higher rate of interest from every man who the case, but the direct result of placing the enemy of all classes of society.

money lender causes him to require the New York World To be society. money lender causes him to require large securities for a small loan. One thing is certain. If the law does not protect the money loarer he will protect himself and when compelled to protect himself a greater hardship is worked on the borrower than

Geneva Signal: We look for the passage by the legislature of bills cutting \$500 from the salaries paid the heads of state institus the easiest possible way o keeping the reform promises that populist candidates were so lavish with last fail. We hoped to use some of these cuts made years ago and still think they are visable, but they will make a slender thread for a legislator to hang a reform record on is not probable that any other cuts in the state expenses will be seriously at-tempted. Some of the bills reducing the salaries of heads of institutions have already passed the house, the Geneva school bill being in this list.

Norfolk Journal: The most outrageous piece of political work that has been done by the members of any political party was the unseating of the republican representa-tives from Douglas county by the "reform" majority of the legislature. There was no proof that warranted the action taken and if the excuse made by some who voted to un-seat were honest, then the seats of all the members from Dauglas county should have been declared vacant. The whole thing was simply an abuse of power by a brutal majority whose avowed object is to get enough "reform" majority in the house to override the constitution. It ought to be a long time before Nebraska indulges in another "reform" legislature.

Greeley Leader-Independent: In addition to the \$47,000 asked for the Milford Soldiers Home there will be a deficit of \$12,000 to \$15 000 to be made up for past expenses beside Fifteen thousand dollars at the Grand Island home would give better accommodation to the wards of the state and more of it than the entire amount dropped at Milford. If this legislature is wise, it will make suitable provision for the home the state owns, but it will not sanction the purchase of another one at two prices and maintain two sets of officers, steam plants and the like, when one is abundantly able to do all the work required. Let the state pay the deficit and close the thing up without further loss, but guard against any other similar jobs.

Grand Island Independent: The lawyers in the senate are favoring a bill reducing the prices of publishing legal notices, but we have failed to notice any bill from the same source for a reduction in the price of attorneys' fees. But the populist newspapers will be affected equally with the republican by the change in rates proposed and there is not much danger of the presenrates being reduced. However, it will be well enough for all newspaper men to carefully note the names of the senators and representatives who vote for a reduction of the schedule, which is none too high at present. Without the favorable support of their local papers but very few of the members of the legislature would be holding down a seat beneath the capitol dome.

THE WRECKED POOL.

Philadelphia Times: Not only will American steel rails hereafter be cheaper than him removed from office. they have ever been before, but our American manufacturers will be prepared to supply the American market and also undersell England in her own markets. American steel thus scores a substantial and enduring triumph, and it is an impressive fingerboard for our other great manufacturers.

Buffalo Express: The steel billet pool went to pieces a few weeks ago and now the beam pool is the only combination of steel manufacturers left. Industry will be im-proved when that, too, collapses. The breaking up of these combinations is an effect of the dull times, but the opening of trade to free competition presages the early appearance of better conditions all along the line. Chicago Post: The community at large is distinctly the gainer from a change involve ing a general revival of activity in so important an industry as that of steel rails. Its effects are wide and far-reaching, as it stimulates the railroad industry and many other branches of business in close connection therewith. If the present prices are too low a reaction is soon bound to develop, but no restoration of the conditions prevailing pal.
under the pool is probable or desirable.

phia Press a return of prosperity could exist. The rail. roads, in prosperous years, new work and maintenance taken together, consume rearly half the iron manufactured in the country With prices sustained at an artificial level, certain eventually to be abandoned, no railroad would buy more steel rails than were imperatively necessary. The purchase of steel rails is a practical measure of the railroad demand for iron in all its forms. With these purchases curtailed the general market

for iron suffered. Chicago Tribune: The steel rail pool

which has existed under one form or another for the last thirty years and has extorted millions of dollars from the American railroads, seems to have gone to pieces for good. Its downfall is due to the determination of the roads, which are not making much money at present, not to buy rails at a price which they know as grossly exorbi-tant and also to the fact that Mcosrs. Carnegle and Rockefeller have decided more money in cheap rails than in dear rails.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Carroll Herald: The dry goods box orator whose wife has supported him by taking in washing since the crime of 1873, who has never done an honest day's work in his has resumed his place at the street corner to talk about the hard times and the "return of prosperity under the gold stand-What difference does it make to these loafers and deadbeats what kind of times we have?

Ottumwa Courier: Women of Nebraska must wait four more years at least before exercising the right of suffrage. That is the verdict of the lower house of the legisla-ture, which, by a vote of 55 to 35, decided to indefinitely table the bill providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment looking to this end. It was not made a party question, but it met with solid oppo-sition of the republican minority.

Davenport Republican: A banquet given to 200 prominent citizens of Des Moines for the express purpose of discussing the beet sugar industry, was a novelty. Hon. "Tama Jim" Wilson was the principal speaker, and was greeted with a storm of applause. His statement that from experiments made a the Agricultural college he was satisfied that our soil waas the best of any in the world for the growing of sugar beels, and that the great state of Iowa could procure \$100,000,000 more from the products of her soil, was rather startling. The Iowa Agricultural college is ready to demonstrata that these beets can be grown at home, and hundreds of millions spent every year brought to the coffers of the Iowa farmer.

THE SUGAR-COATED COMBINE.

New York World: According to the showing of the Sugar trust magnates themselves they have made over a quarter of a billion dollars in ten years. The country's total stock of gold in circulation is less than half a billion. But no matter how much lawlessness pays, the laws should be enforced.

Chicago Chronicle: It has often been a matter of wonder why so many trusts went to New Jersey to incorporate. Mr. Have-meyer explained this in his testimony before the Lexow committee when he said: "The laws are more favorable. There are fewer chances of legislative smelling committees and there is less legislative interference with business. It is for the purpose of heading off congressional "emelling committees" and legislative interference with husiness that the Sugar trust is trying to have its candi-date appointed as attorney general of the United States.

St. Louis Republic: Trusts never hesisell as far below cost as may necessary to bring an enemy to terms. When the independent interest has been forced to surrender the losses are quickly repaired from the pockets of the people. How long after Arbuckie has been whipped into line will coffee be sold at an unprofitable price? After all, therefore, the plea that the com-bines benefit the public is false. The temporary advantage of low prices while the combine is fighting for the control of the market is more than offset by the squeeze when the object of the combine is accom-

plished. In the restriction of the output wishes to invest borrowed capital on ac- and the tyrannical conditions imposed on count of the few who allow the security to trade merchants and producers, as well as be taken for the debt. Not alone is this consumers, suffer from the combine. It is

New York World: There are other gigantic trusts whose existence is a matter of co mon notoriety. They should be probed the bottom and their true character laid are. If their purpose or effect be the destruction of competition and monopoly of rade it is high time to determine whether they are not unlawful combinations, and whether there is any power in the state to protect the people against their growing

xactions and autocratic away. Hoston Transcript: The Sugar trust's arrogance has swollen to a point where it considers itself superior to the laws of the state, and they have given it so little trouble that there is some reason in its position. There are two sources of profit, first from the sale of sugar, and, secondly, from the manipulation of the stock market, and it s into these latter mysteries that the pubile and most of the stockholders are not admitted. Sults for this same purpose have been brought before, but ways have been found to keep the matter from trial or the ouris of last resort. One of the Havenevers admitted before the Lexow commit tee that the trust did 75 per cent of the sugar business of the country and controlled the prices of the whole of it.

SHAM POLICE REFORM.

me out ahead, as usual

Tecumseh Chieftain: The Omaha Bee Is making a powerful crusade against the dens of infamy that infest certain districts of ory is that the properties have been secured as a result of these relations. The nuisances it will not be because The Bee has failed to do its duty in the premises.

Wallace Tug: Omaha is tough againthat is, in her normal condition—judging from spect. The fact that there is great activity the light thrown on the situation by The in copper mining lends color to the statedee, which is making a strong effort to have ment that the deposits are to be worked the city renovated before the opening of the by some combination strong enough to pro-Transmississippi Exposition. Here's to vide all the necessary plant and facilities colonel Rosewater, the Parkhurst of Neoraska's metropolis.

Herman Herald: The Bee is getting after the Omaha police force in a way that makes things hum, and there is no doubt but what the police need every line of it. It is a well known fact that the poor and inocent stands about as much chance of jus-ice as a snowball has of existence in a fur-But how can things be made better by turning one set of graffers out and plac-ng another set in power?

Pender Times: The preachers of Omaha hat signed that memorial to the legislature asking that the present police board be re-tained on account of the excellent manner which they have transacted the business of that town—morally and otherwise—have found out several things that they didn't know of, or at least didn't want to know of.

The Bee is keeping them posted. North Platt Tribune: According to the tories told by the Bee, the policemen and etectives of Omaha are without parallel for stupidity. Thieves have grown so bold that they even make way with teams left temporarily standing on the principal thoroughfares of the city and the hawk-shaws are unable to get any clue to the thieves. If such inefficiency was displayed by a constable of some sand-hill precinct in Lincoln county, the inhabitants would promptly have

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Strange, isn't it, that there should be fric tion in Crete with so much Greece avail-

able. It costs \$400 a ton to make armor plate and \$200 a shot that will reduce it to the ondition of scrap iron.

William Walderf Aster has 4,000 houses in New York City and an income of \$6,000,-900 a year to blow in London. Secretary Olney is the only member of the

A personal friend vouches for the state politics for a living,

The party who showed the most nerve in that Santa Fe hold-up was the robber who got away with a batch of registered letters the work. while the mail clerk was busy shooting his

William E. Ceake of Portsmouth, R. I. who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, claims to be a distinct triumph of the weed. He has chewed tobacco for eightytwo years.

Ex-Governor Long of Massachusetts who s slated for a cabinet position, is said to this is only a beginning. Until now we be afflicted with the poetry habit. As sechate not had time to arrange for the shipretary of the navy he can test his sonnets

Editor Porter, the new president's new secretary, is described as a tall and graceful man with a winning smile and a hearty He is witty, friendly and generous laugh. never offending people on personal grounds General Jo Shelby ranked with Custer and Mosby among the most picturesque figures of the war, and his ride to Mexico to under go a second defeat with Maximilian was perhaps the nost romantic and dramatic incident of the entire struggle.

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Yonkers Statesman: "What is a crank,

papa?"
"A crank, my son, is a fellow who goes around with his wheels." Detroit Free Press: "Julia, are you going to send any valentines this year?" "Well, I think I will send you that spite-ful comic one you sent me last year." Philadelphia North American:

possible fascination can there be about Arctic exploration?"
"Well, for one thing, they have such a long night there that no one can object to t man staying out occasionally." Indianapolis Journal: "Whew!" said the rummer. "This place smells like a drug "Fixed it that away on ourpose," said the barkeeper, "Lot of Kansas fellers in the way, and we want to make it seem home-

Yale Record: Physician-You have only a tew minutes to live. Have you any last Patient-I wish I had engaged another

Washington Star: "I stood there in the silent night," said Willie Wishington, "wrapped in thought," "Dear met" murmured Miss Cayenne, "How chilly you must have been!"

Chicago Record: "Things are looking "How so?"
"Some fellow has invented a cash re-ter for married men's trousers pockets."

New York Herald: Bilkins-Say, old man thear that Smith is engaged in a business that won't bear the light of day.
Wilkins—You don't mean it! Counterfeiting ch?
Wilkins—Oh, no, he's only developing shotographs.

Chicago Tribune: "Have you read the Story of the Baptist Youch and the Pressible Personal Maiden' that has just come out?" No. It ends unhappily, and I make it a point not to read tragedies. "Ends unhappily? Why it ends with the marriage of the youth and the maiden." I know it does."

and delayed by right-of-way disputes. Sixty-three miles of the new track will be used by both extensions, which separate three miles south of Fresno and come together again sixty miles north of Bakers-field. The company's officials estimate that the cost of this new mileage will not exceed \$3.540,000, or not over \$20,000 a mile.

YE LADYE AND YE BOOKE AGENTE.

He clombe ye steppes and rang ye belic, Putte onne ya blandest emyle, And whenne ye ladyo didde appeare Beganne inne ya best style;

'Fayre ladye, I have heere a worke,
Iffe you willo butte give eare—"
'Notte onne youre lyfe!" upspake ye dame
"Can't gette youre worke inne heere!"

WHAT SHE DOES.

What do you do when you go to sleep— What does little Gladys do? on't do nothin' but dream oy you, An' hug my ma an' love her, too, n' dream sweet dreams for me an' you— 'At's what I do when I'm asleep!

And what do you do when you awake—
What does little Gladys do?
Don't do nothin' but kisa my pa
An' love an' kiss and hug my ma,
An' love 'em mostest you ever saw—
'At's what I do when I 'wake!

And what do you do all through the day.
What does little Gladys do?
Don't do nothin' but sing all day.
An' dis romp round with dolly an' play.
We is in fairyland, far away—
'At's what I do all day!
CLARENCE P. M'DONALD.
Omaha, Neb.

Pulse of Western Progress.

SHORT MOUNTAIN RAILROAD.

people of Marin county, and especially inter-esting to railroad men and civil engineers,

may shortly be made by the Mill Valley and

Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railroad company in the extending of its road to Bolinas, on the

line is only three miles, the route of the

road will be about seven miles in length, on account of the numerous loops that must

e constructed in order to obtain easy and

tradual grades for the mountain engines.

Engineers have already looked over the route

Talmapais Scenic road and running in a northerly direction, crossing to the north-

GOLD IN SEASHORE SANDS.

John Palmetta of Valley Ford has just

arrived with a bottle of very fine specimens of flake gold, says a Santa Rosa special to

the gold with a local jeweler, who will send it to San Francisco to be assayed.

bay, and he resolved to do a little investi-

gating. He took his tools and commenced operations in the sands only a few feet

methods, and he thinks that the find, if tol-lowed up, will lead to something very val-uable. As Palmetta secured his first spec-imens in the black sands in territory swept

been found in a number of places in Sonoma

COPPER IN THE WATER

W. F. Carson of Tacoma, traveling passes

report the greatest activity, notwithstand-

ing the advent of winter, says the Port

"The prespectors are sticking a little close

to the camps on account of the snow," said Mr. Carson, "but otherwise there is as much

The Kootenal is such a wenderful country that if half the truth were told of its min-

eral wealth it would not be credited. A recent find that has excited a great deal of

attention is the discovery of an actual cop

the Lilloeet district, just north of Spencer's

oridge, on the Canadian Pacific. The water

100 gallons of water. William Pritch-

ard Morgan, a Welsh member of Parliament

rominently known in Wales, Australia and

with a party of mining experts for Japan and China December 8. He was very much

interested in the reports he received of the

pring, and not only left one of his experts

chind to make investigation, but is said

have offered \$100,000 for 51 per cent of

Recent discoveries on the Cle-Ellum will put that district in the same rank as the Silverton and Mount Index districts as a

great prospective producer of copper, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Paul Gaston.

an experienced mining man, has become

the owner of the Grandview group of three

said:

claims, on Ingalls creek, regarding which he

"The claims are all on one ledge ten to twelve feet wide, between walls of granite

and porphyry and granite and serpentine. The pay streak is eighteen inches to four feet wide and carries red and black oxide of

copper, with masses of native copper weighing 400 to 1,000 pounds, and has black oxide on each side. I have run a tunnel sixty feet, giving a depth of eighty feet, and intend to put men to work right away to con-

tinue another tunnel to cross-cut the ledge at a depth of 140 feet to 150 feet. The low-est assays have shown 10 per cent copper and \$6 gold, and the value has ranged as

high as 60 per cent copper and \$15 gold. The property is distant fourteen miles by wagon

road from Cle-Ellum or Roslyn, being within half a mile of the road."

Elmer Thornburg, a saising man of Gran-te, Ore., arrived at his home, says the Port-

land Telegram, after having a most exciting trip across the mountains on snowshoes and

narrowly escaping being food for a couple

of fierce and hungry bears. Thornburg is interested in mining ground away down in a

region known as "Descistion," in the lower North Fork country, and one day recently he concluded it would be wisdom on his part

to take a trip down to see how the camp was prospering and take the United States

mail and extras in to the boys. The journey to within about four miles of the camp was made without difficulty by Thornburg.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEARS.

COPPER AT CLE-ELLUM.

per spring, known as the 'Red Blanket,'

a lively revival in mining here.

land Oregonian.

ounty within the past few years, and it is

o Bolinas.

Much interest attaches to the vielt here | poses intended. The surveyor has been apof Joseph Johnson, superintendent of the New York Construction and Equipment company, says a Boise, Idaho, dispatch to the pany, says a Boise, Idaho, dispatch to the subsidized by the government, or will the Denver Republican. Mr. Johnson states his latter build it itself?" company has taken a contract to build 102 miles of railroad from Weiser, on the Oregon Short Line, into the Seven Devils district. The contract is conditional upon the result of an examination he is making into the character of the work to be done. The line was surveyed some years ago, but capital has not been forthcoming to construct the road. Special importance is given to the present movement by a statement coming from another quarter that the great copper properties in the Seven Devils district have sen sold to Standard Oil magnates. It is Marin coast, says a Mill Valley (Cal.) dis-elleved, if the road is about to be built, patch to the San Francisco Examiner. The believed, if the road is about to be built, that they are at the back of it and that opper mining on a huge scale is to be inaugurated. The copper deposits there are be lieved to be among the most extensive in the world. Heretofore the properties have Hastings Tribure: The Bee is making a been owned by Montana men, and they have been owned by Montana men, and they have been held idle in the interest of the Montana producers no doubt but what The Bee will tana producers. It is understood that the Standard people have been connected with the owners in some manner for some years.

in gold, and the men who shall work the

mines will have an advantage in that re-

per producers. SULPHUR IN THE CASCADES. J. A. Kenneth of Orting recently discovered a vast deposit of exceedingly pure sulphur in the Cascade mountains not far from the Northern Pacific railroad, says a Tacoma special to the San Francisco Chronicle. The exact location of the deposit is not generally known. The lucky finder says he succeeded in calling the attention of John D. Rocke-feller and his friends to the property. Their epresentative arrived in Tacoma and was not here by Mr. Kenneth. The two men have one to the place of the deposits, and it is understood that Rockefeller or some one closely connected with him will open the claims and probably purchase them outright. It is claimed the sulphur can be placed aboard the cars on the Northern Pacific tracks at a cost of \$6 a ton, and that sulphur of the same grade can be sold in the San Francisco market for \$28 a ton. It is claimed there is \$80,000 worth of sulphur in sight, and that San Francisco imports \$78,000 worth each year. A sample of the product was shown in Tacama. It was of pure yellow color and burns freely when golden particle that caused him to throw lighted. Kenneth believes the deposit to be inexhaustible, as it crops out on the hills on all sides. He feels sure he has made his fortune and expects to sell the store he has was rewarded by finding a number of other kept at Orting for years. One result of the flakes, some larger than the first. He was discovery will be to stop importations of so well pleased with his first day's panning

sulphur into the northwest for use in curing that he constructed a rocker and prepared to do business on quite an extensive plan Mr. Robert A. Graham, general superintendent of the Coca Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad, and manager of the Beaver Hill Coal company, in Coos county saw, the Hill Coal company, in Coos county, says the Portland Oregonian, is one of the busy men of the state at the present time. Since his advent into Oregon, several years ago, his career as a railroad builder and developer of career as a railroad builder and developer of the resources of that part of the state in which he is operating has been an active one. Regarding the building of the resources in that part of the considerable interest in the considerable in cabinet who takes his constitutional every which he is operating has been an active day. He sprints a mile straight away and one. Regarding the building of the railroad under his management, that now has terminus at Myrtle Point, Mr. Graham ment that Senator Quay was afflicted with bashfulness. That was before he took to politics for a living. be completed to that city in one year. We have all the necessary rails for the road on hand, and plenty of funds to carry on the work." Regarding the operations of the Beaver Hill Coal company, of which he is general manager. Mr. Graham said: "We ger agent at Vancouver, have just returned ger agent at Vancouver, have just returned general manager, Mr. Graham said: "We are now down 2.000 feet, and have 530 men employed. Most of these are engaged on development work, and every day adds to the value and permanency of the mine. We

are now taking out an average of 1,600 tons of fine, merchantable coal each week, but ment of our coal product to this market, owing to the increased demands made upon One lot was sent here some time ago by the steamer Arcata, and later the Alice Blanchard arrived with a full cargo. The coal is finding a ready sale thus early, and there is no reason that Portland should not profit by the coming and going of regular steamers between this city and Coop bay. There is a chance to open new avenues of trade that will prove profitable both ways." It is well known that Mr. Graham is backed by J. M. Spreckels, the well known Califor-nia capitalist, in his various enterprises. and this fact of itself brings assurance of

VALLEY ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

All is bustle and activity at the offices

ccess to his undertakings.

of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley railroad preparing for New constru tion work south of Fresno, says the San Francisco Examiner. Orders have been given to Division Engineer E. A. McFarland to change his headquarters from Stockton to Fresno. He will be Ch . Engineer Storey's active representative at the front as was the case when the road was being constructed to Fresno. At Stockton for some time past he has been acting as superintendent of the road now in operation. Mr. McFarland will be located at Fresno on and after February 15 and Chief Engineer Storey will select for him a corps of assistants. Their first duty will be to quickly go over the final surveys made last year between Fresno and Bakersfield and replace such of the survey stakes as have been lost or changed from their po sitions. Contracts for grading south Fresno for a considerable distance have been practically decided upon, but the directors are keeping the facts quiet until after their meeting, when it is expected that they will be formally ratified. It is generally believed that Grant Bros., wealthy railroad contractors of Albuquerque, N. M., have secured the work. Work on the extension by way of Hanford is to be commenced first because the rightsof-way on that route are all settled except three. The extension by the way of Reedley and Visalia will be commenced just as soon as rights-of-way are adjusted. Altogether about 177 miles of road will be con-structed and Vice President Watt and his associates say they will be able to complete this new mileage this year if not hampered and delayed by right-of-way disputes. Sixty-three miles of the new track will be used by both extensions, which separate

This expense will include the cost of two large bridges over the Kings river. RAILROAD IN ALASKA. The cause of the rejuvenation at Wrange is due to the well founded hope that the city will become a terminal point for travel to the Yukon via the Stickeen river and a railroad that is to run to Lake Teslin, says the Alaska News, published at Juneau City. The Stickeen is the only great river reaching had to abandon his snowshoes and take to Alaska News, published at Juneau Stickeen is the only great river reaching the interior from the Pacific coast and is really the only natural highway to points beyond the coast range of mountains. From a point up the river, approximately 150 miles, to Lake Teslin is about 175 or 200 miles, the proposed route of the reliroad being over the rel in conversation with him relative to the building of the road he became very enthusi-astic over the prospective benefits which naturally would accrus to Wrangel. "The first intimation we had of the building of the road was received last October," said be, "when we noticed an item of

liminary survey was included in the budget presented to the Canadian parliament. The

ate all the bacon and other good things pointed, he has made up his staff and is ex-pected in Wrangel by the end of April."
"Will the road be built, by private capital Then they turned their attention to Thorn-burg. Flerce with hunger, their savage appetites just whetted sufficiently to make a fat man taste good, the bears put their huge paws around the slender tree trunk and en-"That I do not know, although I judge it will be by the former method. Two applications have already been made for a charter deavored to reach him. Breaking off a branch of the tree. Thornburg rapped smartly each black nose that came within reach, and bruin would go away growling, only to return when the pain had ceased. This was the best and only defense the pursued man could avail himself of. In the meantime he began to and I am reliably informed three-fourths of the capital necessary to build and equip the road has been subscribed, principally in Mon-treal, with some faw aubscriptions in Vic-toria and Seattle." vell at the top of his voice in the hopes that his cries might reach camp. They finally did and Mr. Dickison and Ed Flaherty came out A move of the greatest importance to the with their trusty rifles and made it possible for the unarmed and unbarmed man to de-

scend from his perch. THE DAKOTAS.

The creamory at Ashton, S. D., has a good business management, for it has paid for its plant with \$300 surplus during its six months

line is mountainous and the construction of the road will require engineering skill of no mean quality. While the distance from the summit of Mount Tamalpais to the town of Bolinas, on the Pacific ocean, in an air It is said that the water wheels in the Jim river are killing an innumerable lot of fish this year. Sometimes the water is covered with oil from the crushed bodies. The Great Northern railroad has prac-

tically abandoned its line between Water-town and Huron, sixty-nine miles, until spring, and has made contracts for teams to carry mails along the line Orders have been placed with the Edge and assert that the most feasible plan is to run the line commencing from the extreme at thwestern point now reached by the mont Stone company for seventy carloads of building stone to be used in the construction of the smelter. The Edgement quarry is one of the most wonderful in the country

It is about eighty feet thick and is almost all what is known as grindstone, with a three-foot layer of glass beyeling stone. vestern slope of the mountain and descending Talmapais by a 7 per cent grade, which the engineers claim it is possible to obtain, which is still finer and harder than the grindstone. to Willow Beach, on the Pacific ocean, and from there skirt the beach and proceed Prominent Woman's Christian Temperand to Bolinas. This route will open the vast estates which lie between Mill Valley and Bolinas and which are now almost idle and union women at Vermillion are circulating a petition to the legislature, praying that body to bring the woman's suffrage question vithout means of communication or trans-The paper ha before the people in 1898. portation, except by stage to San Rafael, the name seyond this primitive method and a tedious the city. the names of nearly every business man in the city. This movement is general throughout the state, each local Woman's Christian Temperance union in the different cities having been supplied with the printed petitrip by schooner, Bolinas has no way of transporting its products to the metropolis.

and in consequence the progress exhibited by the towns in California is sadly lacking in the little city on the Marin coast. A rich strike has been made in the lime stone, ten miles west of Custer. Assays show the ore to run from \$16 to \$175 per ton. The ore is similar to that of Ragged Top-almost pure calcite. During the last dx weeks about 200 assays have been made he San Francisco Chronicle. Palmetta left from ores of the limestone. In every instance gold was found, from a trace up to Palmetta had heard for some time that gold could be found along the coast of Bodega \$9 per ton. The find here proves that the ccurrence of gold in limestone is not confined to a single locality, but tends over a vast extent of country. s at least 2,000 square miles of limestone exposed in the Black Hills.

from the line swept by the sea at low tide. The gold hunter had not worked many hours The city auditor of Sioux Falls, S. D., has cald over to the Minnehaha Natonal bank \$500, which finishes the payment of \$29,-\$67.27 which the city guaranteed to pay for the right of way on the Sloux Falls & Yank-ton. The original obligation was \$22,900, and he balance was paid as interest. The \$20,000 onds issued by the city to pay for the right of way of the Omaha, sold nineteen years ago, will be paid next year. The money is dready in hand. These bonds have drawn 10 per cent interest, and when they mature the city will have paid \$40,000 in interest, or wice the face of the bonds, and will still we the original claim.

Paul Narcelle, the old settler who died re cently at his ranch on the Cheyenne river, sear Pierre, is thought to have left buried ochind a large sum of money. From all accounts he was worth \$50,000. His custom f concealing his money where no one but himself could find it was known for years and caused his sons, Narcisse and Ed, the erable interest in that part of the county, and a number of prospectors will be at work with pick and pan in the guiches there within the next few days. Gold has ceenest annoyance. The old man refused t bank it, however, and invariably succeeds in cluding his pursuers whenever an attempt was made to follow him to any of his var ous places for concealment. His farm will e thoroughly dug over, but with small hope believed the latest discovery will result in that more than a fraction of his large for tune will ever be located.

G. W. Arnell, an old-timer who reside n an extensive stretch of bottom land a thort distance north of Chamberlain on the Missouri river, fully believes that the "Big Muddy" will be on the rampage in the spring, and that the flood at that time will rival the memorable one in the spring of 1881. In accordance with this belief, which occasioned by the vast amount of snew which has fallen throughout the entire re gion drained by the Missouri, he is pre paring to remove his stock and other property to higher ground before the breaking he river. He fears that ice gorges will form it points where the stream is broad and shallow, and that the backwater will floor the bottom lands along the river.

work going on as if there were not from two to three feet of snow on the ground. A most unique method of thleving has just been discovered in Devil's Lake, N. D. A large barrel of genuine old "forty rod" had ain in the depot for come time awaiting a claimant. Such articles are usually con-signed C. O. D. The consignee was a blind pigger, who conceived the idea of not only n solution runs 39.7 pounds of copper to beating the consigner out of his bill, but the railroad company of its freight. At the proper 200 gallons, and 10,000 gallons a day come tumbling down the mountain ride. This is time of the mosn he esconced himself under the depot and directly under the barrel the only real copper spring that is known of, with the exception of one in Idaho, and With an auger he bored through the floo that only flows two pounds of the metal nd the bottom of the barrel and down came the liquor in casks previously arranged to receive it. If all had gone according to cal-culation a net profit of something like \$300 would have followed. The actual result was outh Africa through his extensive mining interests, heard of the Red Blanket copper spring prior to his sailing from Vancouver that the unique thief is now in jail awaiting trial at the next term of court. COLORADO.

Work on the new railroad to Twin Lakes vill be begun at Leadville within thirty

lays. The eighteen-inch body of ore recently un overed in the Copperopolis mine, on West mountain, and from which were obtained running as high as 1,000 ounces in silver, is reported to be holding well, and shipments of ore averaging 200 and 150 ounces are being made.

In Fall River district more prospecting and development is being done than for some time past, and several good strikes are re ported, among them being one in the old Specie Payment, which runs away up. A present the mine is worked by seven sets o leasers, all doing well. There have recently been some very rich

veins uncovered about six miles from La Veta, on Indian creek, and are between three and four feet wide at a depth of ten feet. The ore is what is known as copper glacer, and assays from 15 to 60 per cent copper, with some silver.

Jeobe Love has just made a new atrike it he Iron mine at Rico. After this property had lain idle for several months, pending sale, Mr. Love resumed work, and the fifth shot broke into a new ore body, which car ried from 500 to 600 ounces in silver. The fron mine has in the past proved a most valuable property. Advices from Leadville are to the effect

that many of the strikers are going out into the hills with pick and shovel and are doing some very effective prospecting, while others are leasing old claims, many of which have not been worked since the slump in silver, and are employing union men, paying per day for work. A postoffice has been established in the

ochetopa Hills to be called Perry, to

The Silver Plume prospect at a depth of ninety-six feet has opened an ore body that assays an ounce in gold and 1,000 in silver. Another claim produced samples that ran we ounces in gold. Cattle on the range are reported to be faring rather badly those days, and it will not e surprising to hear of heavy losses be ore spring, says the Alamosa Courier. The ry summer of last year left the feed rather short in the fall, and the snows, which the weather has been too cold to melt, have covered the ranges so far as to make it a

Some considerable losses have already been eported. The biggest strike made in Boulder county cious, red-jawed, black hears, with bristles creet as they came from their comfortable mines during the past year was encountered in the Emancipation mine 169-foot level, near the breast of the drift, about 200 feet burrow. Thornburg jumped to his feet and started down the trail on a run. The heavy pack on his back impeded his progress, howfrom the shaft east. The ore is six inches thick, almost solid, that will run ever. The hungry bears quickly took up the scent and were after him. When he saw 000 per ton. Beautiful chunks of the mineral seems are the seems and the present and were after him. When he saw 1000 per ton. Beautiful changes of the presented to the Canadian parliament. The bill was passed at the winter session and that amount is now available for the purbanches as nimble as a chipmunk. The bears broke open his discarded bundle and continues as the stope is put forth it will

put in order for mining operations.

WYOMING.

It is reported that there are a large number of deer and elk in the Big Horn mountain this winter. The Buffalo Voice says there is a bunch near Buffalo and that deer can be seen roaming around in bunches of from ten to forty.

Considerable excitement prevails Sundance over the discovery at Bear Lake, fifteen miles east of this place, of a gold ore lead, which assays high in gold. People are flocking to the scene of the discovery and over 10 claims have been taken up. The formation is said to be the same as that at the now celebrated Ragged Top mines.

The Douglas Mining and Milling company of Douglas expects to shortly begin perma-nent shipments to Denver from its War Bonnet Peak mine. The ore runs all the way from \$60 to \$132 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

Notwithstanding heavy snows the work of prospecting and developing the Grand Encampment mining district is be-ing pushed vigorously. A contract has just been let by the owners of the Golden Eagle, one of the richest prospects in the district, for a 300-foot tunnel for a water level inlet to the lead. A carload of ore from the Tom Thumb mine was shipped to Denver. The ore runs about \$285 to the ton. At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners it was decided to bridge the Encampment creek in the vicinity of the Perryam ranch and establish a county road south from Swan to the state line. A new county road to the district will also be established along Snake river.

William Johnston went to Fort Steele re-cently and returning to his home near Rankin-found that a mountain lion had killed nine of his sheep out of a flock in a sheep corral near his residence. Taking a gun, he tracked the animal from the corral two or three hundred yards to where it had buried the lion climbing up along the ledge. He fired and the lion sprang down the side of the rocks almost upon him, made another bound and started off, but fell dead within a few steps. The lion measured eight feet n length.

Application has been made by the Cin-cinnati Canal company for 17,750 acres of land in the Big Horn basin to be watered from the Shoshone river. This application is now pending before the Interior department, and will probably be allowed in a very short space of time. The company, which is composed of Cincinnati capitalists, is ready commence work as soon as its application is allowed by the department. It proposes to construct a canal twenty-five miles long which will irrigate 18,000 screp of land, and will expend upward of \$100,090 in the work. The company will send colonists from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to settle upon the land as soon as it is prepared for cultivation. The survey of the B. & M. rallway extension into the basin crosses the tract of land selected by this company. William Marr of Walden, Colo, has too

received the contract to freight out from this point thirteen carloads of steel pipe, to the independence mountain placers. The aggregate weight of the piping is 200 tons. It was purchased in San Francisco and is being shipped over the Union Pacific to this place. When in position the pipe will cover a distance of over two miles. It tapes from twenty-four inches down to ten, and as it will be put in at a point where the fall is 300 feet, it will be called upon to resist a pressure of 170 pounds to the square inch. The men interested in the enterprise expect to have the ditch from Big Creek lake completed by June 1, and will commence active operations by the 1st of July. This ditch will be fourteen miles long and will carry 5,000 miners' inches of water. At the bottom it will be ten feet wide and the total cost, when everything is in working order, is placed at \$75,000.

OREGON. From \$4 to \$6 is being offered in the Comille valley for next season's calves. An effort is being made to again start the Brownsville tannery. It is well equipped

Edward E. Wist of Nehalem has packed more than 1,000 cases of fish since he began northeast. One day recently two twelve-There is not much spring wheat suitable

or spring sowing in Yamhill county and it will be necessary to ship in considerable before planting. An effort is being made by some of the citzens of Nehalem to build a cheese factory.

It has been decided to organize a stock company, with \$800 capital stock. Baker City business men are subscribing wagon road between Baker City and Harney county around the Dooley mountain, and for

mproving other roads. The Burns Herald says that a discovery of porax on the M. R. Doan land in Wild Horse valley has been the cause of 1,600 acres of land in that vicinity being sold, and that the outlook is promising for a new industry to be

opened up in Harney county. The warm rains have started the placer men in Josephine county to work again. The winter there has thus far been of the "open" rder, stock of all kinds running at large on the natural grasses, and this condition makes dull business for hay and grain men.

Prof. Kauematz's silkworm colony, com-prising more than 800,000 worms, at Coquille, has concluded its cocoon spinning. The pro-fessor says the work has been done much quicker and better this season than before, and if anything the cocoons are better also. Chief of Police Wells of Corvallis has noquaintance cards. They are ornamented with and commercially means a great pictures of skull and crossbones, and have this laconic legend: "Tramps, bummers, hooos and beggars are not wanted in Corvallis. So git. C. B. Wells, chief of po-

One school district in Lane county, located in the mountains at Jones' saw mill, has levied a 90-mill tax. The district has just been organized, and it is desired to raise \$500 for the purpose of building a school house. The small amount of taxable property makes the high tax necessary. The wood industry at Reedville, in Wash-

ngton county, is one of considerable im-Last summer about 4,000 cords of first-class fir were cut and piled by the sidetrack at that station. The price of this wood, loaded on flat cars, is \$1.40 per cord. This stock of fuel is now shipped to Portand.

Tommy Conger, killed on Pine creek, in Grant county, recently a monster gray eagle, positively one of the largest ever captured in that county. Its wings measured eight feet two inches from tip to tip. The bird was large enough to carry a child, its claws neasuring eight inches from tip to tip, on of its spurs being three and ons-fourth nches in length. Bowman & Warner, the loggers who are

it work about four miles below Corvallis, have accumulated between 300,000 and 400,000 feet of baim and white fir logs. They have been anxiously awaiting a sufficient rise in the Willamette in order that they

be the richest discovery ever made in Boul- may raft them to Oregon City. As the der county. The property is owned by an river has been there were some riffles that English syndicate, recently purchased and a boat could not safely take the raft over. WASHINGTON.

Patrick Lyons sold 20,000 hosbels of wheat in Walla Walla recently, receiving 75 cents

Though not a native product, walnuts and butternuts are being successfully grown

in Whatcom county.

Douglas county, in central Washington, has an area of 5,200 square miles, greater than that of the state of Connecticut The farmers of Kittitas county will put in more grain this year than they have planted since 1889, because of their suc-

The saw mill at Port Ludlow will be started up soon. The mill has been idle five years, and the chance that it will soon begin to cut is cheering news for Port

Townsend.

J. H. Kineth, the Orting general merchant, is reported to have discovered a de-posit of pure sulphur in the Cascades, imnediately adjacent to the Northern Paific railroad. Old settlers are responsible for the sol-

omn warning that the Olympia oyster beds will be exhausted in a short term of years. unless the cysters are given more time to reproduce themselves.

A Michigan lumber firm has a representa-ive named Cox at White Salmon who is getting out black pine timber for shipment to Scotland. Mr. Cox will raft the timbers as far as Kalama, where the logs will be sawed for shipment to Scotland. Notwithstanding the fact that several log-

ging camps are in operation within a radius of ten miles of Bucoda, timber is not picati-ful, says the Olympian. Several claims have been logged the second time, and now Morsbach Bros. are building a camp on the Shields donation claim, about a mile from town, and will log a portion of it again. Chrief Enoch of the Spokane Indians has filed suit against the Northern Pacific for title to 120 acres of land in the heart of the

city of Spokane, valued at \$2,000,000. He ceded this land to the company twelve years the carcasses of the sheep in the sage brush and snow. The body of a coyote, still warm, was lying near by, presumably killed by the lion when it attempted to help itself to the mutton collected there. Looking up at a ledge of rocks near by, Mr. Johnston saw ledge of rocks near by, Mr. Johnston saw raged over central Wasnington for several raged over central Washington for several weeks and a well person has been an excep-

tion. The dense fogs that have hung over the valleys have made the present winter the most disagreeable on record, and the oad health of the people is no doubt ibutable to their prevalence, says the Elensburg Capital. News of what may be the richest disovery of copper over made was brought to spokane by Paul Gaston, a well known min-

sponsine by Fair Gaston, a wer known that ing man. Samples of the ore taken from the ledge assayed as high as 90 per cent copper and \$15 in gold. Some of the samples are pure native copper. Every plece of rock was fairly seamed with the native metal. Gaston says the ledge from which the samples were taken runs from twelve to forty feet in width and is well defined for goveral miles. It lies in an entirely new mineral district and is located on the Canadian boundary line north of Okanogan county, Washington. The ledge extends on both sides of the boundary line. MISCELLANEOUS.

A few rich specimens of quartz have recently been picked up between Hydraville and Bridgeville, in Humboldt county, Cali-

The Hydesville creamery in Humboldt county, California, received about pounds of milk during the year 1896. This was an increase over the previous year of over 300,000 pounds,

It is estimated that 20,000 acres of land, which includes the tule basin and about 3,500 acres of land sowed to grain, are completely submerged in the vicinity of Dun-nigan, Yolo county, Cal.

At Comox, B. C., the coal companies are adding to their coking ovens, and increasing their capacity to supply the demands of the Trail Creek and Nelson smelters. British Columbia coke will in time take the place of foreign material.

The strike on the Anaconda railroad has been declared off. The men say that they were misinformed as to the facts or they would not have voted to strike. forty men lost their positions, which were quickly filled.

Many people are leaving Randsburg for the Panamint country, about fifty mal teams left Randsburg with aumplies for Panamint. It is claimed that the Pananint ledges are more permanent and of better grade than at Randsburg. Sonoma county cellars are almost emptied

of last year's vintage. What remains is nearly all sold for deferred shipments. F. Guidetti sent two carloads to Michigan the other day over the Southern Pacific and the Fountain Grove Vineyard company shipped liberally to a fund for the construction of a three carloads to New York the same day, Leo Kaufman recently returned Olympia from Alaska. He will make a tour of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Cal-Hornia to interest politicians, business men and commercial bodies in the proposition of alding Alaska in securing the recognition of ongress to the extent of according her a

delegate in congress. The overland shipments from San Jose for the week ending January 30 were unexpectedly large, and were over 500,000 pounds above that of last year. The principal items were: Wine, 380,570 pounds; dried prunes, 269,830 pounds; canned goods, 82,900 pounds; asphaltum, 100,660 pounds; making a total of 937,560 pounds.

Surveyors will be in the field within ten days, says the Tempe, Ariz., News, to establish a complete and final survey of the extension to Globe of the Sait River Val-ley railroad. The completion of this road is an assured fact within the present year, the farming community of the south side. Contact is a new copper camp, situated fifty miles northeast of Humboldt Wells, in Elko county, Nev. There are nearly 200 locations in the camp, all bearing copper, silver and gold, the veins varying in size from six inches up to fifteen feet in width. Some locations have shafts as deep as 129 feet—showing that the ores go down. A thirty-ton smelter recently made a trial run and the bullion went 94 per cent.

The Golden Ajax mine is one of the wonders to be seen on Old Baldy, at Elizabethtown, N. M. Technically speaking, it is not mine at all, but a gold rock quarry. ore is free milling black schist, and runs \$22 to the ton. One man, with necessary appliances, can quarry out ten tons a day of this ore—sufficient to run the stamp mill plant on the property. The owners exhibited some nice gold bricks in Elizabeth-town a few days ago, the product of a two weeks' run at a clear net profit of \$200

Willing to Be Generous

a day.

Chicago Post: The brunette felt that somehow the proprieties had been violated. "Do you think it was exactly good of

you," she asked, "to kiss your brother be-fore me?"
The blonds looked surprised.
"If you wanted to kiss him first," she said, "why didn't you say so? It would not have made any difference to me, and I know he never would have objected."



It's been a hard week on Drex L. Shooman-seems though everybody 0.8 wanted one or more pairs of those bargain broken lots we've been selling at a sure enough clearing sale price-there are a few more left-and if you can find your size you'll be saving more than half the price-they're our regular stock-just odds and ends-at cut priceswe've got lots of ether abpea.

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