

somewhere for his own personal benefit. If Mr. Hartley has anything to say which will shed further light on the situation he had better say it. Otherwise the people generally will conclude that he has stolen the funds and will demand that he be punished accordingly.

SNAP SHOTS AT THE LEGISLATORS.

Exeter Enterprise: The Haller bill to prohibit combinations of fire insurance companies from fixing rates for fire insurance, will break the power of the biggest combines in Nebraska. The fight for this bill and the sincerity of the father of it won for him many friends among the majority.

Nebraska Journal: The record made by our present legislators is not what we would call an enviable one. It has by its course antagonized eastern capital rather than secured the Nebraska in that light among eastern investors because that they will not loan money to a people who are continually antagonizing them.

Nebraska Journal: The legislature has repealed the debtors' law, and has done enough monkeying with the laws, and the deal ought to be stopped right there. If the proposed repeal of the debtors' law or foreclosures to twenty-one months instead of nine is passed, hundreds of Nebraska farmers will lose their homes, because it will render the narrow income of the farmer.

Nebraska Journal: It is well to let the populists have full swing in the legislature and let themselves be used as a screen for what they will probably never be there to have the same privileges and fun again.

Fairfield News-Herald: In sixty days the reform legislature passed eleven bills, and only one of these, an act on bill, in the interest of the people. The salary and expense bills were for the payment of their own salaries and the wages of the employees. The revenues, Omaha's school charter and stock yards bills are of the rank of last year.

SCENES OF AGITATED POOLS.

Boston Advertiser: These are truly rapid times. Day before yesterday, people who last fall were saying that to question the wisdom of a supreme court decision was to strike at the very foundation of the republic, declared with the same cock-sure positiveness that a recent decision of the supreme court was wrong and mischievous.

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GOOD MEN FOR OFFICE.

Kansas City Star: In selecting Ben Butterworth of Ohio to be commissioner of the public lands, the president has shown that Mr. Butterworth is a good lawyer, a man of wide experience and excellent judgment.

Boston Globe: There will be warm congratulations in Kansas to General William F. Draper over the announcement of his appointment as ambassador to Italy.

Indianapolis Journal: The president is making some excellent appointments these days. That of Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, for commissioner of the public lands, could not be improved on.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Rudyard Kipling has been sent to Crete as a correspondent of the London Times at a salary of \$5,000 a month.

present for all practical needs, publication of the year-making sonnet is deferred till the next season.

Cripple Creek ought to be the happiest mining camp in the world. It now produces \$1,000,000 in gold every month.

The annual discovery of the Benders is a trial ahead of the selection. Strange to say Charley Ross unaccountably jags in obliquity.

Chicago knockers are becoming quite popular in extracting teeth with gold fillings. They give no assurance, however, that the operation is painless.

Current discussion about alrains excites little interest, because they are not the kind of flowers in demand during spring elections and freshets.

It is reported that prunes will not be as plentiful as usual this year. Inventive skill may be relied on to provide an equivalent disposition for boards.

Western civilization is cutting a large swath in the Orient. It is gravely announced that the Mikado is fond of women. Ah, the old rascal!

A fight on the floor of the Kentucky senate ended by a "three upper-cut" being thrown by the friends of the upper-cut. The referee declared the motion out of order.

Harlan, Harrison and Hesing are running a lively race for mayor of Chicago. Although there is little of the anglo-manic spirit in the lake city, it is certain to drop a few H's next Tuesday.

The famous Davis will case is about to be tried in Montana, motion for a rehearing having been granted. As there are several million dollars tied up in the case, the duration of the litigation is beyond the scope of pronouncing.

The value of fire drill in public institutions was admirably demonstrated at the recent conflagration at the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane at Ward's Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Annie L. Diggs is booked for the superintendent of the Kansas Industrial School for Girls. Mrs. Diggs achieved distinction by being the hair of Mrs. Leese in a political debate last year.

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Brooklyn Eagle: We do not believe that the people of the country are so stupid as to be misled by the numerous reform measures that have been brought before them, and if it is possible that they can propose a more intelligent combination, subject to the scrutiny of the government, we think they should be allowed to combine as they see fit.

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Pulse of Western Progress.

Present indications would seem to warrant the belief that the lime belt tributary to this place, will, with further development, prove as rich, if not richer, says the Custer Chronicle, than that of the more celebrated Ragged Top camp of the northern hills, which is now attracting such wide-spread attention throughout the country.

The recent discovery of surface ore on a belt, twelve miles south of this place, shows a value that would fairly justify such a belief, and it would be as strange as it would be disappointing if such belief should not be fully confirmed by the further development of the ore bodies already discovered upon the belt named.

WILL BOOM WYOMING OIL. News comes from Casper, says the Laramie Boomer, that the surrounding country will be the scene of extensive oil mining operations during the coming year.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT COPPER. The Saratoga Sun gives an extensive report of the copper strikes made in the vicinity of Saratoga. The report states that A. G. Bullock was in Saratoga to record a copper claim, upon which he has been at work for some time on the south branch of Lake creek.

HARTVILLE IRON DEPOSITS. Concerning the recent excitement over the seven cars of iron shipped from Hartville to the Pueblo smelters, a gentleman who posted says that he has seen all that sent from Hartville to the World's fair.

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but it is not thought that this branch of the road will be built at present. Bonds to the amount of \$3,000,000, have been floated in New York, but it is not thought that it will cost more than \$2,000,000 to build and equip the road.

LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE. One of the most thrilling encounters with a mountain lion ever known in this state occurred near Oia a few days ago, says a Boise (Idaho) special to the Anaconda Standard.

RICH IDAHO MINES. A rich strike was made a few weeks ago on Little Bear creek, near Anderson post-office and a genuine mining boom is on in that country, and claims are being located everywhere.

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to push operations this season while the water lasts.

Careful estimates place the number of acres of the Stinkingwater in Sweetwater county the present season at 200,000.

There are 250 tie choppers at the camp at Elk mounds who have just quit work for the season. A crew of fifty men of the Medicine How river, work will soon be suspended until the fall.

The people of the Big Horn basin are going to petition the new Administration to establish a land office at the county seat of the Big Horn county.

Colonel Cody is arranging to ship forty tons of ore from the mines on the south fork of the Stinkingwater this season for smelter tests.

The Lambs' club of New York City has established a game preserve on Cedar mountain, not a great distance from Cody. This club is made up of actors, men of wealth and many who have both leisure and wealth.

The advance guard of sheep shearers are beginning to arrive at Haverhill. The shearing season will begin about April 20 at Fort Steele, Rawlins and vicinity.

A Deadwood paper had quite a unique experience recently. A Chinaman came into the office to leave an order for several hundred copies of the bible to be printed in the Chinese language.

A case of leprosy has been discovered at Canton, S. D. The leper is John Mickelson. He is a native of Norway and has been living on a farm for several years with his mother and a sister.

Humphrey's creek, a small mountain stream near Rapid City, has the peculiar property of petrifying everything that is allowed to remain any length of time in its waters.

A Swede named Christianstam has established what he calls a petrification factory at Rapid City. He has a number of human bodies at prices ranging from \$50 to \$200.

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