FROM THE NEWS FARTHER

WITH GUESTS IS CROWDED

Fire Brenks Out in the Early Morning and Those Who Escape Save Nothing but Their Night

Clothes.

BUTTE, Mont., March 21.-The Hale house, a large three-story brick building on from. East Broadway, used as a lodging and board-

story window, turned over in the air, and

PRANK ROHDEY, aged 40, lately from Portland, Ore., jumped from third-story window, turned over and struck on head and shoulders, fracturing his skull.

HUGH BOYLE, aged 30, miner at Anaconda mine, started to lower himself from the third story by means of an improvised rope, which parted fifty feet from the ground. He was just recovering from the effects of a broken leg through an accident a month

three companions made another rope. The others got down safely, but the rope broke with Judge.

John Irwin, burned about the neck and face and cut by glass. He jumped from the third floor, but was only stunned by the BUILDING IS CROWDED.

There were 250 men and women in the it is believed about 200 escaped without in-

The fire started in the bakery house is the center of the building and had a good start before discovered. The blaze was first discovered by Billy White, Jake Yuch and Jack Dooley. They summoned the watchman and rushed to the upper portion of the building, shouting that the house was on the time the fire had broken through the first floor smoke filled the hall

Dooley and his companions realized tha there was no time to lose and they began kicking in the doors of the rooms. The men thoughtfully awakened the women

The alarm had been turned in and the dewindows in the front of the building franti-cally calling for help. They were cut off from the rear of the building by the dense

The ladders were run up, but not before many of the frightened people had jumped. Others, including all the female help, were gotten out by the firemen. On the side of gotten out by the fremen. On the side of the building many had made ropes of their bedclothes said sought to escape in that way. Some of them succeeded, but in other cases the ropes broke and the men dropped many feet to the ground.

As fast as the inmates were rescued or jumped, those injured were placed in vehicles and carried to the different hospitals. Those injured slightly or uninjured betook themselves to the houses of neighbors and friends in order to secure some clothing. No one saved anything but what they had on at the time of the fire. This made it im-possible to obtain a full list of many who were slightly hurt.
The night was bitterly cold, the ther-

mometer registering 5 degrees below zero.

As long as there appeared any chance of people being in the building the firemen devoted themselves to saving human life. It was only after there was no further chance to do this that they began work on the fire in earnest. The fire had gained such headthat two hours after it began the walls

It is possible some of the missing men may turn up yet. Early in the day the list of the supposed dead ran up as high as fifty. This was because many of the men who escaped did not report for work at the mines. Little however, the list decreased as men reported, until twenty known lodgers were unaccounted for. It is possible, however, that a number of transient roomers who are not well known may be dead in the ruins. Only an exemination will settle that point and this cannot be made until the ruins cool

The Hale house belonged to the Anaconda company. It was built in 1895 at a cost of \$70,000 and with the furniture and belongings of the lodgers the loss will reach fully

Cattle Owners Must Pay Taxes. BISMARCK, N. D., March 21 .- (Special.)-Judge Winchester of the district court has decided that the Stark county boundary law is constitutional and that the big cattle owners who have evaded the payment of county taxation will have to pay. The decision, if upheld by the supreme court, will mean the payment of thousands of dollars in taxes from the cattle owners who have heretofore paid state taxes only. It is estimated that the county will collect \$25,000 to \$40,000 more annually by the confirming of this de-cision and the immense herds of cattle which roam over the prairies of the western part of the state will not hereafter go untaxed. The argument of the cattle owners and their attorneys was that the law was defective because in the nature of special legislation, but the judge holds that this claim will not hold. The cattle men will appeal the case to the supreme court for a final decision,

The Great Test Of a pure soap is-will it shrink



it. For toilet-for bath ing dainty articles. use a soap so pure that it won't shrink wool.

BUTTE HOTEL IS DESTROYED to overture the law there. The attorneys for the county claim that if this law is pronounced unconstitutional by the supreme court the counties of McLean, Pierce, Ward and other counties which were organized by the same kind of law, will have been illegally formed and thousands of dollars in bonds and warrante will be void.

SHE HOLDS A STATE OFFICE me, and I'd taught in the public schools there. I laughingly said, Who are you going to nominate for county superintendent? "You, answered a veteran editor, who about ren things,' jokingly. "I never ran for an office and I couldn't be elected,' said I.

DAMAGE TO WESTERN FRUIT CROP The Havor Done by Frost in the Call-

fornia Citrus Belt. LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 21 .- (Special. -A carefully conducted survey has been made of the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange, with a view to ascertaining as nearly as possible the conditions governing the liability of the citrus fruit belts to frost and some important deductions have been made there-

It was also expected that the survey ing house by miners in the employ of the would supply some definite knowledge as to votes, but holds a high state office. She is the percentage of oranges affected by the Anaconda company, was destroyed by fire, succession of frosts. But the more careful which broke out shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. So far as known, two men are dead from injuries received in jumping from windows, another is dying and twenty are missing, while a search of the ruins may disclose the fact that many transient lodgers lost their lives also. The casualties were southern California is more or less affected.

The heaviest burden of the loss falls on the lowlands of Riverside county, where it can be said that all the fruit below Indiana MATT DOYLE, aged 45, miner at the avenue, including Magnolia and California Mountain Consolidated, jumped from third-avenues and the cross streets, is damaged to a greater or less degree. This territory includes a large body of old trees, mostly seedlings, and in itself represents probably one-fifth of the oranges of southern Cal-ifornia. The fruit on a portion of Colton terrace is a complete loss. That of Moreno, Perris and Alessandro can be said to be practically a total loss, the frosts demonstrating conclusively that there is no orange land on the Jacinto plains and very little what it was, but explained how nonsensical it on the foothills surrounding it. Irvingdale would be for a woman to run for governor and Vineland, in Los Angeles county, have at that time, and said that the report about adapted to citrus fruits.

Touching the lemon industry it can be said that the damage to the crop on the Injurea:
Pat Galligin, went down with third when it collapsed and was rescued by firemen, badly burned.

John T. Carter, stranger in the city, got cut by means of a fire escape, badly burned and cut by glass.

J. J. Conroy, burned on hands and fractured bones by leaping to ground.

Barney Reynolds, fractured right leg. He condition of the lemon crop. In general it can be said that lemons which were ready for picking have suffered a little more than oranges in the same district, while unteresting the suffered still more, the interest reaches a heavier process. It is an encouraging fact that there is scarcely a case in which ing east? Why, I've been in Washington, working night and day, on an important mission for my state, and I just came over here to rest a few days before completing it. I came to Washington to rest a few days before completing it. I came to washington to rest a few days before completing it. I came to washington to rest a few days before completing it. I came to washington to rest a few days of the condition of the lemon which were ready for picking have suffered a little more than oranges in the same district, while unteresting process. The governor, secretary of rental purposes. Mike Judge, right arm broken. He had jury increasing with the decrease in size. The section of improvised rope that had broken from the weight of Hugh Boyle. He and As a result of this condition there will be a fair supply of lemons for shipment up to April, when there will come a dearth of fruit lasting until July, when the blooms now on the trees will begin to mature and by August the shipments will again be about normal. There are very rare cases where unpicked olives were lojured to a certain extent in southern California. In none of the citrus fruit sections did the mercury fall low enough to injure this fruit, though at Lake View and one or two other local-ities of the orange belt the mercury registered eighteen degrees above zero, and injured olives as well as the foliage on the trees. The cold of Tuesday and Wednesday nights has given place to rain tonight and the prospects are that the worst is over. REPORT OF A REVOLTING CRIME.

Iwo Men Treat a Third in a Brutal

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 21 .- (Special Telegram.)-Reports of a revolting crime committed a few days ago near Grover, Colo., a few miles east of Cheyenne, were brought in today. A sheep herder named William Hill, employed ten miles north of Grover, partment responded promptly. When the firemen arrived, men in their underclothing and others half dressed were clambering signal others half dressed were clambered with the signal of down the fire escapes in the rear. Others, and the servant girls with them were at the the two men dragged him across the prairie through cactus and sage brush and then gave him a terrible beating with the buckle end of their cartridge belts. Not satisfied with this they rubbed salt in the bleeding wounds and after committing a revolting outrage upon the person of Hill left him bound and gagged on the practic. Hill's employer mis.! Wyoming," answered Miss Reel, "and it has sing him that night, incitited a search and found the pear follow in a search and district the reporter.

"Oh, all this is due to the fact that we are enjoying McKinley prosperity in gagged on that night, incitited a search and evidently come to stay. The two leading infound the poor fellow in a dying condition. Hill was taken to Greeley, thence to Chi-cago. It is believed he cannot live. Jones and Carson have not as yet been arrested, as people are afraid to make complaint against

Mormon Church Short of Funds. SALT LAKE, Utah, March 21 .- (Special.)-A small sensation in ecclesiastic and bustness circles was created by the publication in the Logan Journal, edited by a Mormon. of a statement to the effect that Wilford Woodruff, president of the Mormon church, had, as trustee in trust of the Mormon church property, signed a guarantee of the payment of the bonds of the Union Light and Power company, amounting to \$4,500,-000. This company was promoted and prin-cipally owned by the leading church au-thorities. President Woodruff and the offi-cers of the company deny that he signed the bonds in his capacity as trustee of the church property. It has been a matter of current comment for some time that the church is financially embarrassed, notwithstanding its large revenue from tithing.

Sale of a Valuable Canal. SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 .- (Special.)-The Woodbridge canal in San Joaquin county was sold this week under foreclosure for \$5,000, though it cost \$250,000, and is worth fully \$150,000. The sale will probably not be confirmed. The principal owner is Stan-ley W. Dexter of New York. For three years the canal has been in the hands of a receiver, who had no authority to make new contracts with the farmers or fruit growers for water, so that patrons are limited to 3,000 acres, although the canal can irrigate 30,000 acres. The main canal is

sixty feet wide, six feet deep and fifteen kilometree long. With good management it would have returned a fair interest on the Rush to Get Out of Klondike. TACOMA, March 21 .- H. C. Pettit of Snohomish, who returned from Alaska on the City of Seattle, brings news to the effect that next June and July will witness a stampede from Dawson that will be equaled only by the present rush of gold seekers to the Klondike. Up to February 8, when Pettit left, there had been about 1,500 appetiti fert, there are south. Before that number was reached the accommodations of all the first boats had been sold, and no more applications would be received. When bookings open for the second boats there will be another rush. Practically every one of the 1,500 are anxious to get out early and will bring gold, many in large amounts.

Adding to a Big Reward. BOISE, Idaho, Merch 21 .- (Special.)lovernor Steunenberg announces he will, on behalf of the state, supplement the offer of the was a very small man, and you see I'm very tail, and so I said to him. 'No, indeed; levers of F. D. Whitney at Gem in Sheshes. I'll be glad account to him. 'No, indeed;

case, holds that no person or corporation could divert from a stream or obtain vested right in more water than was needed for some useful purpose. The owner of one acre

MISS ESTELLE REEL AND HER WORK

Interesting Chat with Gotham Re porters, Who Discover She is Neither "Wild Nor Woolly"-Incidents of Her Life.

A woman politician has come here from out of the west, reports the New York Sun. She is the genuine article, for she not only Miss Estelle Reel, state superintendent of public instruction and register of the State fact, this politician is a distinctly genuine woman, for the Sun reporter heard her talking to some New York women politicians

about clothes and beaux.
"I'm afraid of Sun reporters," she said frankly as soon as her visitors had gone. "One of 'em did me up more completely once than I'd ever been done up before or since. He did it editorially, too. Why, a series of western campaigns let me down easy by the side of that article. It was just exactly two years ago when it was reported that the re-publicans of Wyoming wanted to nominate suffered the total less of their fruit and it is clearly shown they are not in a section platform and didn't leave a splinter of it for adapted to circus fruits. me to stand on. I'd just like to meet the

and as I am register, all of the work is done in my office, and I have direct charge of the leasing and selling of all state lands. When Wyoming was admitted to statehood several millions of acres of land were granted the state by the general government for the benefit of schools, charitable and penal reformatory institutions, hospitals or homes for the charges of the state, and so on. Four years ago, when the present state administration took charge of the land affairs of the state, a few thousand acres of this land were rented, the income amounting to perhaps \$100 a week. The practice of leasing lands or grazing purposes was encouraged by the state land board and every facility possible at low rates of rental. The result is that the state is now receiving several thousand dollars a week from rentals. The demand ias been so great that practically all of our

land is leased.
"Then, too, by reason of the Indian and "Then, too, by reason of the increan and military reservations in the state, and the land reserved on account of being mineral in character, we have lost a large body. The Interior department advised us that we were entitled to make state selections of land in view of this lost land, and Lhastened bours in the first chance and had to drive nearly a hundred miles to the court land in view of this lost land, and Lhastened bours in a stary which. I got there, and to the capital to complete the details of obtaining these lands. I've obtained lists from the land department, and when my work is completed Weamagn. have now on file applications for leasing tional lands."

M'KINLEY PROSPERITY.

"You must be an energetic worker," comevidently come to stay. The two leading in-dustries there are sheep and cattle raising. During the past year sheep values almost doubled and the thousands of sheep owners in the state enjoyed a most profitable busi-ness. The prospects are exceedingly bright with them for the future and so many are trying to get into the business that it is hardly possible to buy stock sheep. In the cattle industry prices have gone upward, and the cattle business, which is divided up among thousands of small stockmen, is again profitable after years of depression. It is the healthy growth of these two industries which causes the great demand for more land for leasing purposes. Things are booming in other lines of business, too. During the last year our coal mines have worked full time and the coal production of the state increased 25 per cent over previous years. At some of the mines now the men years. At some of the mines now the men are all working overtime—something unprecedented in the history of the state. "Talk about yourself," suggested the in-

"How did you come to go into At this point Miss Helen Varick Boswell and Mrs. Clarence Burns, two of the best known women in eastern politics, dropped in to see Miss Reel. It wasn't necessary for the Sun woman to do any more question-

ing. "How does it feel to vote?" asked Mrs. "Feel to vote," repeated Miss Reel in a puzzled tone. "It doesn't feel at all. We Wyoming women go in and vote just as you eastern women go in and order your meat for dinner. You see, women have been voting in Wyoming for thirty years, and women can get used to anything in that time. Our polling places are kept clean and cleared, and a woman simply steps in and casts her ballot. That's all there is to it. Suffrage doesn't make us feel, look or act any differently from other women, but I believe it has made the men more chivalrons. chivalrous. You know the women of Wyo-ming didn't howl for suffrage. It was forced on them by the men. The men gave the women the ballot to protect their homes, to make a more stable population. Women out there never open their heads about suf-frage, and we carnot understand these suffragists who howl for the ballot. We re-ceived the privilege of voting because it was necessary to the welfare of the state. "And I believe that is the way it will come to every state," interrupted Miss Boswell, who has little patience with shouting suf-

fragists.
A CHEYENNE INVITATION. "I just wish all of you would come out to Cheyenne, where I live," continued Miss Reel, with whole-hearted western hospitality. "Come out and visit me, and I'll show you the women voters and change your ideas. Really, the eastern people have such queer notions about us. While I was in Washington a prominent politician from our state

derers of F. D. Whitney at Gem in Shoshon county, in November last. The sheriff has offered \$15,000. The governor will probably offer \$1,000. As there are supposed to be about twenty of the mob the total offered by the state will reach a large sum.

Right to Use of Water.

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 21.—(Special.)—The Utah supreme court, in an irrigation case, holds that no person or corporation could divert from a stream or obtate vested.

Chicago and St. Louis, and went to Wyoming ten years ago for my health. My Chicago and St. Louis, and went to Wyoming ten years ago for my health. My brother, who is an old settler there, has a raches of land could not appropriate water for two acres, and all water that runs to waste was subject to appropriation.

Pueblo, Colo, March 21.—(Special.)—The executive committee for the Pueblo pageant of states and nations to be held July 4 and 5 next held a meeting and it was decided to open at once a bureau of publicity and to begin the financial arrangements necessary for the colobration. Reports presented by sub-committees are encouraging.

Chicago and St. Louis, and went to Wyoming ten years ago for my health. My brother, who is an old settler there, has a ranch near Cheyenne, and I went out to him. He is prominent in politics, but for two or three years after going there I didn't so much as vote. The way I got into politics was this: A woman friend of mine held the office of superintendent of schools in Laramic county, the most populous in the state. She was away from home, and wrote asking me to look after her remomination. I asked the men of the republican county committee if they were going to put her up again, and they said no, for her husband had been nominated for county clerk, and they couldn't both be on the ticket.

"I'd always been intensely interested in

"If you allow us to use your name we'll see that you are elected," he declared. "It's u bargain," said I, and I was elected

by the largest majority ever given there. I knew the school work perfectly, and went from ranch to ranch visiting the schools, often driving sixty miles in a day. My health became perfect and I learned to love that work as I'd never loved anything. At the end of my first term I was renominated and elected again by the largest majority on the ticket. I was the only woman on it, and, as I said, our men are very chivalrous. After my second term I was nominated for state superintendent of public instruction and was the first woman in the union to hold a state office. Colorado soon followed with a woman state official. I've been that of register and sceretary of the Board of Land Commissioners and secretary Board of Charities and Reforms. The board has direct charge of all the details of state institutions, so my work is much and varied."
"Do you take the same part in the campaigns as your fellow candidates?" questioned Miss Boswell.

"Yes, indeed. I stumped the state with party of candidates composed of the governor, our representative, the state auditor and his wife. We traveled in stage coaches and wagons and had a great time. I did not allow the fact that I was a woman to keep me from bearing my share of the bur dens of the campaign, financial and other-wise. I traveled over most of the state, which has an area of 97,000 square miles, speaking when the other candidates spoke. I am no orator, and did not try to discuss the political issues of the day. In fact, I the political issues of the day. rarely ever spoke over seven minutes, which was probably a surprise to the men, for all I did was to explain the duties of the office for which I was a candidate and tel! why thought I could perform them satisfac torily. Democrats and republicans alike treated me with the greatest courtesy and so did the press.

ENJOYS THE FUN

"Sometimes the papers poke fun at me however, but I enjoy it. I went to the St. Louis convention and at that time was wearing a very bandsome silver belt, which was given me by a free silverite. The papers commented on this, because I am a republicen through and through, but I was a woman first, and the belt was a beauty. From St. Louis I went on to visit President and Mrs. McKinley in Canton, and while there Mrs. McKinley gave me a beautiful hatpin. The papers took that up and said that I went to St. Louis wearing a free silver belt and came away from Canton wearing a gold hatpin, and that that just showed how much stability a woman politic an had. The Denver papers especially gave me fits."

Miss Reel in good to look at, and he clothes aren't at all western. She is tall and straight and beautifully proportioned. Her eyes are big and gray, with an expres-sion of depth, and she has a mouth as wincome as a pretty child's. She says that Cheyenne is laid out at such an angle that the sun shines on every single part of every seems to be built on a similar angle. There seems to be always supshine in her heart and it permeates her manner. She is softvoiced and gentle, but hearty and cordial with it ell, and is still near the age of 30, when a woman's charms are at their best. "Oh, yes," she sail, resuming the converback home. Then the n and they meant it, too."

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS.

New South Dakota Corporations. PIERRE, S. D., March 21 .- (Special.)-Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Gann Valley Co-operative Creamery company, at Gann Valley, Buffalo county, with a capital of \$5,000; G. S. Nelson, president; Archer G. Hill, secretary. For George R. Allison & Sons, incorporated, at Creston, Pennington county, with a capital of \$40,000, the purposes of the corporation being to raise and handle live stock; incorporators, George R. Allison, Joseph M. Allison, Sylvester Allison. For the Campbell Creamery company in Jerauld county, with a capital of \$3,000; incorporators, Loren H. Pier, Woonsocket; Herman Schraeder and Ole C. Solby. For the Sloux Falls Trust company, with a capital of \$50,000; incorporators, S. G. Tuthill, Porter P. Peck, P. F. Sherman, G. Tuthili, Porter P. Peck, P. F. Succusal, W. L. Booker. For the Bank of Hot Springs, with a capital of \$10,000; incorporators, Richard C. Lake, James Halley and G. C.

Plaintiff Gets Damages. DEADWOOD, S. D., March 21.-The great Buxton against Golden reward suit for \$220,-000 damages for ore taken from the Buxton mine by the defendant, was ended today by a verdict of the jury placing damages at \$61,500. A stay of proceedings was granted by the court for ninety days in which to

make a motion for a new trial. Buxton Company Gets a Verdlet. DEADWOOD, S. D., March 21 .- (Special Telegram.)-The case against the Golden Reward Mining company by the Buxton Mining company to recover \$220,000 for ore extracted from the Buxton ground by the Golden Re-ward was decided this morning, the jury placing the damages to the Buxton at \$61,500. The case will not be appealed.

OLDHAM, S. D., March 21 .- (Special.) -R. L. Jackson of Sloux City will begin the publication of a weekly newspaper at this place about April 1.

South Dakota News Notes. The republican city convention in Sloux Falls will be held April 7

The Oelrichs Times has been consolidated with the Hot Springs Herald. Grasshoppers are said to be plentiful in the northern part of the state. John E. Colony was fined \$10 in court at Canton for setting a prairie fire. J. F. McLaurin is sinking on the Eldorado group, near Hill City. The vein varies from a few inches to thirty inches and averages \$22 free million.

A sixty-mile fence its to be built along one side of Pine Ridge reservation, separating it from the open range. The posts will be iron or steel, and there will be five 4point galvanized wires

Thomas Fletcher, a farmer of Moody county, who died last week, came to South Dakota in 1878 with nothing and now leaves an estate worth \$25,000, all made out of Dakota soil in twenty years.

At Bismarck and Big Hit mines the mill is now running satisfactorily on ore from a vein forty-three feel wide, averaging \$5 to the ton. Twenty-four men are taking out forty tons of this ore daily. The state railroad *** commissioners have served notice on the Milwaukee road that

the case regarding passenger service on that road between Mitchell and Chamberlaic will come up for trial at Mitchell, March 30. Castlewood had a close call last week on account of a fire, which, if it had not been discovered and extinguished, would have destroyed the whole south block of that place.
The fire broke out in the block of William Marshall, occupied by Eggen Sisters, mil-hold 180,000,000 gallons.

liners; loss about \$200. Miss Bertha Eggen was severely burned about the face, though it is thought not dangerously.

The Vermillion Republican says that "not less than 50,000 plum trees will be planted in Clay county this spring," and adds: "Many farmers in the county have made good money raising this fruit, for which the soil seem well adapted."

Rumors are again rife that Bishop Hare of the South Dakota Episcopal diocese will soon remove from the state to take the secretaryship of the board of foreign missicos. necessitating the appointment of a new bishop for the state. Bishop Hare has been New York for some weeks.

Beet Sugar Factory in Oregon. LA GRANDE, Ore., March 21.—(Special.)— C. A. Granger, who will be superintendent of the sugar factory to be built at La Grande has arrived from Leul, Utah, to take up his residence here. He states that the atruc-tural steel for the factory is now on the road, and will be here in a short time. The company will seen begin active operations. It is only waiting to arrange a few more details before beginning the work of construction. As soon as the site is located for a certainty, contracts will be let and the work pushed as rapidly as possible.

Washington News Notes.

Congressman James Hamilton Lewis has orwarded a small sack full of garden seeds to the city treasurer of Centralia, to be disributed.

Last week Hoquiam had a flect of eleven essels loading at her docks. The combined umber capacity of the fleet is over 6,000,000 feet of lumber. J. A. Ingram, postmaster at Quiniault lake, n Chehalis county, says that the forest re-erve order has discouraged the settlers of

ils section and that many of them will aban

ion their claims. Bellingham bay fishing firms state that here is an immense demand for fish to sup ply the eastern trade during Lent. Hundreds of boxes are being shipped out and still orders come in from all parts of the coun

Dry canyon, which has its source in th headwaters of the Swank and its mouth i Yakima river, has been the scene of large floods within the last month, and considerable gold is being found in the fresh wash gravel along its course. Petitions are being circulated in Chebalia

by the Women's Christian Temperance union asking the council to require the er forcement of the ordinances against gam-bling, against minors frequenting saloons, and against saloons being open all night and on Sundays. The petitions will probably be presented at the next council meeting.

The Washington-Anaconda group of mines in Beckler River district, ten miles from the Great Northern railroad, shows a con-tact vein 300 feet wide between well-defined walls of porphyry and state, and a tunnel is being driven to cross-cut the ledge, which is now in nearly sixty feet. The ore assays from 5 to 32 per cent copper, \$10 silver and \$2 gold to the ton. In Swank district Philadelphia capitalists

have recently become interested in the Rigby gold mines. These mines are in the old river channels, and have produced more large nuggets and coarse gold than any mines in the Pacific northwest. These nuggets usually range from \$50 to \$250, and the gold is worth at the mints about \$17 per ounce. It is the intention of the new owners to introduce new and improved appliances. California News Notes.

Half of Venton has been destroyed by fire, which started in a blacksmith shop. Rev. S. S. Palmer of the Brooklyn Presoyterian church of Oakland, has received call from the Central Union church of Hon-olulu, the largest and wealthiest on the islands. The salary is \$4,500 a year. Mr Palmer will probably accept.

The California Board of Trade last week discussed the part which this state should take at the Paris exposition, and decided to request the next legislature to appropriate \$50,000 for an exhibit. Mrs. Josephine Burns, on elderly lady, was awarded \$11,000 by a jury in Los Angeles from the Main Street and Agricultural Park Railway company for injuries received

in alighting from a car while it was in motion. She is permanently crippled. The tracks for the Valley road have been laid over nearly the entire 235 miles from Stockton to Bakersfield. Only about ten

miles remain uncompleted. The gap on the Southern Pacific between Surf and Elwood is to be closed at ...ce. The contractors have ordered a full outfit of horses and mules to Surf. They are now shipping tools, scrapers and men. A report from Lompoe is that it has been announced that 1,000 men are to be employed working constantly by electric light at night so that one shift would immediately succeed an-

The Bee says there are about 200 cases of typhold fever in Sacramento. The cause of the prevalance of the disease is thought to be largely due to the impurities in the drinking water which comes from the Sacramento

Nevada News Notes A lot of 320 tons of hay recently rold at \$10 per ton, delivered on the cars at Reno. It is estimated that over 100,000 head of sheep will range in the northern part of Elko

county this year. The Reno city council will issue \$130,000 nds to put in a new water system and \$20,000 for electric light purposes. The state comptroller's report for 1897 shows that the session of the Nevada state

legislature for that year cost the taxpayers A gold nugget weighing over two ounces and valued at about \$59 was found by John Noocovitch while sluicing for that metal on his ranch near Mill station

The Silver State says that a stage line will soon be started from Bruneau valley to Mountain City, and will mark the begin-ning of what before long will be a through daily line from Mountainhome to Elko. The ore in the Standard at Mountain City

is a carbonate carrying gold, and in a dump 100 tons the lowest assay showed \$68 in gold and \$3 in silver. The early prospectors looked here for horn silver and chlorides and thought the ore of no value. The trial of the men accused of stealing

umber from old Fort Halleck has been set for March 21. Those conversant with the circumstances declare the prosecution is an outrage, and the Elko Argonaut has employed special counsel to help in defending the accused men.

Montana News Notes. The daily issue of the Billings Gazette will

be revived for political purposes. A car inspection bureau has been organized at Butte and demurrage will be charged. An effort is being made to secure a change of venue for Thomas Riley before his trial for the killing of Patrick Largey at Helena. Preparations are already being made in Helena for the celebration of the Fourth of July. The state militia will have an encampment there at the time.

The Murphy Cattle company of Billings, already an extensive cattle outfit, is negctiating for the purchase of the big herd of the Ryan brothers, about 15,000 head. The rush over the snow to the Yukon by the Edmonton route is at its height. Par-ties are arriving at Great Falls by twenties and thirties on every train and hurrying forward to take advantage of the last snow. About 500 head of horses are being brought from the counties south of Boulder for shipment to some point in the British possessions. The horses are eaid to be fine stock and the majority were bought for only

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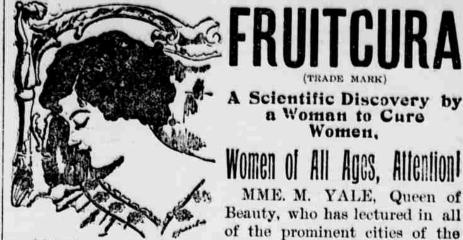
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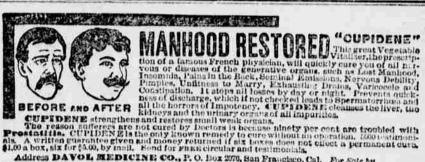
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