Indianapolis Journal; "Do you know, lancy I resemble Napoleon?"
"Well, Napoleon is a good deal of a ack number."

Puck: The Countess-Do show me the The Earl—My dear, I'll show you the cicket for the coronet. It was hypothesated to pay for the engagement ring.

Baltimore News: Chollie Chapington— Haw! I always say just what I think, don't you know! Haw! Grace Golightly—What an easy time your vocal chords must have!

Chicago Tribune: There appears to be no ground for the charge that the young woman of Wisconsin who came to Chi-cago to have a penny dislodged from her care to have a penny dislodged from her broat had been trying to cent her breath.

Cincinnati Enquirer: "I shall hold him in aweet remembrance," said the potentate of Bwkplo.

He could hardly have done otherwise. Even at home the young missionary had been spoken of as one of excellent taste.

Philadelphia Call; She had removed her nat temporarily, merely to adjust one of he ornaments. the ornaments.
"What magnificent silky hair she has!"
audibly observed the man in the rear.
And she was so pleased that she held
her hat in her lap until the fall of the
final curtain. Such is the force of diplo-

Detroit Journal: "It strikes me that own is too loud for Sunday. I suppose is what they would call a symphony in

The other man in the last pew but one laughed a low laugh, suggestive of the "Symphony?" he repeated. "More like a sacred concert."

Indianapolis Journal: "I see that there has been an oatmeal trust formed," said the shoe clerk boarder. "That settles it," said the Cheerful Idiot. "As long as the said the Cheerful Idiot. "As long as the trusts were content to lay their clammy fangs on the homes of the country it was none of our business, but when they at-tack the boarding houses it is time for

> TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT. Washington Star. "I'll drown my cares," Quoth he; "I'll stroll Where Bacchus bears The flowing bowl.

Alas for him, He quite forgot His cares could swim, While he could not.

THE WISHBONE

Tall William loved nice Annabel, And she loved him the same; He boarded at her father's house, Worked nights and hoped for fame. He often watched her at her work, Before he moved away, and vowed that he would ask her To become his wife some day.

One time, when she was ironing clothes,
The klichen door before,
He thought: "Her wishbone hangs up yet
Above the parlor door.
I'll go right out, come in that way,
And then I'll surely be
That happy man, her future fate.
And she'll be wife to me."

He made her move and went outside, He made her move and went outside,
Came back through parlor door;
Then said: "I thought I'd not be mean
And make you move some more."
She smiled at him and nothing said,
But, if you'd know the truth—
She made that chance on purpose For the modest, manly youth.

Now fate is fate, and fate is sure; Prom it none break away.

And I'll be bound that Will and Ann
Will make a match some day.

And girls, if you would know your fate,
Before the season's o'er,
Go hang your wishbone trimmed with blue
Above the parior door.

—B. H. N.

O'Neill, Neb.

Pulse of Western Progress.

diately north of Elk mountain was probably hands of the Nobraska legislature will be the right thing. Every true hearted citizen of the state is bound to feel real interest in pector in the Hills, and its appearance ragged and barren roughness there is hidden business activity is always with us. And in old Mother Earth at Ragged Top and the the way is open through this exposition. surrounding country heaven's choicest riches of gold-and it is not all hidden, for even the surface large quantities have been picked up one by the Nebraska atate legislature should shipped to the refining mills which the passage of a bill in aid of the Trans-carried gold from \$25 to \$600 per ton. ississippi Exposition. The exposition will This whole section of country was a barren a great benefit to Nebraska and the west waste puril June 1896, when Mossis, Wall. waste until June, 1896, when Messts. Wall, Rouse, Murray et al made the first discovery of high grade ore on the ground known as the Balmoral group of claims. A small place of rock was broken from one of the imerous boulders on the surface and sent to Deadwood for an assay. The returns sur prised the boys who sent it, and as the value was telephoned to them they opened their eyes in astonishment, but really believed that they were being "guyed" or that a mistake had been made at the assay office. More samples were sent, proving even better than the first. From that time on the locators of the Balmoral group began development work on their ground and numero carloads of ore have been shipped to and their efforts have been richly rewarded. Among those doing development work are Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins on what is generally known as the Dacy ground. With full confidence in the discovery of rich ore in unlimited quantities they immediately put in place a steam drill and began operations on a large scale, working day and night in sinking a shaft. They are now at a depth of 160 feet and the ore taken out has several times paid the expense of sinking the state. Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins on what is gen ing the shaft. The well known fraction, commonly designated as the "Jew's" and owned by Mr. Ellenberg of Deadwood, has yielded over \$7,000 in gold. Johnson & Whiting, who own two claims and two frac-tions near Ellenberg fraction, after having shipped three cars of ore bonded their ground

to Blackford et al for \$50,000. ON THE COLORADO BORDER. If indications go for anything, the mining camps of northern New Mexico will have a good-sized boom before many months pass, says a Hematite, N. M., special to the Denyer News. In the later 60's there were 3,000 people in Elizabethtown, attracted by the rich placers. There will be three times that many here and in the surrounding camps inside of twelve months. If the Colombia ado line were twenty miles farther south and the country were clear of land grants there would have been a mining region opened up years ago that for the number and richness of its mines would equal, it not surpass, Cripple Creek. There is no doubt that the gold is here. Not in one crews doubtful places, but all over the esun-For a radius of twenty miles or more ch leads and deposits are found almost verywhere. The older camps of Baldy and Clizabethtown have been producing gold for ears from a number of mines, while within he past year or eighteen months hundreds of claims have been located in the surround-ng country, half of which have the making of paying mines. The question naturally arises, why has a rich mining section like this not been developed long ago? The nswer is, land grant. The best portion of the country is covered by the Maxwell grant, which has long justly been a bugaboo to the respector. Capital does not go in where itles are in dispute. A year or so ago the crant company threw the country open to prospectors, and now a title to a claim can be secured under nearly as favorable circum-

LIKE EARLY DAYS IN LEADVILLE. 'Nothing that I have seen of late years,' said a miner just returned from Puma City. Chicago Record: "Men generally admire business sense in a woman, don't they" business sense in a woman, don't they" Republican, "reminds me so much of the 'for the rich traffic to be found on the 'ern coast of Mexico, says a San Diego men's wives and daughters." Beaking to a representative of the Denver for the rich traffic to be found on the 'ern coast of Mexico, says a San Diego men's wives and daughters." there were not less than 1,000 people in the place, and noise enough was made for 10,000. The town is crowded, and one is lucky if he can get a bed or even a share of somebody' blanket. The last night I spent there name across a party of four who had scooped out a hollow in the ground, in the center of which they had built a fire, and were rolled up in their blankets, sleeping as comfort-ably as if they were in the Brown Palace, as he bank of earth they had thrown up ke the wind from them. For a few days they came in at the rate of 100 a day, and coming out I met no fewer than fifty men on their way to the new camp. I don't know what they will do, for there is nothing but mining, and the country is staked out for miles around. There are certainly some good claims that have made some shipments, but it is too soon yet to say what the camp will amount to. The appearance of the country, however, leads me to conclude that it rill pan out well with developments. t's no use for any one to go in with the ex pectation of getting work, as there are ten men for every job. I think it is a good place for a man to go to who has enough money to keep him a little time, for the oppor-tunity of striking it seems to be especially favorable, but a fellow who has no money would better say with his friends. One can hear all kinds of stories about big strikes ully 90 per cent of which are vagaries of stimulated imaginations. The hotels, saloons and groceries are all doing well, and a great many holes are being driven as fast noney and muscle can drive them, but we will know more about the camp three months

OIL FIELDS IN THE KOOTENAL. The Fort Steele Prospector states that one of the various resources of east Kootenal walting for development is the petroleum found in the Flathcad valley, in the southeastern portion of the district. This is a section of country but little known, and is separated from the remainder of the district a high range of mountains. outlet of the valley is down the Flathead river into Montana, and the nearest railroad is the Great Northern. Some years ago at-tention was called to this section through the finding of crude oil in the possession of some Stoney Indians who annually hunted in the valley, that they (the Indians) were in the habit of using as a medicine for com-plaints of all kinds. The surface indications are good, and two different qualities of oll have been obtained. On Kishneena creek a short distance north of the international boundary line a black oil similar to the Penusylvanta and Ohio oil is found. But on Sage creek, some eight miles north, there is found an oil that is nearly pure, of a light yellow color, which will burn in a lamp as it comes from the ground. Close by there is natural gas escaping from the bedrock which burns freely on ignition. Some of this oil, sent to the geological museum at Ottawa, caused purity. Dr. Selwyn, head of the department, made a special trip to the valley, and was surprised to find the oil genuine, and also that this oil was found in the Cambrian formation, which was something unknown, as oil hitherto discovered has been in Trenton limestone. Directly due east of Sage creek and on the eastern slope of the creek, and on the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains in Alberta territory, there are plenty of surface indications of crude oil. And the finding of these indications over such a large area, and in the same a large oil field awaiting capital to develor it. And we may expect that in the near fu ture the oil fields of east Kootenal will be known all over the world

VALLEY RAILWAY EXTENSION The construction of the Valley road south of Fresno by way of Hanford will probably be commenced within two or three weeks. says a Fresno dispatch to the San Francisco Call. The only condition to this important and welcome news is that the right of way. complete, shall have been secured in that

cause they announced their intention of re-maining in the city three or four days. The main purpose of the visit of the officials is pector in the Hills, and its appearance rightly suggests the name, says the Ragged Top Shaft, a new journal published at Preston, in the new Eldorado. But for all its varged and barren roughness there is hidden crations for right of way. Agent Young and the committee have been working quietly but determinedly for several weeks past and they succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements for deeds for over fourths of the distance between this city and Hanford. With the owners of the remaining 25 per cent of the distance they were not so successful and it is to deal with these that the officials have come from San Francisco. The principal difficulty has been encountered in trying to get a right f way out of Fresno and through the col-nics. There are also property owners along the entire line at various points who are holding out for prices on their land which are exorbitant in the eyes of the company. In the aggregate these obstructionists own the land along nearly 25 per cent of the distance between Fresno and Hanford. Through Hanford and Kings county everything is clear, little difficulty being met in securing the right of way. As soon as the ground between this city and Hanford is secured the construction of the road will be pushed southward without further interruption. The

company is desirous of having the track completed at least to Tulare by next season, to take advantage of the summer's freightearloads of ore have been snipped to the smaller strength of the smaller smaller smaller strength of the smaller small ord survey, and things do not look very oright in that quarter. Through Tulare county everything is in readiness for the oad, but a serious stumbling block is being net between Fresno and Reedley. RICH ORE AT GREAT DEPTH The mining world has been set by the ars by the developments in the Kennedy nine within the past few days, says the

mine within the past few days, says the San Francisco Chronicle. At a perpendicular depth of over 2.100 feet a body of rich ore, fully thirty feet in width, has been discovered. In magnitude the ore body will compare favorably with any yet found, and the great depth at which it lies explodes a long-cherished and heretofore believed infallible tradition of the search for gold on the Pacific coast. It is an old theory, which the Pacific coast. It is an old theory, which age has almost crystallized into a formula, that gold ore disappears after a certain depth has been attained. This is a creed of every old prospector from the Yukon to that neck of land which men call the anama isthmus. Once in a great while prophet would arise who was bold enough disagree with this time-honored maxim lim Rule was one of these. One day he aduced the directors of the Consolidated Virginia to employ him to bore a big hole in the underground workings on Mount David-son. After drilling away for a few mouths dule gave it up in disgust. At the 800-oot level the vein was rich, but only eight set wide. At the 2,000-foot level it had inreased to twenty feet. At the 2,100-for-evel it is thirty feet wide and as the vorkmen go still desper the ore body grows. is like a great wedge in the earth, with the edge to the surface. Orders have beegiven to sink the shaft an additional 20 cet, and mine owners on the Pacific coast are awaiting the result. If that ledge connucs to grow in size, there will be som vely burrowing in the bottom of the mothe ede this coming summer. Even the Com stock people may be tempted to make an other experiment. At its present develop ment the Kennedy has the distinction obeing the deepest gold mine in the work with the exception of a property in Vic-toria, Australia. The Kennedy mine has had a checkered career. Its first discoverer ook out \$1,500,000, and finding no ore below the 800-foot level allowed it to lie idie. It was flooded to overflowing for four years given an impetus to prespecting, and the result is several new camps have sprung its several new camps have sprung sexistence, every one of which has the oundation for making a rich and prosperous amp in a close future.

Then the present owners bought it for \$190.

\$2,000,000 in dividends in the last seven years. For ten years work has been going on steadily on it night and the present owners bought it for \$100. forty stamps on the property are to be in-ANOTHER MEXICAN RAILWAY,

Another railroad company is in the racor the rich traffic to be found on the west Republican, "reminds me so much of the ern coast of Mexico save a San Diego dis here moves are of intense interest to California, as they are liable to acutely affect the channels of trade either favorably or unfavorably and to greatly add to the volume of business. The Mexican Eastern, which olds the concession for a road from San Geronimo, on the Tchamstepec road to Ta-pachula, in the state of Chiapas, is taking active steps to construct its line and thus get into the coffee and mineral country of Oaxaca and Chiapas. William Stewart, a well known engineer in the employ of the road, left the City of Mexico to go over the proposed road and to locate the route in a eral way. He was accompanied by f. Bass, who will gather data for the com pany. The general manager, John A. Mc-Clennan, who went with Engineer Stewart into the field, will follow at the end of this expected to proceed. It was reported non weeks ago that a number of American capitalists had subscribed enough stock in the company to make the building of the lin certain. The road is of the utmost im ortance in developing southwestern Mexico and northwestern Gustemaia. Taken in con nection with the Tohaustepec road, the co ee lands of Chianas and Oaxaca will be blaced in comparatively close connection with land office. The land is in Bithe national capital and with the Gulf of north of the Shoshone river. Vera Cruz, making the distance to York a matter of a very few days. Th hauntepec is not operated with the ability lisplayed on private lines, and there is considerable dissatisfaction displayed by the Mexican press, but the government has given assurance that the road will receive he attention of railroad experts in the

operating departments. THE DAKOTAS. North Dakota bankers have organized a state association.

Ragged Top district already reports s weekly newspaper published at Preston. It is estimated that 300,000 cattle were handled in the round-up of this fall. at \$30 a head would amount to \$9,000,000. The artesian well in Andes lake is now

completed at a depth of 725 feet. six-inch pipe and throws 1,200 gallons a Land Commissioner Lockhart will not contest the claims of squatters who have settled on the school lands in Gregory county

The contract for building the new government Indian school at Santee agency has been awarded to Goorge W. Snow of Springfield. The price is \$14,000, exclusive of heating apparatus.

previous to the survey of the same.

Bids will be received at Santee agency until the 29th inst, for furnishing and delivering at that agency about 80,000 of beef, 32,000 pounds of pork and 1,200 bushels of wheat.

Word has come to Elk Point that Charles Nash, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls for running a plg at Alcester, has fallen heir to \$ through the death of a relative in England His term of imprisonment will expire April 2, but if allowed good time he will be discharged February 2.

President Mauck of the State university at Vermillion, in his annual report, asks the legislature for \$26,000 a year for the running expenses of the university for the next two years. The sum asked for is considered by many entirely too small to carry the instiformation, would go to show that there is tution through the term of years and run things as they should be.

The formation at Rapped Top seems to be a puzzler. For quite a time it appeared as though it was a vertical formation, pure and simple, from the top. A week ago, however, C. H. Schaad drifted in from the side of a his bluff and found a clean cut flat forma-tion of good grade ore. Since then a flat formation was found 125 feet from the top f the Dacey shaft, and here is found the \$2,400 ore.

There are rumors that the Northern Patime and there is good ground to hope for cific will extend its line west from Edgeley this result. That matters have reached such to the Missouri river the coming season. As a satisfactory stage was evidenced by the the road is out of the hands of the receiver arrival of several prominent officials of the and has lands and right of way along the railroad company. They came on the pas- proposed route, there is some reason in think senger train over the new road. That their | ing it may make a move in that direction.

In case it does the Soo line will doubtless The rough, ragged, barren mountain imme- | visit is one of importance is certain, beextend its line west from Kulm, its present

western terminus The Flying V and Cross C Cattle company has ordered foremen to gather up all cattle that can be found around the Hills and along the Belle Fourche river and north of that stream for twenty-five miles, and ship them to Omaha and Chicago, and sell them for what they can get. This action is taken because of the scarcity of feed on the range. This company is one of the largest in the Hills stock country and it is thought that its action will be followed by others. COLORADO.

A new court house is to be constructed at Central City. It is to be 90x60, of stone and Golden pressed brick and to cost \$32,380. A foot and a half of ore that runs 600 ounces to the ton is reported to have been uncovered in a lease on the Della S. mine,

The new town of Badger, near Salida, has the prospect of a great future before it. Settlers are going in all the time, attracted by the discoveries of rich ore.

The Virginius and Revenue tunnel trouble at Ouray bids fair to be adjusted and operations resumed along the line of the former prosperity of this famous producer of

A big strike, consisting of gold-bearing quartz showing free gold averaging across the vein fifty ounces of gold, has been made in the upraise of the Octoroon of the O. &

N. tunnel at Ouray. John Munce and Mary Munce of Greeley have brought suit against the Union Pacific railway system for \$5,000 damages for the death of their daughter, Ida, in January, 1895, killed by a Union Pacific train.

The Little Dorritt, on the lower end o Squaw mountain, in Cripple Creek, has opened a vein four and a half feet wide in the bottom of a twenty-five-foot shaft, giving assays as high as \$20, and the property has been leased.

The directory of the Grand Valley Irrigat-ing company of Grand Junction placed the water assessment at \$1.28 per inch for the ensuing year. It is probable that the Grand Valley canal, owned by the company, will be extended a distance of twelve miles the present season.

A big strike has been made on the Excel sior, one of the prospects of the Anaconda company of Cripple Creek. Values were found almost at grass roots, and in a shaft now twenty-eight feet deep there are two and a half feet of ore that it is claimed will asily average \$50 to the ton

Captain E. B. Webb of Fort Collins, whose ertner, L. L. Winterstein, is mining and cospecting in the Manhattan district, has cived from Mr. Winterstein an exceedingly rich piece of gold float, said to have been found within their field of operations. The sample runs away up in the thousands, and should the mother lode be found, the fortune of the captain and his partner is cer-

Gilpin county, the oldest gold district of he state, closed the year with a record of \$3,205,425, an increase of \$236,300 over 1895. Several old mines were reopened, the Perigo and the Gold Coin among them. A thirtystamp rapid drop mill was started at Ne-radaville. The new camp of Pine Creew seured a ten-stamp mill late in the year. The res sent out of the district by rall amounted o 46,978 tons. Over 100 mines have steam plants, and over 2,000 men are employed in mines and mills. Upon twenty mines improvements costing from \$10,000 to \$25,000

were made. The gold output of Cripple Creek for th past year is estimated at \$10,000,000. Though this probably overstates, the camp certainly did produce more gold than in 1895. The discovery of new veins have been encourag-ing, though the area of producing mines wan not extended. In June the Gold Coin disclosed a vein in the streets of Victor, sine which time the mine has produced 5,00 tons of ore of a gross value of \$200,000. Be tween February and June lessees of the Nellie V, on Squaw mountain obtained \$44, 900 in one when their lease expired. Other important strikes during the year were in the Trail, Nightingale, Amanda, Blue Flag, Twin Sisters, Tecumseh, Hallet & Homburg, Coriolarus, Dead Pine, May Bell, Gold King, Dollie V, Lelia, Mabel M, Fannie B, Orizaba, besides new chutes in working

WYOMING. A postoffice has been established at Kir win, Big Horn county.

Eighty men are employed at the Adelaid opper mines near Golconda. A strike has been made at the Foot creek placer fields, the dirt producing \$5 per yard. At a depth of 200 feet a lead of very rich ore has been encountered in the New Discovery at Eahn's peak.

The new dipping pens at Wolton, Natrona county, have been completed and the plant at Casper is being reconstructed. The Eckles coal mine situated a fey miles east of Casper, is being worked by a large force of men. The product

market. Says the Big Horn Rustler: The gang of thieves located in what is known as the Hole-in-the-Wall country, continue to be troublesome to stockmen. It is claimed that they succeeded recently in stealing a flock of 2,060 sheep.

"The application for the segregation of 18,000 acres of land under the Carey by the Cincinnati Canal company has been approved by the commissioner of the general land office. The land is in Big Horn county. The ico harvest at Evanston is the largest

on record. The contract for the shipment and supply of the Union Pacific has been secured by J. L. Atkinson and calls for several thousand tota. Between 12,000 and 15,000 tons will go to Sait Lake and Ogden and tons will be stored in the ice houses

Carbon county sheepmen have a vigorous kick coming against Utah sheep growers. They claim Utah sheep growers turn thousands of head of sheep every winter in on the Red Desert winter range, pasture th there for six months and then skip out with them before the tax assessor nails their hides to the tax roll. They say that 140 car loads of Utah bucks have been turned in among these Utah flocks this winter and that the range is being depastured by Utah stock.

Mrs. N. F. Howell of Horse Creek reports that four masked men rode to her ranch at Horse Creek. There was no one at home but the hired man and the robbers galloped around the house twice and when he appeared, yelled at him. He dashed in the house and dezed a gun. When he again appeared the men rode away, taking a num ber of head of cattle belonging to the ranch. The masked men were seen in that section by other parties, and, it is reported, that a ranchman was held up by them. Horse Creek is the scene of the recent rustler depredations, including the burning of build

OREGON. Mrs. M. Young of Woodburn has just finished a bed quilt of 4,370 pieces. The fall pack of salmon on the Columbia river last year amounted to 64,900 cases. There will be a meeting of Indian war veterans in Albany January 20 to organiz a camp of Indian War Veterans.

John Milne is refitting his flouring mill in Hillsboro with the most improved machinery, and the capacity of the mill will be largely increased. Work on the Bandon woolen mills ware

house has been stopped for the present owing to claims on the wharf between the river channel and the place selected for building. Blind staggers is killing horses in Africa

valley. R. S. Bradley lost, in Benton county his best team from the disease. Other home in the valley were affected, and a few other deaths are reportd. Another steamer will be put in commision by Captain Graves to move the produce of the four coal mines, now in operation at

Riverton, Coos county, an order to that ef feet having already been made. The Wasco county commissioners have or-dered the construction of a new trues bridge cross the Hood river, at the town, to replace ld one now in use, it being condemns

by the road supervisor as dangerous. The schooner Bessie K is on the beach near Bandon, where she landed some tim The company has not yet decided

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whether to undertake to remove her or have tween 120 and 150 men. The four double it done by contract. There are quite a number who are bidding for the contract of removing her, but it will be some time yet be-fore operations will be begun.

prising more than 80,000 worms, at Coquille, has concluded its cocoon spinning. The professor says the work has been done much quicker and better this season than before, and, if anything, the cocoons are better also.

William Boone brought a curiosity to the office of the Toledo Times. It is a petrified foot of some animal which he discovered in one of the old shell beds near Oysterville. Lewis Bros. of Aberdeen and Markham, shipped 207 cars, containing 28,000,000 shingles. The bulk of these shingles were shipped direct to Hartford, Conn. The Union Shingle company of Aberdeen freighted 200 cars, containing 25,000,000, and the Cosmonolis Shingle company shipped about 25,-

eing urged by the Fossil Journal to put bounty on coyote scalps back to the old figures, \$1 by the union and \$1 by the county. The union recently voted in favor of paying io cents, and that the county should pay 50 cents. The law does not permit the county cars.

WASHINGTON. Over 300 feet of the north jetty at Eureka has been washed away. Petty thieves in Waitsburg are raiding cel-

lars and stripping clotheslines.

There are said to be fully 500 cases of, asles reported and unreported in Walla a day.

Between 2,500 and 300,0 cords of shingle boits were sold at public auction at the mouth of the Cowlitz river.

One member of the legislature rode 150 miles on horseback to a railroad, and another walked seventy miles to a railroad. From 700 to 800 pounds of fish are being shipped daily from Snohomish to eastern points. The fish that are shipped now are nearly all steelheads.

Several potatoes that together weigh 120 pounds are exhibited in an Olympia store window. The smallest of the potatoes

on the surface for a distance of 4,500 feet. It assays from \$11 to \$25 a ton. There is a movement afoot in the southern

part of Stevens county to divide the county on a line running east and west, about half way between Colville and Chewelah. There are about 12,000 inhabitants in the county. Cattle and host raising is again coming to be an important industry of Lewis county. Ten years ago it took a good start, but other things appeared more profitable, and there came a time when farmers brought to mar-ket hardly enough fat stock to supply the home demand for fresh meat. This year at least 1,500 cattle will be shipped out and probably 5,000 or 6,000 hogs.

Active work will begin on Spokane's army post about April 1. For the work contemplated in 1897, \$100,000 is now available, and the construction to be let under contract will require the expenditure of between and \$100,000. The double barracks will cost about \$40,000, and when com-\$90,000 and \$100,000. pleted will provide accommodation for be-

The county commissioner of Snohomish county have allowed the Everett justices Prof. Kanematz's silkworm colony, com-prising more than 80,000 worms, at Coquille, about \$7,000. The census upon which these tas concluded its cocoon spinning. The

Shingle company shipped about 25,-

000 000 shingles. MISCELLANEOUS. The Great Northern is said to have placed

contract for the construction of The Northern Pacific Coal company is now hipping 1,000 tons of coal a month to Rose-

The monthly pay roll of the Anaconda com pany, at Butte, is estimated at \$250,000. The miners get \$3.50 per day, and the poorest and most unskilled labor in Butte is paid \$3

The Orange Belt irrigation district near Comona, Cal., will disincorporate. It has no conds outstanding and no debt. The district was formed several years ago with a view of taking water from the Arrowhead system. While working with a plow and scraper on a strip of land in the Randsburg dis-trict recently, a man is said to have uncov-ered a ledge of ore that is one-fourth pure gold in spots. The strip is about 400x50 feet

n extent.

The three mills of the Puget Lumber company have a combined daily capacity of 450,000 feet of lumber. The mill at Port Gamble turns out an average of 225,000 feet daily, and has cut as high as 350,000 feet in ı ten-hour run. Over 100 carloads of Sonora oranges have

been shipped at Nogales, Arz., for the United States up to January 1, 1897. It is estimated that this season's shipments will aggregate 390 carloads, and that here will be 500 carloads shipped next season.

The total output of ore from the gold mines at Hillsboro, N. M., for the current year is estimated at 25,000 tons. Reckening this at \$30 a ton, which would undoubtedly be below the average of Hillsboro ore, and we have from that one camp the sum of \$750,000 in gold for the year 1896.

A number of additional miners have been employed recently in the Cochiti district in Santa Fe county, New Mexico, and reports from that district are more encouraging than they have been for some months, Small shipments of ore have been made from the mines there for many months past but up to this time none of the mines has paid large profits. A gold strike of considcrable importance was made near Golden some weeks ago, and some very rich ore has been taken out of the mine within the past month.



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