FROM THE FARTHER WEST

MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

Agent for a London Syndicate Looking Up Claims.

DISCOVERS SEVERAL GOOD PROPERTIES

Rich Ore Vein in Bear Butte District Has Been Traced Over Five Thousand Feet—Ragged Top is Prosperous.

LEAD, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—A mining expert, Alfred Holman of New York, has been spending a number of days among the mines in the Hills looking up some suitable mining claims for a London syndicate. He has visited nearly every mine in the country, beginning with Keystone on the south and ending with the Uncle Sam in the Elk Creek district. He reports having chosen several good prospects which will be reported to his company. The company represented by Mr. Holman works upon a plan that has not been generally adopted in the Hills by companies and others in purchasing mining grounds, that is, to require the men who are disposing of their ground to take a part of the risk. There is always a reluctance on the part of the owners of a mining claim to take part stock in a new company. They prefer a cash sale. For this seeming lack of confidence in the property on the part of the owners the capitalist is often wary and many sales are lost as a consequence. It is probably true, however, that the owners are more afraid of the company than they are of the future developments of the ground. This plan is something like that by which the Hardin property is being developed, which is proving very satisfactory.

Operations in the Hardin shaft go on with a steady gait, and the rich vein in which the miners have been working for several weeks shows no signs of playing out, but rather grows richer the farther the saft is pushed. A station is being cut at the bottom, and a cage is being put in place for hoisting the ore. The first timbering is being done in the shaft. Some very rich ore has been encountered in the east drift, six or seven feet from the shaft. The changes in the Two-Bit basin are so many that when put before the public on paper they sound too big to be believed. On every hand are being erected houses and stores and tents are scattered all over the valley. A postoffice will be established soon.

DEAL CLOSED.

A deal has been closed by James Bradburn and D. C. Brown of Chicago and J. D. Hardin for the stock of the Good Enough Mining company, whose property consists of three claims on Lexington hill and extending down into Two-Bit gulch. It is considered among the promising groups of that district. The consideration for the proposition was nearly $15,000 and the company is capitalized with 250,000 shares. The property has already been patented and over $5,000 worth of development work has been done on it. Small stringers of ore have been found assaying on an average $16 per ton in gold and it is believed a large body of sulphide ore will be found, probably at the same level reached by the Hardin company.

One of the best defined and richest ore veins in the Hills, which has probably been traced the greatest length, is in the Bear Butte district. It has been traced for more than 5,000 feet, commencing at the Golden Crest on the southwest to the ground owned by the Cooper Consolidated company on the northwest. It runs through the Gilt Edge and six claims belonging to the Union Hill company. It varies some in width and value, but is a good payer the entire length wherever it has been opened. In places where the walls are clearly and cleanly defined the vein, which is vertical, is not more than four feet in width and at other places it widens out to eight feet. The lowest assay has been $17 and in some places there is in the center of the vertical a foot of $900 ore. The Union Hill company is drifting to catch the vein where it enters its ground from leaving the Gilt Edge.

The Cooper Consolidated mine is being drained of water and preparations are being made for sinking the shaft still deeper. The owners, Ludlow, Dave and Galvin, have netted $70 per ton gold from several carloads shipped to Omaha. The ledge in the bottom of the shaft at the present level shows a two-foot streak of high grade silicious ore.

RAGGED TOP DISTRICT.

Mining matters in the Ragged Top district are reported in excellent condition. Regular shipments are being made from the Ulster property. The Rua mine in Squaw creek is considered the leading property in that district and a close competitor is the Saxon property joining the Rua. High grade ore is being taken out of both and the indications are very favorable for deep mining.

The last assay made at the Hawkeye mine on ore discovered only recently was very encouraging and satisfactory. Four samples were tested, number 1 giving $48 gold per ton; number 2, $76; number 3, $1,986, and number 4 $68. The recent rich discoveries in this mine will mean a great deal for this mining district, which has been worked more or less for years, but has never been considered a very paying property. It is believed that the several verticals which have been opened up recently are feeders to an immense body of ore which the company intends to discover if possible.

The Golden Queen Milling and Mining company, owners of a group of twelve claims on Deadwood gulch, three miles above Central, have resumed operations after a shutdown of six months. The company has already driven two tunnels to a distance of 100 feet. The owners are quite sanguine of success as everything points to a realization of their expectations.

The Minna Mining company held a directors' meeting Saturday and levied an assessment of 1¼ mills per share for development work. This property lies near the Hardin and the same body of ore will no doubt be encountered.

A company of Chicago men have purchased a claim, for a consideration of $16,000, of Wes Russell, in Spruce gulch. Mining property in this district has taken a sudden jump in price. Two months ago the claim just sold for $16,000 was one of four which sold for $2,000.

At a recent meeting of the Deadwood Mining and Development company the president was authorized to purchase an engine and pump, with a capacity of 200 gallons a minute, which are to be in working order at once. The shaft at the mine is down 180 feet and there is considerable water to contend with. The claims are located some distance below the Hardin property and considerable interest is entertained at this point in the basin to see whether the Hardin vein extends that far away.

NEW LIFE FOR A MINE.

The Harrison mine in Blacktail gulch has received new life from a discovery of rich ore in the roof of one of the tunnels. An upraise is being made by the miners to explore the depth of the vein. The ore is a good grade and will pay well for mining. The owners have not been shipping for three weeks, but will now begin with regular shipments.

The Carroll group, purchased by D. C. Boley of Chicago and associates, has been giving some rich assays of ore from the new tunnel which has been opened forty feet. Some assays have gone as high as $103 and $130 per ton gold, and there appears to be a very large body of ore in sight.

Considerable interest is being shown in a recent opening of a vein of free milling ore on Mineral hill. The vein started out only three inches in thickness, but after it was followed in ten feet it widened out to a foot and the ore averaged about $175.

A vein of silicious ore, assaying $250 gold to the ton, has been opened in the Gilt Edge mine in Strawberry gulch, adjoining the Hoodoo. About six tons of ore are being taken out daily and shipped to the D. & D. smelter. The entire ledge in the mine seems to be a soft, decomposed silicious ore, averaging about $100 per ton.

Little Interest in Court.

HOWARD, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Circuit court is in session in Howard this week, being an adjourned session from the regular October term, Judge Gaffey of Pierre is presiding in place of Judge F. B. Smith, who is by prearrangement holding a term of court in Judge Gaffey's circuit. The Miner county calendar is not very full, one larceny case and the civil case of Zickrick against Zickrick, a suit for the settlement of a guardianship trust, being the only ones of public interest. A number of prominent outside attorneys are in attendance, among them N. J. Dunham of Woonsocket, George R. Farmer, esq., and Colonel Murray of Madison.

Money for Missions.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Last week the general committee of the Methodist Episcopal church on missions met in Philadelphia and voted to give $4,320 to the support of the missionary work in the Black Hills. The request for aid by the Methodist college at Hot Springs, to the amount of $1,000, was not granted on the grounds that the institution is a private concern and that missionary money could not be given to educational work.

Scheme to Remove Land Office.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—An effort is being made to remove the United States land office from this city to Deadwood. The change has been advised by the present officials at the land office and others who have personal interests in Deadwood and vicinity. The reasons given for the change are that Rapid City has but one railroad and that the bulk of the business comes from the upper country.

Highwaymen Rob a Preacher.

SPEARFISH, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—As Rev. W. H. Welshert of this city was returning from Fort Meade, where he had been making his regular monthly visit and collections, he was attacked by four masked men near Crook City. One of them seized his horse and before the victim could bring his revolver into action he was beaten over the head and forced to give up. The robbers got $125.

Light Sentence in Murder Case.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Nov. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the Rondo manslaughter case returned a verdict of assault and battery. Rondo was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE.

Governor Adams Will Look Into the Indian Disturbances.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 25.—Governor Adams has appointed Attorney Beeman of Denver, Charles E. Noble of Colorado Springs, and Judge Walbridge of Steamboat Springs as a commission to investigate the recent Indian disturbances in Routt and Rio Blanco counties, his purpose being to determine whether any blame attaches to the game wardens for killing Indian hunters.

No news has been received at the headquarters of the Department of the Colorado, U. S. A., or at the state house, regarding the reported departure from the Ute reservation in Utah of a party of Indians to take revenge for the killing of their comrades by game wardens.

A letter to the Times from Craig, Colo., received today, states that settlers are prepared for any move that may be made. It has all along been felt that the Indians might seek revenge.

Death of a Greeley Colonist.

GREELEY, Colo., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. Celestia M. Clark of this city removes one of the prominent figures of colony days in this part of Colorado. She was born at Whitesboro, N. Y., November 30, 1819. She with her husband and family resided at Bariboo, Wis., for twenty years. Through the influence of the New York Tribune they became members of Union colony. Her eldest sons, J. Max and Arthur B. Clark, came to Greeley with the first colonists in the spring of 1870, and she and her husband following them that fall. She was an exceptionally bright woman, but a thorough home body. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Estabrook of Chicago, and four sons, J. Max Clark, editor of the Greeley Tribune; Edgar E. Clark, sheriff of Weld county; Horace G. Clark, under sheriff, and Arthur P. Clark of Los Angeles, Cal., to mourn her sudden death.

To Burn Gambling Tools.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Unless the supreme court interferes, Leadville will have one of the largest bonfires in her history. Judge Owers has issued an order for the burning of several thousand dollars' worth of gambling paraphernalia seized some months ago. The order for destroying this property was issued some time ago, but Judge Owers delayed the execution of his mandate to afford the gamblers time to appeal. This they have failed to do. The order will be executed this week.

LANDS PRODUCE GOOD REVENUE.

Pay One-Twelfth of Expense of Wyoming State Government.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Miss Estelle Reel, register of the Wyoming State Land board, reports the following receipts for rentals of school and state lands during the year ending October 30, 1897: School fund, $13,663.77; charitable and penal institutions, $11,038.04; libraries, $613.38; Soldiers' and Sailors' home, $1,668.26; Fish hatchery, $148.82; public buildings, $1,905.78; fees of register, $413; five per cent of United States land sales, $1,525.12; total, $30,976.17. The total expenditure for conducting the state government and all of the state institutions for the year ending October 30 was about $250,000. The income for land rentals is therefore 12 per cent of the entire cost of conducting the state's affairs. Unfortunately the greater portion of the land at the disposal of the state has been leased or the income from rentals could be greatly increased. Should the coming congress cede the arid grazing lands of the west to the states it is possible in Wyoming that the receipts for land rentals may be increased to such an extent that taxation for state and school purposes may be reduced to a nominal figure.

A Curious Wyoming Find

CASPER, Wyo., Nov. 25.—A daughter of G. R. Todd made a curious find on her father's ranch near here a few days ago. She was out hunting horses when she came upon a green painted wooden box about the size of a tool chest filled with clothing of all descriptions, men's, women's and children's underwear and hosiery. The goods were new, or had been when placed in the box, and locked perhaps from one to three years ago. The box had been buried about sixteen inches, and evidently just before the last snow some person had removed the dirt, and lifting the lid, had taken from the center of the box what the imprint of the damp and mildewed clothing showed to be a box or package about ten inches square, leaving the clothing only disturbed sufficiently to remove the small box.

The Relief of the Whalers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—The effort made by some of the newspapers of this city to make capital for themselves out of the expedition for the relief of the Arctic whalers frozen in the ice near Point Barrow has been a failure. The government wisely refused to permit newspaper correspondents to accompany the party. The simple facts in regard to the whalers are that they have a fair amount of provisions and if necessary they could make the journey to Point Hope, 300 miles distant, where there are plenty of native supplies. The project of using reindeer is regarded here by experts as chimerical from the fact that there is no moss on which reindeer can live within several hundred miles of Point Barrow. Henry D. Wolfe, who spent two winters at Point Barrow and who knows the whole coast, was suggested by Captain Tuttle as the best man to lead the land expedition, but the government refused to pay what he asked. Unless the man in charge knows the coast thoroughly, as well as the Indians, he will waste much money in the transportation of supplies.

Senator Cannon's Chinese Rod.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Senator Cannon, who has recently returned from a trip to Japan and China, lectured in this city for the benefit of the public library and incidentally showed a rod of bamboo of great interest to him. He related an experience in a Chinese court of justice, where the offender, having been found guilty of the crime charged, was ordered to receive 500 stripes, which were administered to him in the presence of the court, the instrument of punishment being a bamboo rod. After the punishment had been inflicted the rod, covered with the blood of the offender, was presented to Senator Cannon by the judge, at the senator's request.

FOR ECONOMY IN COKE MAKING.

The By-Products Will Be Saved by a Company in Montana.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—It is expected that a great change will be made in the coke industry of Montana when the improvements being made by the Montana Coke company at Horr have been completed. The company proposes to not only convert the coal into coke, but to save and utilize the by-products of gas, coil tar and dyes, and with the gas and water power which now goes to waste operate smelters for the reduction of ores. The manager of the company is confident that with a plant in operation for utilizing the by-products of the coal the treatment of ores can be conducted at Horr at a much less cost than ever before attempted in Montana. It is proposed to build a battery of beigian ovens, to which machinery will be attached, to save the by-products, the most important of which will be the gas, which will be stored as generated and kept ready for use in smelting operations. A 100-ton smelter will be erected on the slope, just above the present plant, which offers an excellent site for the utilization of the gas and reserve water power. The unsurpassed water power of the company will be used in operating machinery for the crushing of ores, while the gas will be used in the furnaces and for all heating purposes.

Besides the gas, water power and natural site, Horr possesses lime, silica, fire clay and other essentials for ore treatment. With these advantages experts are confident ore can be treated at a much lower cost than at present.

The new method will make possible the reduction of much low grade ore scattered about Montana, which at present, and with the smelters now in operation, it does not pay to treat. Work will begin early next year. It is expected the cost of the improvements will exceed $150,000. At present the mines at Horr are operated for the manufacture of coke only, and 105 ovens are in constant operation and employment is given to more than 300 men.

California News Notes.

A strong flow of natural gas has been tapped at two places, Bennett Valley and Mark West, in Sonoma county.

R. W. Thompson, metallurgist at the mint under the Harrison administration, has been committed to the Napa lunane asylum.

C. G. H. McBride of San Jose has been awarded $1,000 damages in his suit against the Southern Pacific for injuries received in a wreck.

The Los Angeles Board of Education is investigating charges that some of its members have been levying assessments on teachers, principals and janitors. Three members not yet implicated in the scandal are doing the probing.

Contracts were let last week for some important work on the two principal rivers of the state. One was for making two cut offs in the San Joaquin river, between its mouth and Stockton, and the other for the construction of jetties above Rio Vista on the Sacramento river.

It is estimated that the gold yield of Butte county for the present year will amount to $1,416,000. Last year the county's output was $749,000. Rich pay gravel has been found in the Morris Ravine mine. The Rock River mine, one of the old mines of this county, and formerly a very rich producer is being reopened.

Thomas W. Wright, a veteran of the Mexican war, died last week at Santa Cruz, where he had lived for nearly a century. He fired the first American gun at the battle of Buena Vista and when the war was over he made the first survey for a telegraph line from St. Louis to San Francisco. For thirty-two years he was surveyor for Santa Cruz.

Garlock, Kern county, has a half dozen quartz mills with a total tonnage of 2,250 tons per month. The average value of the ore milled is $76 per ton. These mills run mostly on ore from Randsburg and are kept constantly busy. The total product of the Randsburg district up to the present time is about $600,000. The monthly product is now averaging $100,000.

The British ship Andelana is the first of this season's California wheat fleet to reach a European destination. It left Los Angeles on July 22 for Queenstown with 4,412 short tons and made the run in 114 days. The Loch Torridon which sailed one day behind the Andelana, reached Falmouth one day after it. Several vessels that sailed two weeks before these have not been heard from.

The Pioneer Gold Mining company is surveying for a new tunnel on the 1,500-foot level, is putting in twenty additional stamps and will build chlorination works to treat its own sulphurets. In the Eureka gravel mine the bed of gravel has been found for which the company has long been tunneling and which it was generally believed it would not find. The company owns seven miles of the channel.

A company of San Francisco, headed by W. H. H. Hart, has bought the Carson Creek mine, Calaveras county, for $125,000. The property has been shut down for a number of years. The shaft is down 700 feet. The ore is low grade, yielding $5 per ton, but it can be taken out and worked at a profit. A clean-up after an eight-day run at the Foot and Thompson mine averaged $190 per day. The Hog Pen mine, at Angels, has a six-foot ledge of $30 ore.

S. W. Livingstone of Los Angeles has applied for letters of administration on a $7,000 estate of his wife. Livingstone was nearly 85 years of age and was turned out of home by his wife, who was about ten years his junior. The old gentleman had conveyed his property to her and she had refused to allow him to live with her any longer. He brought suit for maintenance and was awarded a small allowance. The old lady refused to obey the order of the court and for several days was in jail for contempt. By her death several days ago he will probably come into the means of living in comfort again.

Utah News Notes.

The big Mercur mine has paid total dividends to date amounting to $850,000.

A 20,000-share block of stock of the Grand Central, one of the new producers of the tin district, sold last week for $20,000.

Meetings are to be held in Kaysville and Layton in the interest of the proposed sugar factory at Ogden, in order to interest the farmers of Utah county.

The pardon board of Utah acted favorably on the application of young Charles W. Kempton, who was sent to the reformatory for burglary from Salt Lake.

The Indians at Ouray agency express a willingness to abide by the government investigation of the killing of Utes by the Colorado game wardens.

The members of the Uncompahgre commission are on the ground and ready to begin the surveying of the land in the reservation and final settlement with the Indians.

Senator Frank Cannon is to lecture in Salt Lake City Fridsy evening on "The Old East and the New West," and it is expected he will tell something of his trip to Asia.

Dividend payments have just been made by the Silver King company and Swansea company, the former in the sum of $37,500, or 25 cents per share, and the latter in the sum of $5,000, or 5 cents per share. On the 20th inst. the Mercur company will pay $25,000 and the South Swansea $7,500.

The Mercur Gold Mining company has sold to Captain De Lamar of New York a fraction of over five acres of mineral ground adjoining the De Lamar Golden Gate group at Mercur for $237,700, cash in hand. This deal straightens up the end lines of both groups and was very advantageous to both interests.

A month ago it was currently reported that the ore in the Uncle Sam at Eureka had "pinched out." Now comes news of another strike in that property, richer and larger than ever before. The ore is lead carbonates and was encountered in a drift about 500 feet south of the shaft. The Uncle Sam adjoins the Godiva and was bought from the owners of that property by Mr. Knight for $25,000.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN ARE DROWNED.

Frightened Horse Drags Their Wagon Over a Bridge.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 25.—The Commercial-Tribune's special from Middletown, O., says: Misses Mary and Katie Seaman were drowned this afternoon, and their mother is in a dangerous condition, as the result of a runaway. They were driving across a bridge that spans the Hydraulic canal, north of the city, when their horse became frightened and plunged over the side guard of the bridge into fifteen feet of water. The women went down with the horse and the spring wagon. The screams of the women brought help to the scene, but not in time to save the daughters whose dead bodies were recovered. The mother was resuscitated with great difficulty, and is still in a serious condition. She does not know that her daughters are dead, and will not be advised until she she gets better.

AMUSEMENTS.

The first, thus far, of a possible series of melodramas founded on the Cuban war of independence was presented twice yesterday at the Creighton, under the title of "The Last Stroke." The piece comes with the record of a considerable metropolitan success and seems destined to retain much of its popularity on the road, although the cost is by no means the original one. There are very many people who like their melodrama hot and strong and a great many others at present who take a patriotic, scientific or curious interest in Cuba's struggle for liberty. "The Last Stroke" is well calculated to meet the requirements of all such and there are enough machetes and various deadly weapons to suit the taste of the most exacting. The plot is of an absorbing kind, full of love and romantic adventure; in both of which the American hero triumphs in a way to satisfy propriety and patriotism. The company is generally adequate and includes Gardner Crane, Albert Sackett, Emile La Croix, Ida Hamilton, Susie Willis and others. The engagement ends with a matinee Saturday.

The attraction at the Cheighton for four nights, commencing Sunday matinee, will be Bob Fitzsimmons. The company with which he will appear is composed of novelties of the American and European stages, comprising specialties by Theo, musical expert; Nelson, Ginserretti and Dominio, grotesque comiques; Crane Brothers, the Mudtown Rubes; the two American Maes, Ryan and Richfield, travesty portrayers; Lizzie Mulvey and Pearl Inman, comedienes and dancers, and Waltman and Davis in their burlesque act.

Davis Brothers' "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company will play two performances at Boyd's on Saturday afternoon and evening next.

The two boxers, George Dixon and Joe Wolcott, will appear at the Creighton in a friendly bout on Saturday evening of this week.

Of Plays and Players.

Kate Claxton is organizing a company to revive "The Two Orphans."

William Gillette will present "Too Much Johnson" to the Londoners next spring.

Mrs. Leslie Carter is building a residence for her own use in her native city of Dayton, O.

Cleo de Merode has returned to France and is not likely to tempt fortune again in this unappreciative land.

May Irwin has made her usual hit in New York, where she opened last week with her new comedy, "The Swell Miss Fitzwell."

Julia Marlowe is considering the production of a play founded on incidents in the early life of the Emperor Nero.

Andrew Mack is to play Sir Lucius O'Trigger to Nat Goodwin's Bob Acres at the Actor's Fund benefit in New York next week.

The Barnum & Bailey circus has been taken to Europe, where it will show during the winter—that is, if the Europeans like it.

Augustus Thomas is rewriting "The Jucklins" for Stuart Robson, who will shortly restore it to its former place in his repertoire.

James K. Hackett received on an average eight curtain calls a night in Philadelphia after the third act of "The Prisoner of Zenda."

Frederick Paulding has resigned from the Walker Whiteside company, having made an advantageous connection elsewhere for the remainder of the season.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the actor, has sent his resignation to the Indiana lodge of Elks, which initiated him in a manner contrary to the rules and regulations of the order.

Sarah Bernhardt will produce this winter in Paris a play by the Italian writer, Gabriel d'Annunzio, entitled, "The Dead City," in which she will have the part of a young blind girl.

Otis Skinner's present tour is said to be the most lucrative which he has enjoyed since he became a star. He is confining himself to his new play, "Prince Rudolph," this season.

The new star dressing room at the Century theater in St. Louis is one of the most elegant in the country and has a private office adjoining. William Gillette was the first occupant of these sumptuous quarters.

Paul Gilmore talks of starting next season in "The Three Guardsmen," "Ruy Blas" and other romantic plays in the repertory of the late Alexander Salvini. He is negotiating for Salvini's costumes, scenery and paraphernalia.

Theodeus Shine, who is doing excellent work as the old negro servant in "Captain Impudence," is a brother of Giles Shine, who formerly played the other Dromio opposite Stuart Robson and who was lately seen here in "Under the Red Robe."

The Chinese drama, "The Cat and the Cherub," has made a decided artistic and popular hit in London. "The First Born," on the contrary, failed entirely to win approbation there. E. W. Morrison, who will be remembered by Omaha theatergoers for his admirable performance of Gecko in "Trilby," has a strong part in the London production of "The Cat and the Cherub."

There is no need of little children being tortured by scald head, eczema and skin eruptions. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve gives instant relief and cures permanently.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

George Krug arrived from the west last night.

W. H. Dolan of Salt Lake City is at the Barker.

T. B. Hord and wife went to Chicago yesterday.

C. E. Davis of St. Joseph, Mo., is stopping at the Barker.

John A. Creighton started on a trip to Chicago last night.

Jesse Harris left yesterday to visit friends in Fort Collins, Colo.

H. R. Reid of Chicago has his autograph on the Barker register.

Miss Josephine Bell is reported to be seriously ill at her residence, Twenty-sixth and Dodge streets.

Thomas Maloney left yesterday to spend the winter in California for his health. He was accompanied by his wife.

John Secse, assistant superintendent of the Pullman company at Ogden, Utah, with his wife spent yesterday in Omaha on his way west.

Rev. John M. Wilson, who has passed through a severe attack of typhoid fever, is now a great deal better and expects to resume his duties within two weeks.

F. C. Cooper, advance agent of the Bob Fitzsimmons company, and William Rosenbaum, advance agent of the Widow Jones company, are stopping at the Barker.

George S. Sydney, manager, and The Last Stroke company; Dan Quinlan, manager, and the Al G. Fields minstrels; A. N. Davis, manager, and the Litz & Davis She company spent Thanksgiving at the Hotel Barker.

At the Millard: T. B. Copering, St. Louis; R. B. Schinder, Fremont; S. C. Eppenstein, Elgin, Ill.; R. S. Davis, Elgin, Ill.; W. Leeman and wife, Rock Springs; William Reed, New York; J. C. Havemeyer, New York; S. B. Hathaway, New York; C. J. Swanson and wife, Oakdale; Charles Green, Hebron; E. R. Woodson, Glenwood; George Rudie, Council Bluffs; Charles Hayden, Detroit; F. J. Murphy, Cleveland.

South Omaha News.

The police were engaged yesterday in notifying proprietors of places where slot machines are kept to remove the machines and stop the play. These orders were received with a great deal of grumbling, especially from saloon keepers, where the machines have paid well. A rumor was in circulation yesterday afternoon to the effect that certain saloon keepers intend to retaliate by taking steps to close the gambling houses. That is the club always wielded by persons with a grievance. If things don't go to suit them they rush about declaring that they will compel the gambling houses to shut down. Frequently the gamblers become annoyed or afraid of a raid and close their doors themselves, but in a few days the threatened trouble blows over and the tiger is again turned loose. As a rule the merchants would prefer to have the gambling houses closed, it being claimed that workingmen pay their little bills better when this temptation is removed.

The removal of the slot machines will be a good thing for the reason that many young men and boys not yet old enough to visit a regular gambling house wasted their money in trying to win a dollar by chancing a nickel. One day this week a boy employed at one of the packing houses entered a resort on lower N street to get his pay check cashed. After the money had been turned over to him he commenced playing a slot machine in the place and spent every cent his pay check called for before he gave up trying to beat another man's game.

Not many days ago this city was visited by a man who had invented a contrivance to control the winnings and losses of slot machines. The plan was to attach the invention to machines in places patronized principally by packing house employes. For instance, on the day before wages at the packing houses were paid the slot machine would be adjusted so that the player would win oftener than he would lose. This would be done for the purpose of drawing a crowd and then the next day, when the workingmen flocked in with their pay checks the machines would be so adjusted that it would be impossible to win oftener than once an hour or so. It was thought that in this way a large proportion of the wages of the laboring men could be obtained. For some reason or another the slot machine people here did not take kindly to the invention and it was not adopted and the inventor left without making a sale.

Work at the Armour Site.

Although yesterday was a holiday and stormy besides, work at the Armour site progressed as usual. Two pile drivers were kept at work on the foundations for the north wall of the hog killing house. As fast as the piles were driven workmen sawed them off to the right height and made everything ready for the placing of the cap stones. The trenches for the foundation for the beef cooling and beef killing houses have been completed and yesterday quite a force was engaged in building the cement foundations. The beef cooling house will be 200 feet square and will be nine stories high, while the beef and sheep killing house, which will adjoin it on the west, will be 150x175 feet, and the same height. Besides foundation walls six and eight feet wide, made of solid cement, these buildings will rest on cement piers six feet square.

Considerable material was being unloaded yesterday, including several cars of structural iron and a number of cars of broken stone. Contractor Gould said yesterday afternoon that when bricklaying was resumed again a large force would be put to work, as it was the intention to commence on several buildings at the same time.

Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving was quietly observed yesterday. The day opened with a sunrise prayer meeting at the First Presbyterian church, and was followed by union services at the First Methodist Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock. All of the pastors in the city participated in the union services, which were well attended. At St. Agnes' church special high mass was celebrated and this was followed by the marriage of John Rafferty and Miss Therese Ferrell. The young couple have many friends in this city who attended the ceremony. In the evening special Thanksgiving services were held at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. Braden.

City Council Tonight.

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held this evening. Several matters of importance are to be disposed of, among them being the payment of interest on bonds which fall due December 1. It will be necessary for the council to order warrants drawn for the interest on these bonds, so that the money can be forwarded to New York at the earliest possible moment. The credit of the city is now first class, and it is thought that by paying interest promptly it can be kept so. A number of matters which were referred to the city attorney some time ago are to be reported on and some action taken.

Children and the Exposition.

The children of the public schools in this city have raised quite a sum of money already for the children's building at the exposition. Nearly every pupil is taking some stock in the enterprise and some of the older scholars have invested quite a little sum. Mrs. E. B. Towl and Mrs. A. A. Munro are assisting the children as much as possible and have been making a house-to-house canvass. In this way the matter has been brought directly to the attention of parents and so far the women have been quite successful.

Magic City Gossip.

E. O. Mayfield is reported on the sick list.

The Odd Fellows will give a dance at Masonic hall this evening.

Mrs. J. H. Van Dusen will entertain the Kings Daughters this afternoon.

The public schools closed for Thanksgiving and will remain closed until next Monday.

Evangelist E. R. Nance will conduct services at the First Presbyterian church tonight.

The stock yards company presented each of its married employes with a fine Thanksgiving turkey. The newspaper men were also remembered.

It is understood that the railroads running into this city will request the appointment of a humane officer, whose duty it will be to see that stock cars are not overloaded.

TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Creeks Hasten to Register.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Nov. 25.—The order of United States Indian Agent Wisdom of this place directing the Creeks to appear before the Dawes commission for enrollment, has had its effect. Mr. Bixby, the chairman of the commission, states that more than 10,000 Creeks have already enrolled, and they were enrolling at the rate of 300 per day at Okmulgee, and 100 at this place. The enrollment is entirely satisfactory to the commission, and it hopes to complete the work by December 10.

VOTING FOR QUEEN POLARIS.

Total Returns in the Popular Contest Up Till Thursday Night.

Following is the result of the vote in the contest for Queen Polaris up till Thursday night:

Jessie Dickinson	14,590	Cora Strait	33
Anna McNamara	14,172	Winnifred Rowe	33
Birdie Auerswald	5,488	Emelia Stuben	32
Annette Smiley	4,962	Kate Holloway	31
Anna Heywood	4,835	Marie Taylor	31
Mildred Stephenson	3,963	Florence Morse	30
Maggie Foley	3,817	Ella Hine	30
Mae Robinson	3,020	Edith Ford	28
Adaline Nash	2,834	Anna Goldstein	28
Georgia Krug	2,802	Pearl Evans	28
Jennie Graham	1,730	Margaret Curtis	27
Flossie Romain	1,602	Mary Beck	26
Emma Brau	1,589	May Craig	26
Freda Lang	1,510	Florence Takey	25
Kate O'Hanlon	1,296	Grace Allen	24
Marie Sustette	1,181	Bertha Allen	24
Mabel Nelson	1,068	Maggie Doran	24
Anna Fall	948	Mary Stay	23
Lena Reifeld	847	Zena Leeper	23
Stella Voltrie	787	Anna Askwith	23
Agnes Meyers	728	Laura Fisher	23
Mae Bartlett	724	Fischia Oglesby	21
Mabel Taylor	680	Iva Cope	21
Nellie Rhine	660	Miss Burnett	20
Idalia Weed	659	Bertha Hertzler	20
Elizabeth Parrotte	583	Nettie Olson	20
Cora Battelle	569	Susan Walker	20
Lillian D. Terry	552	Zoe Booker	20
Jeannette Gregg	460	Luella Pegau	19
Amy Gernhardt	440	Mariam Brown	18
Nellie Gregg	404	Florence Kilpatr'k	18
Marie Woodard	395	Irene Swain	18
Helen Millard	356	Alta Peacock	18
Marie Armstrong	343	Sadie Cain	18
Millie Himes	340	Grace Brown	18
Maud Vaughn	319	Kittie Lawrence	18
Mrs. H. B. Coryell	298	Edith Cummings	17
Sadie Stone	289	Mina Hockstein	17
Laura Morse	284	Josie Stemm	17
Mrs. R. W. Dailey	256	Minnie Herlin	17
Flora Hazard	250	Jennie Jabonisky	16
Elizabeth Phillips	231	Clara Lehmann	16
Florence Vivian	228	Mrs. M. J. Brain'd	16
Clara Redinger	212	Sadie Slatter	16
Beulah Fleming	207	Della Marnell	16
Selma Epenetor	200	K. Bartholomew	15
Edith Miner	193	Sadie Saylor	15
Clara Clarkson	177	Edith Dahlstrom	15
Blanch Hungate	163	Nellie Samuels	15
Florence Campion	157	Clyde Blanchard	15
Helen Hoagland	148	Lynn Curtis	14
Pauline Lowe	145	Julia Lynch	14
Nora McAdoo	139	Wenonah James	14
Mina Andres	139	Fern Marty	14
Maud Johnson	138	Lucinda Gamble	14
Anna Norswall	131	Bell Vogal	14
M. Hilderbrand	130	Hallie Spera	14
Florence Pitchie	122	Mrs. Lee Kratz	13
Della Jones	121	Goldie Betts	13
Flora Webster	120	Dora Raapke	13
Emily Wareham	120	Oka Clearwater	13
Abby Gray	112	Jennie Ice	13
Lena Segelke	107	Annie Dailey	13
Floy Jones	102	Lottie Metz	13
Theresa Mjnikus	101	Katie Brandt	13
Mrs. J. P. Morse	98	Edith Beckman	13
Annie Kuca	98	Mrs. O. H. Wirth	13
Ethel Wilkins	96	Edith Packard	12
Lulu Heinrick	95	Mrs. H. C. Brown	12
Birdie Powell	87	Myrtle Spencer	12
Lucy Parrish	85	Emma Johnson	12
Edna Watson	83	Kate Donaldson	12
Jennie Frost	83	Cecil Gray	12
Alberta Woods	80	Emma Robinson	11
Daisy Barker	79	Mabel Berglund	11
Clara Palmer	78	Emma Anderson	11
Zelma Fleming	78	K. Swartzlander	11
Lena Hartigan	77	Jennie Donaldson	11
Dell Axtell	73	Laura Levi	11
Esther Lindstrom	71	Flora Stemm	10
Bessie Vodrazka	70	Lucy Shourup	10
Mabel Packard	69	Inez Beebe	10
P. Gentleman	69	Hannah Kopald	10
Rose Macomber	68	Ollie Clark	10
Mrs. M. F. Avery	68	Lizzie Drummy	10
Mrs. Hall. Mulford	65	Harriet Hornsby	10
Ada Steiger	65	Mrs. R. H. Lear's	9
Clara Lorenzen	63	E. Reynolds	9
Florence Bathrick	63	Rachael Chemison	9
Kate McVittie	63	Alberta Green	9
Effa Hale	60	Ethel Spencer	8
Minnie Neale	55	Helen Cleveland	8
Eloise Cornman	55	Mrs. J. W. Robb	8
Lena Krug	52	D. Buckingham	8
May Faber	51	Laura Smith	8
Sadie Alexander	51	Grace Brown	8
Nellie Loudon	50	Mrs. J. Krage	8
Fannie Neilson	50	Ella Dodson	8
Sadie Hammel	49	Jessie Gillies	8
Mrs. Burns	46	Minnie Sargent	8
Pearl Smiley	46	Anna Ahlstrom	8
May Hamlin	46	F. Stillwater	8
Eva C. Sayles	45	Florence Singer	7
Lottie Shalda	43	Edna Robertson	7
Georgia Tennery	43	Maude Kellogg	7
Emma Fornan	43	Georgie Richards	7
Tacra Lindstrom	42	Hermine Blessing