seated in the interest of justice, or that the seated in the interest of justice, or that the contestants were any more entitled to their seats than the men they displaced. It was a case of politics pure and simple and there is no use to try to get around it. We do not doubt that as big a farce has been en-acted before, but that does not make it right. It merely proves that purity in pol-lities is much oftener preached on the stump than practiced in legislative hais.

Excter Democrat: If the Nebraska legis-Excter Democrat: If the Nebraska legis-latura is going to context the election of all mambers whom it is claimed wore elected by bribery and other illegal means, a good place for them to commerce operations would be out here in Giengary precinct, Filimore county, one of the strongent pop footholds in the state. It is strange that as bard as this bed to be a bribliant and excelsion path.

county by our legislature last Saturday looks to a disinterested person who has not read all the testimony in the case that "might makes right." But then the republi-cans would have done the very same thing had they been in the majority. It seems that that's the way laws are constructed nowadays. If the recount bill could not stand on its own merits it should have gone by the board. From its action it looks as though the party that is now in power in Nebraska does not expect to retain that power many years

O'Nelli Sun (pop.): The house has un-seated four republicans of Omaha. Their seats were given to bimetallists. It may be right and it may be wrong. That the re-publicans used money freely in the election there is no doubt, and that the bimetallists used a little may also be true. But because the republicans used the most is no rea-son why they should be unseated. Perhaps it wasn't the fault of the bimetallists that they didn't use more of it. But when the republican members of the house join with the bimetallists in censuring their OWD party as being corrupt no free silverite should hesitate to join forces with them.

Papillion Times (free silver dem.): As predicted in these columns last week, the four Douglas republicans whose seats were contested have been unseated and the four fusion contestants have been admitted to membership in the house. While recognizing that Douglas county held a rotten elec-tion last fall, we still insist that it was not right to unseat these men, simply because there was no direct evidence to show that sufficient illegal votes had been cast to change the result in case the illegal votes were thrown out. We always like to see silver men successful, but we love to see them triumph by right rather than by might.

Fremont Tribune (rep.): The lower house Fremont Tribune (rep.): The lower house has a large majority of poporatic members, but the number was not deemed sufficiently large for all purposes, and the only thing left to make the majority sufficient for all purposes. And this was done. The grounds upon which the outrage was committed was alleged bribery of votors in the campaign, the bribery consisting of the payment by a campaign committee in Doug-las county of the cost of naturalization pa-pers for votors. The evidence seems to has county of the cost of natural second propers for voters. The evidence seems to have substantiated the fact that such pa-pers were paid for out of campaign funds on both sides, but the popocrais did not pay for as many as the republicans, and therefor as many as the republicans, and there-fore the work of the republicans constituted bribery. And the republican members have gone over the transom. This outrage will react upon the perpetrators of it. The re-publicans had no particular use for the four members thrown out. Neither had the ma-jority any use for four more votes for any legitimate purpose. Be it said to the credit legitimate perpension of the members of the majority, of some of the members of the majority, they did not sanction the arbitrary work of the house. A dozen of them voted with the republicans. Among this number was Rep-resentative Van Horn of Dodge, to whom due credit should be given for his refusal to enter into the outrageous plan of the pop-ocrats. Midland road to be delivered to the other party on demand. This forethought is likely to avert any such "battle of the maps" as ensued upon the "espitiantic the outrageous plan of the pop-ocrats. Midland road to the exclusive possession of either party shall be delivered to the other party on demand. This forethought is likely to avert any such "battle of the maps" as ensued upon the "espitiantic of the bound of the Ashburton treaty, when Webster's map, found in Parls, supporting the English claim, and the old map found the foreign office, authenticated by the hand-southeasterly direction for some distance.

in the legislature, after fooling around for a month, has at last done something and tion, were made the subject of such bittera month, has at last done something and that something was the stealing of four seats in the house from Douglas county. It was admitted that the republican committee for Douglas county had paid for the naturaliza-tion papers of a number of foreigners out of the county campaign fund and the pops de-clare that this was bribery and that the re-publicans had secured the naturalization of enough voters to change the result and publicans had secured the naturalization trol of a district, even without actual settian setting system to extend its line into the coal re-of enough voters to change the result and ment. We may be sure that Great Britain's gion, which is now to be tapped. He did tas will be fortified with more abundant to case of the coal ment the metter, however, how even the demo-populist committee for Doug-ias county had done exactly the data that the reserved the tangi-the territory, but also to have preserved the tangi-the seconds of their econdance.

the west to that section. The state legislature should not hesitate to erect a Texas building at Omaha.

Dubuque Trade Journal; A recent issue Dubuque Trade Jaurnai: A recent issue of The Daily Omaha Bee consists of twenty large pages filed with matter and illus-trations setting forth the features and pros-pects of the Transmississippi and Interna-tional Exposition to be held in Omaha from June to November, 1898. Of the prepara-tions thus far a record in detail is given.

late in the limestone belt and running \$132 to the ton. Myrick and Anderson, while the state. It is strange that as bard as this body has skirmished around to find some-thing to kick about this Giengary business has entirely escaped their observation. Springfield Monitor (rep): The unseating of the republican members from Douglas county by our legislature last Saturday body to a disinterested person who has Monroe (Ia.) Mirror: Saturday's issue of looking over an immense boulder in that part of town, conceived the idea that it might be rich in gold and took specimens to an assayer, which returned gold to the amount given above. The boulder weighs about

thirty tons. Samples have been sent to Omaha, which makes it a wonderful paper. Rosewater is a great editor, as everybody knows. He has charge of the Department of Publicity. On this account the coming exposition will be most thoroughly adver-tised, and for that reason most liberally patronized. The Columbian exposition was smelters here and to Aurora, Ill., and Argentine, Kan. In the immediate vicinity an immeuse limestone peak towers high into the a prime of pertunity for Americans to see foreigners. The Omsha Exposition will af-ford opportunity for Americans to get ac-quainted with each other. been alive for a day or two with prospectors seeking claims. Two men, in developing their claims, found what appears to be a fissure vein, the ledge matter being identical with that of Cripple Creek. Float rock from the surface of the claims outside the original discovery assays from \$8 to \$82 to the ton.

of the same character as so much found of

Aztec (N. M.,) Index: The Index is in recelut of the twenty-page Transmississippl Exposition edition of The Omaha Bee. Elaborate preparations are being made by the promotors of the exposition and it will be one of the most remarkable events in westdiscovery assays from \$8 to \$82 to the ton In the new discoveries in the vicinity of this city for the past few weeks there has been so much conflicting claim locating that owners are obliged to patrol their claims one of the most remarkable events in west-ern history. The most imposing feature of the exposition will be the mineral exhibit, which will be displayed in a silver palace constructed of metal and silver plated. The central spire will be 250 feet high and the lesser towers 149 feet. Congress appropria-ted \$200,000 in aid of the exposition and the Board of Directors afterward secured sub-scriptions to the amount of \$330,000. Hon. L. Bradford Prince of New Mexico is one owners are obliged to parton their chains with guna. There has been very little claim jumping so far, but probably only because of this patroi and the wholesome fear of trouble. Men ignorant of mining laws from regions where mining locations have never been heard of go in and stake off ground without looking for other stakes and there is L. Bradford Prince of New Mexico is one of the vice presidents. The exposition opens in June 1898, and closes in November.

sure to be the utmost trouble in finding ad-justing lines. On the north of Oak Flat guich there is an immense limestone ledge that has bulged up from below and several ore crevices are traceable across it by huge boulders that look like mere limestone, but Guthrie (Okla.) Representative: The finest edition of any western paper recently issued was last week put out by the Omaha Bee, known as the Exposition edition. There were twenty-four pages of information and illustrations regarding the Transmississippi and International Exposition during 1898 from June to November. There was given a fine historical sketch of each of the west-ern stutes and territories and all the fault prove, on being broken open, to be a fait grade of ore. On the south side the formation grade of ore. On the south side the formation is abruptly broken away, leaving a twenty-foot cliff that assays from \$13.80 a ton up. It is beside a road that has been in use for twenty years. Developments at Ragged Top ern states and territories, and all the fault are stopped neither by cold nor the greed are stopped neither by cold nor the greed of townlot speculators. The weekly ship-ments from the camp are steadily growing and the value of ore sent out is estimated at about \$60 to the ton, of which a dozen carloads are now shipped weekly. Some ore has been found at the bottom of a shaft in the Deer that is said to run up to \$60,000 to we could find with Oklahoma's treatment was, that it gave too much of our fair territory over to the use of the Indians for "roaming." There is no "roaming" ground left and all the Indians are "bunched" or are living on their allotments like white

folks-perfectly peaceable and contented. The enterprise of The Bee and Omaha busithe Dacy that is said to run up to \$60,000 to the ton undoubtedly very rich, though no exact in-formation is at hand. ness men is highly commendable.

THE VENEZUELAN TREATY.

COAL MINERS' RAILROAD. This is Colorado's era of railroad build-New York Tribune: The signing of the Venezuelan treaty marks the beginning of the This is Colorado's era of railroad outide the end of a controversy that has dragged ing. Garfield county is now to have a new ing. Garfield county is now to have a new line of steam railway, says the Denver Re-publican. It is to be constructed by the Four-Mile Railway company, which has just the United States taken a hand in it to good been incorporated, with a capital stock of the United States taken a hand in it to good

services Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney have rendered to the civilization of the world. New York Times: It is interesting to ob-serve the care with which the treaty provides that couples of all reports and decumpaties in that copies of all reports and decuments in nections are to be made with the Colorado

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Inside the city limits, within sight of the and that he has men booking for a feasible are. The sum of \$25,000 was appropriated four round house, there has been made route for a railroad from the Guit of Mexico for the construction of each building, the to the Pacific coast, and the Mexican Central cost of the heating and lighting being sepa-Eikhorn round house, there has been made an interesting discovery, says a Deadwood special to the Minneapolis Journal, being ore

PLUCKY SHEEP HERDER.

to the racine coast, and the statiant Central bas awakened to the fact that this will mean a loss of a larga amount of Dusiness. hence it has placed men in the field and a route is being surveyed between Ameca and the coast, and it may be madely predicted that. Thousands of head of cattle perished, 300 within a year a railroad will reach San Blas and make direct connection with San Fran-cisco steamers at that port. The present all-rail haul of 3,000 miles will be divided up into four-fifths ship and one-fifth rail and being found dead in one place.

The town of Sturgis, situated in the northcastern extremity of the Black Hills, may become the scene of mining activity before many days. It is reported that the entire limestone range between the town and Boulder Park has been located and staked will tend to add very materially to the Mexican trade of San Francisco. The Hunt-ington road will shorten the route to New off in mining claims.

York by more than 1,000 miles, as the Mexi-can road will take the place of the present Inventor G. Lauke is pushing to comple tion his plans for establishing a manufactory for his patent straw-hay burning stoves, and various others of his patented articles at Huron. A large room in the Reed block is being fitted up for the purpose and Mr. Lauke hopes to begin manufacturing about April Panama route and the steamers will be able immense limestone peak towers high into the air, hundreds of feet above the surrounding country, and this on assays is looked for to be of the same character. The section has built within five years. The Central, however, persistently denies the reports con-April 1. cerning its road and also says that Hunting-ton will never take advantage of his con-

Canton is having a merry oil war. Some of the merchants dislike the methods of the Standard Oll company and ordered oil from ing for oil in the Casper field by April 1, word now comes from Pittsburg, Pa., that P. a company and began to sell it at 15 cents. The Standard Oil company at once cut the price to 10 cents. The people of Canton know a good thing when they see it and are

camp.

The searching party which had for days been hunting for the German sheep herder and his band of 2,700 sheep, belonging to James McDevitt of Conrad, that were lost laying in a supply. James McDevitt of Conrad, that were lost in the storm, says a Great Falls dispatch to the Minncapolis Tribune, has been suc-cessful at last. They were found on Sam-ple's flat, north of the Teton ridge and about thirty-five miles from the place of starting. Several of the sheep were miss-ing, but a great majority had been safely taken care of by the faithful shepherd, who himself was almost dead with suffering and hunger. When the storm came up the Committees have been appointed by the citizens of Bonesteel and Fairfax, two rival towns located in Gregory county, to con-fer as to the desirability of consolidating the towns, which are only a short distance apart. One town in the vicinity would se-cure a fair business if given the united support of the settlers living in the surround-ing territory, while if both towns strive to and hunger. When the storm came up the shepherd says the herd drifted before it. Once they became divided, but he managed continue to live, from a business standpoint it will be to the injury of both

Work on the artesian well at Forman, N. D., has been abandoned until spring. The first flow was struck at a depth of 860 feet nearly three weeks ago, and it was then hoped to complete the drilling at an early to again bring them together. For three days the storm raged and the thermometer fell lower and lower. Several times he was about ready to give up in despair, but each time resolved to hang out a little while time resolved to hang out a little while longer. When rescue arrived he said it was the most welcome sight he had ever seen. Strange to say, none of his limbs were frozen. The few sheep that were lost were date, but the extreme cold weather has made it necessary to postpone the completion of the well till spring. The water from the well is very warm and the overflow has al-ready filled a large pond. It is of good benumbed by the cold and fell by the wayquality, with traces of magnesia

Reports come from Ragged Top to the ef-fect that ore worth \$60,000 per ton was struck in the Dacy shaft on Friday evening. BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILROADS. There is every reason to believe that the present year will witness more railroad Our informant, who was at the shaft when the stuff was hoisted, says it was a dark building in British Columbia than ever be-fore. If one-third of those asking for charblue rock, close-grained and was encoun-tered on the west side of the shaft, which is ters to build roats are successful in their applications and build one-third of their proposed lines, says the Spokane Chronicle, there will be more than 1,000 miles of road now down about 200 feet. Other reports are that it came from the east side shaft. but all agree that a phenomenally rich constructed and many portions of the prov-ince that are now kept in the background strike has been made in the workings.

A number of caves have been met in the for lack of transportation will come to the front as rich and productive mining re-gions. Contractors are now building the line from Trail to Rokson and it is not Ragged Top district, among the latest being one found in a blast at the Bailarat group, where at the bottom of a twenty-five foot shaft a cave was opened which has been ex-plored for eighty-five feet in length and fifty feet in width. Its floor was covered with a white, snow-like dust. Further examinaunreasonable to expect that the road will be continued west from Robson to the Boundary country. The Great Northern ex-pects to enter the Kootenay country by a branch line from Bonner's Ferry to Nelson, which will be in operation by the middle tion has not yet been made, but by the light of a candle the sides are seen to be broken of summer. An application is also out for by numerous small crevices that seem to a charter for a road from Lethbridge, Northopen into other large caverns. The air is west territory, to some point on the Fraser river or Gulf of Georgia. The purpose of the projectors is to tap the Kootenay by a line through Crow's Nest pass. It is also quite probable that the Canadian Pacific will good, but without any apparent ventilation, and the owners are preparing to make ex-

tensive explorations. COLORADO.

in Wasco county, and now has one of the finest water powers in that county. The ditch is a mile and a half long, five feet wide on the bottom, and carries at present The strike reported from West Asper mountain was on the Copperopolis mine. An 1S-inch body of ore has been uncovered and samples from various portions of the vein two feet, in depth, of water. At his mill he has obtained a fall of sixty feet, and is thus insured of abundant power. Hereto-fore he has been compelled to let the water assay from 100 up to 1,000 ounces to the accumulate and then run the mill on this

is already engaged in clearing the right of way for the Slocan river branch of the Co-The leasers on the San Jacinto mine, As-oen, were rejoicing recently over the findlumbia & Kootenay railroad and another gang of men is clearing the right of way ing of an ore shute carrying 150-ounce ore sorowful afterwards when they They were for the Canadian Pacific railroad, which is liscovered that they were mining on May to run between Slocan crossing and the flower ground. southern end of Slocan lake, taking in the

In a new prospect in the gold belt near new town of Sloenif City. The provincial government will also be asked to grant a Buena Vista ore has been found in the bottom of an 18-foot shaft, which runs \$17 charter for an electric road from Penticton to numerous points in the Boundary, and Trail creck districts and to extend south as far as the international boundary, where to the ton. At the surface the ore ran but \$5 to the ton-a remarkable gain in value built, the balance being ditch. Work is be-ing done on this, and it will probably be for so short a distance.

it will connect with the proposed electric line from Spokane. These are only a few Ore taken from the Grace Watson tunnel. four miles from Dakan, the new gold camp gating 15,000 acres. of the many railroads projected in British Columbia, but it is easy to see that the pressouth of Denver, was examined and is cati-Nearly the entire force of men employed mated in value at over \$100 per ton. The camp is improving rapidly, there being about ent year is to be a lively one so far as railroad building is concerned in that province. 150 men employed in the hills.

week hotels have used it for cooking, and found the test as others have found it, quite up to expectations. Orders were received Yakima se coma to assist in the work. cure's subscription of \$1,000 within three days for a road into the district, which will to expectations. up to expectations. Orders we oil for fifty be pushed through as soon as the weather will permit

Everett is now the county seat of Sno-Gene Lozier and William Davis, who are homish county. The county records, to-gether with the furniture and fixtures of in Sheridan, have just finished a contract with the Fortunatus company for the making of a trail up the Little Horn cauyon to Baid mountain. A fine trail has been made, which greatly shortens the route to the the courthouse, have been moved from Sno-homish to Everett.

Five logging camps are in operation on the Shookum Chuck river, near Bucoda, employing from ten to fifteen men each. Additional crews will commence an soon

The may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, says the Lander Clipper, that we have as fine a vein of genuine Roman alum in the mines above here as there is man alum in the mines above here as there is good weather is assured. J. M. Arrington, a Yakima fruitgrower, as you weather is assured of the purity. Ed Royce, William Benton and a number a big co-operative irrigation ernal scheme at the water from just below the conson and the water from is a several thousand the water from the nearest to have it aralyzed.

Hot Springs and cover several thousand acres of beautiful sloping valley lands. Arthur Goodman, a rancher near Evanston, was forced to kill a big bull cik, one of a herd hs has on his ranch. The old fellow not only wanted to fight every stranger that came in view, but kept tearing down the fence surrounding the park, with his im-mense horns, ermitting the animula to get devoted entirely to fruit culture, ten acres Hot Springs and cover several thousand acres of beautiful sloping valley lands. mense horns, permitting the animals to get out. Besides the three companies to begin drill-besides the three companies to begin drill-three three three companies to begin drill-three three three companies to begin drill-three three thre tlement is engaged in the fruit business along the river. A good school has been provided, a literary society flourishes and M. Shannon, president of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas company, now producing and the people enjoy all the privileges of older communities.

refining at Casper, will lay a pipe line from the weils to the refinery the coming sum-Indians are out in numbers spearing fish by torchlight, says the Sans Poel corre-spondent of the Wilbur Register. Each canoe contains two Indians and a torch; the torch being fat pine splinters three feet mer. Gray wolves on Canyon creek, near the Carboa county line, are devouring live stock at a fearful rate. Fifty head of stock of the ranchmen in one community have been killed this winter. It is a common sight to see from six to twelve and twenty grays in a gang, and the range of Salt creek, near the Johnson county line, is just as bad. The Douglas Mining and Milling company expects to shortly begin permanent ship-ment to Denvor of ore from its War Bonnett Peak mine. The ore runs all the way from §60. to \$122 in copper, with about \$2.50 in gold. The lead is 100 feet in width with twenty-three inches of ore. The property has a 125-foot shaft and a 400-foot tunnel. OREGON.

The Riverside mills in Reno are receiving orn from Nebraska by the carload.

Blind staggers has gotten among the Alaska salmon packers have formed a comine which will completely control the market.

A project for the erection of a smelter at Grant's Pass is on foot. The people of Union county arc still work-ing and talking for a sugar beet factory for Prehistoric timbers apparently cut by serrated flints, have been found in a granite siam of the Live Yankee granite mine at Graniteville, Cal.

The tug Tonquin recently took a cargo of 850 cases of salmon from Siletz, the last of the pack of the Kernville cannery. A bill has been prosed by the Arizona legislature authorizing the town of Flagstaff to issue bonds for \$65,000 with which to erect water works. Rabbit killing is a popular amusement in Lake county this winter. In one school dis-trict over 1,200 rabbits were killed by the

Colonel P. R. Smith of Deming, N. M., has renewed the concession which contemplates the construction of a road from Dem-ing to Guaymas, Mexico. O. T. Robinson and C. H. Oatman struck O. T. Roomson and C. H. Oatman struct a very rich ledge of ore on Dodson moun-tain a few days ago, says the Roseburg Plaindealer. The vein is eight feet thick and bears gold, silver and copper, but chiefly and bears gold, silver and copper, but chiefly

A Mr. Cottle is boring for coal near Missoula Mont. At a depth of ninety-five feel he encountered one vein, another at a depth of 165 feet and another 308 feet deep.

The old Lane blacksand mine at Ran-dolph, in Coos county, will soon be in active Rich asphalt fields have just been discov-ered in Mexico, which threaten to rival those operation again, says the Coos Bay News. Twenty years ago the Lane mine employed of Trinidad. The American vice consul at Matamoras telegraphs that an asphalt field twenty miles square, has just been found number of miners at good wages, and Randolph, which has since become a deserted village, was then a lively little town. near that place and that capitalists are proparing to work it.

Prices for cattle are probably near the J. M. Cockerline has completed the ditch from Fifteen-Mile creek to his mill at Boyd, top notch. A cattleman made the stato-ment, says the Prescott (A. T.) Courier, that he would pay \$10,000 for 1,000 yearlings. This contrasts well with two or three years ago, when three-year-olds had an unwilling market at \$9 per head.

Gold Creek, a mining camp seventy miles north of Elko, Nev., though established but a few months, has a population of about 500, with 300 men on the payrolls-wages \$3 per day for ten hours' work. Laborers are paid \$2 per day working on the remer-voir; teamsters get from \$6 to \$8 per day ditch at Hood River, and it is expected that the ditch will be ready to furnish water by the last of May. The big flume across the for four-horse teams.

The discovery of coal in a number of dis river about a mile below its head, and the bridge to carry it has been completed. There tricts in Nevada give promise of a new in-dustry for the state. The Nevada Central Railroad company has put eight men at work on a coal mine near Crum canyon completed before the flume is. The ditch near Battle mountain, and it is said that will carry about 4,000 inches of water, irriment of extensive coal beds.

Montana has the most perfect system of on the new fortifications at Fort Stevens has been discharged, only those working on the steam shovel being retained. How head of cattle were inspected at the various markets, principally, however, at Chicago.

Another elk has been captured down at

to the Stockdale

same thing, but notwithstanding this the defeated candidates were given the seats of the four ousted republicans. The populist majority declared that it was bribery to furnish naturalization papers in the case of the republicans but they shut both eyes tight when they came to that part of the evidence that their own county com mittee in Douglas county had done exactly the same thing. A time will come when this act of the brutal majority of the house will do populists more harm than it is now doing good in providing them at all times with a two-thirds majority of the house for use i crushing the handful of republicans still i the house and keeping them from making much of an attempt at getting a just recog

nition of their rights. THE EXPOSITION BEE.

Los Angeles Hotel-Gazette: The Omah of the 16th instant contains an interesthee of the local instant contains an instant ing and exhaustive article on the Transmis sissippi Exposition, which will be held i held in that city from June to November, 1898.

Florence, (Wis.), News: The 20-page num ber of the Omaha Bee last Saturday is de-voted largely to the great Transmissisippi Exposition. The edition is on extra heavy paper, and the illustrations are the best seen west of the Mississippi. Santa Cruz, Cal., Surf: The Omaha Bee

in a special edition sets forth in comprehen sive and attractive form the outlines of th great Transmississippi Exposition to be held in Omaha in 1898. As the title implies, all states beyond the Mississippi are to be invited to participate.

Del Rio (Tex.) Record: A great exposi-tion will be held in Omaha, Neb., next year. In its interest The Omaha Bee is out in a splendid historical and statistical special edi-tion, giving the history at length of every est of the Mississippi river. It is a very valuable publication.

Hartville (Mo.) Press: The Omaha Bee of January 19, announcing the Transmississippi Exposition to be held there next year, is on our table. At this exhibition every variety of life and product of the great west will be shown in realistic splendor, and the fair is to be a creditable aftermath to the display of American genius manifested at Chicago and Atlanta.

Bridgeport, Cal., Chronicle-Union: The Omaha has issued a Transmississippi Exposi-tion edition on January 16, consisting of twenty pages of interesting matter pertaining to that section of our country, together with news of the day from the world generally. It is well illustrated, and shows that our San Francisco dailles are not alone in such newspaper enterprises.

California Fruit Grower: The Omaha Daily Bee of January 16 was a special issue, having for its chief feature the great Trans mississippi Exposition, which is to be held in Omaha next year. The origin and story of the enterprise and the resources of the Transmississippi region are fully and most attractively set forth. It is needless to say that California received its full quota of attention. The issue typographically perfect. The issue of twenty pages is

Galveston (Tex.) Opera Glass: The Opera Glass this week received a mammoth edition of The Omaha Bee, containing important matter regarding the Transmississippi Expo sition, which occurs in that city next year. The paper also devotes much space to an article appertaining to the Lone Star state. The expesition will prove of great advantage to the transmississippi states, especially Texas, now that she has a deep water port. which that section proposes to utilize.

Mt. Caim, (Tex.), Echo: The Transmissis-sippi Exposition edition of the Omaha Bee is on our table. It is a credit to Omaha. as well as the publishers, giving complete anticipated details of that great event. This exposition to be held in Omaha in 1898 will be one of the greatest booms ever inaugurat-ed for the advancement of the south-west. In this Texas will have an opportunity of actting forth the advantages of its limitless setting forth the advantages of its imittees resources, and thus attract once more the attention of home-seekers, and investors, and give western land its real value. It was ad-vertising that made the west what it is teday, and si was advortising of the south through the Atlanta exposition last year that turned the tide of immigration from

notwithstanding this ble records of their occupancy. Glenwood Springs.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Chicago Record: "There's only one draw-ack in a big roast for dinner." "What's that?" "Hash for breakfast."

Philadelphia Record: "I feel like a dry doc," remarked the thirsty physician as he raised a schooner.

Detroit Free Press. "He's constantly lamoring for protection for infant indus "Is that so? Why, I didn't know he was

Washington Star: "Is he a scientific

fighte "Scientific?" echoed the pugliist contempt-jously. "Why, he couldn't parse a single entence of his challenge!"

Chicago Tribune: Eminent Politician-ton't think you ought to ask me for an ffice. You have always trained with the ward Heeler-But think how much I know bout our blamed rascallty!

Detroit Journal: Layman-Realism, eh: Now, you don't mean to tell me the sun really sets like that? Artist-Ha, ha! My dear fellow, you ton't grasp the significance of the new art it all. That, sir, is the way the sun ought o set.

Chicago Post: "Yes" she to'd her dear-est friend, "I have been practicing economy of late." "It's almost time." came the voice of her husband from the next room, "that you learned to play it without notes."

Indianapolis Journal: "What is that sayng of Hamlet's about an eager and a nipson Lake. "I dunno. Who was he talking about-a new policeman?

Cleveland Leader: Two Married Men-"Why do you insist upon taking your wife out for such long walks in this rough weather?" "The doctor has told her that she must be very fareful not to talk when she is out in the cold air."

"Say, who's your doctor?"

Household Words: "I am deeply inter-ested in discovering the lost tribes of Israel," said Mr. Musty as he came in and sat down by the busy editor for an hour's discussion of the subject. "So?" replied the man of resources. "Why don't you advertise for them? The business office is on the first floor. Here, Dick, show the gentleman to the advertis-ing department."

A COMPARISON. Washington Star. Oh, comic valentine, afar, Gleam forth yours glories numerous, To cheer those merry wags who are Anonymously humorous.

Alas, with all your labored chaff, And poetry delirious. You're not as comical by half As those meant to be serious.

THE CRY OF THE HUMAN.

), give me case, my weary limbs are shak

Ing: Make me a bed of down and let me Bring oil and balm to cure me of aching. Let me have perfect rest before I die!

Look ye, how fast, how fast my locks are

The frosts of years that all too swiftly fly Bring honors quick!-oh, quickly, I am fail-

Let me be satisfied before I die!

Bring fame to me; I long to hear ma

And shout aloud my name when I go by; Ere that last foe of all mankind betrays me Let me be famous, too, before I die!

Men tell of love. From stories of devotio I turn away with this all-human cry. "If there be love as boundless as the ocean Give me my portion now, before I die!"

Ye who have all things good, whose cups are heaping. Point not mine eyes to mansions in the

sky; To me, the dead forevermore are sleeping Give me the best earth holds before I die/ ISABEL RICHEY.

IMPORTANT LAND DECISION.

By the recent action of the government in dismissing four land grant cases pending in the United States supreme court on appeal from the court of private land claims settled to 129,000 acres of land ad jacent to Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Thes grants, according to a Santa Fe special to the Denver News, were last spring confirmed to their respective claimants by the land court as follows: Jacona grant, 36,000 acres north and west of Santa Fe, to Desidero

Gomez of this city; Polvaredo grant, 35,00 acres in the Chama valley, to Frank Perus York; Luis Jaramillo grant, 18,00 acres fifty miles northwest of Albuquerque Helena Galleges, or Ranchos de Albuquerque grant, 40,000 acres north and east of Al uquerque in the Rio Grande valley, C. Guitterres et al. of Albuquerque. - Ui

date the United States court of private land claims through its decisions has restored over 5,500,000 acres of land in New Mexico to the public domain and in Arizona over 10,000,000 acres have been similarly retored to the government.

FLOCK OF MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

Mountain sheep appear to be increasing in Colorado, and, stranger still, the rare and timid animals are leaving their dizzy haunts among the high mountain peaks and drawing nearer to the habitations of men han ever before. In the comparatively lo lands, near the town of Jefferson, says the Denver Republican, there is now a flock of offty or more mountain sheep. Jefferson i on the South Park railroad, about eighty-on miles southwest of Denver in Park county It is an old established community, and has near it the well known summer resort, Jeffer. The vicinity, disturbed by the rumble of trains, as well as the sounds human life and industry, is not at all quiet one. It has none of the characteristic which usually mark the natural home of the almost extinct mountain sheep. And yet, for several days past, a band of at least fifty of the soft-eyed, large horned native sheep of the rocky mountains has been calmly grazing around the town of Jefferson and close to the railroads. It is said that the

sheep do not display any sign of fear of the Jefferson people. Many of them come in open daylight within easy pistol shot of the residences. They do not run away rado, and usually, but one at a time has been seen. A hunter far off from civilization might decry a solitary sheep, perched on a crag overlooking some wild and steep canyon, but hardly ever within gunshot range. No such thing as fifty sheep has been reported, even by the veriest Munchausen of hunters. When a lone sheep was seen it usually dis-appeared from view at the slightest alarm. Considering these things, the descent of fifty sheep upon the town of Jefferson, as though they had formed themselves into an excursion party somewhere among the mountains does not look reasonably explainable. The general theory is that bitter cold and dee Th drove them downward and that they joined together for mutual protection as the traveled from peak to peak. Killing moun tain sheep is absolutely prohibited by law in Colorado. It is a closed season all the year ound with the animals, just as it is with

buffalo. IMPORTANT MEXICAN RAILROAD.

Quietly, so quietly that it has created no Mexico that will soon bring about result which mean much for California in general and San Francisco in particular, says Cuadalajara (Mex.), special to the San Fran-cisco Chronicle. The Mexican Central rail road ran its western branch as far as Ameca, some fifty miles west of Guadalajara and about 150 miles from the Pacific coast, and

and then announced that the physical difficulties of that last 150 miles were so great as to present almost an insurmountable obstacle. It has been declared time and again that it was not possible or feasible to build the

road on to the coast, and consequently the Mexican Central gets a very long haul on all goods from California or the Pacific coun-But it has been announced that con-

DISCOVERY RICH AND ROMANTIC.

build a number of branch lines in British Columbia as it will have to make some more

in order to maintain its prestige in what

is rapidly becoming the most valuable and important part of Canada. A gang of men

"Scotty" McNeil and James Gammon, while hunting near Steamboat Springs, says Virginia (Nev.) special to the San Franco Chronicle, shot and wounded a rabbit which disappeared in a hole in the ground near by. On digging for it they discovered ontracts. there was a cave or opening beneath the hole. Procuring implements, they enlarged the opening sufficiently to admit of exploring, and entering through the excavation found themselves in an old tunnel. Hanging on one of the tunnel timbers was an old vest containing \$416 in coln, mostly in \$20 pieces bearing date of 1852, and a gold watch. After further exploration an eightnch vein of quartz, rich in gold, was dis covered, a small quantity of which powdered up in a mortar showed \$38 in yellow

notice of location on the ground and "Scotty" returned to his home, where he exhibited reveral rich specimens of quartz taken from the vein, but said nothing of the treas-ure found in the vest. Gammon, his part-ner, did not prove so close-mouthed, and imparted to a few acquaintances the story of his good luck. Officers of Reno heard

of it, and one of them come here yesterday and took "Scotty" to the latter place, where the coin and watch found were turned over "Scotty" was to the proper authorities, and "Scotty" was released from custody.

The air in the tunnel is too foul for further investigation until a larger opening is made to ascertain whether the remains the owner of the vest are there. Pioneer residents of the vicinity are credited with e statement that over thirty years ago two men were mining where the tunnel is located, ne of whom was a Mexican. The supposi tion is that the owner of the vest found was imprisoned by a caving of the ground and that further exploration will result in the discovery of his skeleton. The news of the discovery of the gold ore caused a stampede from Reno and vicinity, and the ground near where the find was made is now covered with notices of mining locations.

RICH OREGON MINES.

In a radius of eighty miles around this very important station on the Union Pacific ratiroad, says a Baker City (Ore) dispatch to the Spokane Chronicle, is the great free milling district of the Pacific northwest, from which millions of dollars in free gold, of the residences. They do not run away unless somebody purposely tries to frighten them. For many years past the sight of a mountain sheep has been a rarity in Colobeen producers for years are the Old Virtue, which has been producing from \$18,000 to \$46,000 per month for years; the old White Swan is another well known property and a great producer; of the newer properties the Bonanza is most attractive at present. It is now producing from a ten-stamp mill from \$26,000 to\$40,000 per month. The Flag Staff company is erecting a twenty-stamp mill to handle the ore from its property, which at present shows over six feet of free mill-ing ore that mills over \$100 per ton; the Rachel is operating a mill and getting fine results; the Friday & Commtock has a shaft down 150 feet and is getting ore that is milling \$27.00 per ton; the Columbia is also producing the same character of ore, it being an extension of the former. In the same district is the Perry, Gordon, Phillips. Cyclone, Red Jacket, Gertrudo and Empire and many others. The advantages of this s now producing from a ten-stamp mill from and many others. The advantages of this camp are: It is accessible; supplies of all kinds are cheap and plentiful; the ore being absolutely free milling owners are relieve

of railway and smelter charges; this being an old camp there is no excitement, and seekers of gold properties, at reasonable figures, can find them in this district; and there is no district that equals it for places mines, as it takes in the John Day and the Granite creek districts.

THE DAKOTAS.

Nellie Ormeby of Deadwood located a claim in the Ragged Top district and a recent assay of rock taken off her land showed the presence of \$360 ore.

Work on the new Indian schools at Cham-berlain and Rapid City will be commenced as early in the spring as the weather will permit, the Indian bureau having just given notice that it is prepared to receive bids. The buildings are to be of brick and will cousions have been granted to Huntington each have a capacity for seventy-five schol- method had gone unobserved. In the past

Robert Atkins has made a very important strike near the Hayden pass about two miles north of Swift. It assays \$108 in gold. Mr. Atkins is now in on a tunnel about sixty feet and intends to continue it 440 feet further, cutting three or four other

Eighteen good strikes have been made in the Cripple Creek district aince the first of the year. The mills and samplers are all running to their fullest capacity, and the output of ore for the month of January, 1897, will probably equal if not ex-

Brown & Berry at Camp Carter are reported o have made a very rich strike on the Suckton Horn. The strike was made in of Harney. All have squaws and children except ten. A representative of the Herald new shaft, that is being sunk, and is down only 10 feet. The pay ore reaches clean across the lead and is so rich in free gold tives it as his opinion that the Indians are in earnest, and will, as soon as practicable, out in effect their intentions, draw school that the ore is being sacked for shipmen The recent strike of tellurium in the old

Melvina, in Boulder county, turns out to be much more important than was first exnected. The drift on the vein has been driv en sixty feet, in ore all the way. No test of the main pay streak has been made, but the mill dirt shows a value of eight ounce to the ton.

James Terry, a leasee on the Della S mine at Aspen, is being congratulated over striking a little pocket of ore that runs 17. 000 ounces to the ton in silver. While the trike made by Terry tops that made ently by Tuley & Fuller in one of the As pen Mining and Smelting company's prop-erties, and shows 7,000 ounces more to the ton in value, it is not nearly so extensive. Tuley & Fuller have taken out several tons of their 10,000-ounce stuff, but Terry will consider himself lucky if he succeeds in get ting out two tons.

Silver Cliff and West Cliff are listening to explosions of giant powder by the Bull Domingo boys. After sinking 218 feet and drifting seventy-five feet from the 1,000-foot level they have cut the ore body, which proves to be the most valuable mineral ever found in that property. The ore is of the same character as previously taken out, but is far richer. They are now in eight feet of solid mineral. The dead work has occupied over a year and has been operated upon something of a co-operative plan. The lesses issued stock, which has been almost entirely taken by home capitalists and employes. Rev. Fathen Servant is secretary of the company, and has rendered valuable service in placing stock and also in directing matters at the mine.

Great excitement has been created in the camp at Trinidad and district by the exhibition of some beautiful specimens of free gold which was brought in by Tom Sparks, one of the lessees of the Deadwood mining claim, owned by Stubbs & Reynolds of Cold rado Springs. These specimens are the most beautiful that have ever been seen and a very small sample of which, assayed by crysometer test, gave over \$100,000 per ton. These specimens are of a white silicious quartz, which was literally full of wires and leaves of free gold. They were found in the form of nuggets or kidneys formed in the gangue of the Deadwood vein. this On claim they have a tunnel ninety feet deep and a vein of solid quartz two feet wide and and a vein of solid quartz two feet as for a vein of solid quartz in the streak of gauge on the hanging wall about six inches wide. There are two feet of solid quartz in the vein, which shows value by mill run test of \$52 per ton.

WYOMING.

Word has reached Casper from Ferris that an old pioneer is privately recruiting a company of mountaineers to go and fight for the freedom of Cuba. Thirty-five of Natroma and larbon county old Indian fighters have volunteered.

Casper citizens have just awakened to Casper citizens nave just awarmon of in-realization of a new importance the oil in-dustry is to them. Since the refinery opened last month, after a prolonged closedown, the new refiner. Mr. Atmore, late of Los Angeles, Cal., has been using crude oil for fuel to better advantage than even the Rock Springs coal, and as a result many of our citizens are using the crude oil for both heating and cooking purposes, and at a saving of about 30 per cent over coal. Being surrounded by 30 per cent over coal. il on every side, this simple and satisfactory

long the latter force will remain probably The cattle inspected by the men in the emdepends on the amount of money on hand ploy of the state had a value of \$410,514. to continue the work. It is said that the reason of this sudden suspension of work The same inspectors recovered 20,275 head is on account of the amount of the approof strays during the same time. priation for the Fort Stevens improven Buena Vista and added having been almost exhausted. For the past collection, says the Ontario (Cal.) Record. A five months from 100 to 150 men have been engaged on the work.

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Nearly all of the wheat raised last year

The Vidette says Alexander McLeod has

secured deeds to 250,000 acres of timber land in Chehalis county.

In Lewis county contracts have been made

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vaquero found it lying down,and approaching quietly, was able to catch and tie it with About twenty-five Piute Indians called on the worthy register and receiver at the Burns land office, says the Burns Herald, little resistance. It is doubtless because these animals are protected by law and are no longar hunted that they are so gentle and declared the intention of sixty of their and apparently fearless of man. tribe to settle on government land early in the spring. They desire to locate in one body, and on land east of Burns and south

A Stockton man named Maxwell, while hunting cattle, discovered a large body of very superior quality of gilsonite within sixteen miles of Price, Utah. The vein is thirty-three feet thick. It has been tested by an expert chemist, and he claims it to be worth twelve and a half cents per pound. By pouring turpentine on it it dissolves and makes an excellent polish, as smooth and hard as the best varnish.

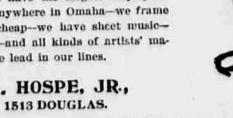
Advices from Las Cruces, N. M., state that President Edgerton, head of the Scotch syndicate which is to dam the Rio Grande near Fort Seldon, has gone to London present his final report to the capitalists who are back of the enterprise. The report is highly favorable, the preliminary work has been finished and all the details carefully figured out. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe company has finished a spur to the dam In the Washington state reform school at Chehalis there are 104 boys and thirty girls. The cost of the school for two years has been \$48,550, including \$5,000 paid for land. For company has finished a spur to the tain about to be delivered. With two possible exceptions this is to be the largest water storage reservoir in the world. It will cost storage reservoir in the world. It will cost

money and labor for the purpose of building a wagon road to the Gold Hill mining district. A call is now being made upon Ta- | Fort Seldon and El Paso.

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