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## NEWS AND COMMENTS.

Old John Robinson's circus is down here in New Mexico this week. Twenty-three men were killed at the Wharnciffe Carlton colliery England, by an explosion in the mine.

The United States grand jury have found a true bill against Oklahoma Payne for conspiracy to violate the laws. The end of this Oklahoma business draws near.

A fashion item says that close-fitting jackets are much worn, which causes Jones to observe that the same may be truthfully remarked of the remainder of his wardrobe.

The Chinese enter this country from Mexico, British Columbia and through obscure ports, and the number in this country is daily augmented in spite of the prohibitory edict of congress.

The White Oaks Golden Era makes the announcement that it will give a "steal" engraving for framing to every new subscriber. The Era has some land grant maps on hand, evidently.

The Santa Fe road has made another cut in the wages of employes. It is the station agents who suffer this time. A percentage allowed on the sale of tickets makes some stations as good pay as ever, but at most places the reductions considerable.

R. E. McFarland one of the representatives elect of Socorro county is back again from the foreign shore on which he has been wandering for the past year. There is now a chance for the promoters of the ugly stories current shortly after his departure last winter to verify their statements.

Boasting is epidemic within the confines of the state of Kansas and whatever the subject referred to by the newspapers whether creditable or discreditable if Kansas leads there is a brag to its announcement. Here, for instance, is an item which is accorded a conspicuous place in Kansas publications just now. "Last year Kansas had 62 tornadoes; Illinois, 54; Missouri, 47; Iowa, 31; Indiana, 27 and Minnesota 21.

Socorro has organized itself into a school district and the erection of a public school building will be begun at once. The taxation for school purposes which has been collected in the two Socorro precincts, and which amounts to several thousand dollars annually, and which has always been drawn and used by the Catholic college of Socorro will now be turned into the channel designed for it and Socorro will make a long stride in advance toward civilization.

The Episcopal church has just bestowed itself that the great and good Master, despite His charity and mercy for the shortcomings of erring man, must be getting wearied with the oft repeated petitions contained in its book of common prayer, and like the democratic party sighing for a change. A convention is therefore now in session the sole object of which is to make certain alterations in the book of common prayer in the direction of liturgical enrichment and increased flexibility of use. There will be joy among the angels, doubtless when the change is accomplished and accepted.

The Santa Fe Review remarks that that there are 150,000 acres of patented lands in Santa Fe county that are unassessed and which pay no taxes. The bulk of this non-contributing real estate is comprised in grants. A more efficient sheriff appears to be the chief demand of the times. These immense tracts of scenery held by rich men are the very pieces of property on which taxes should be collected, and if anybody is to escape let it be the poor man. Honest and impartial taxation will do more than any other agency toward settling the grant question. Cañon and his contemporaries will not stand many draughts upon their purses for the simple pleasure of keeping a host of almost worthless acres.

California men are about to introduce United States political methods into railroad operations in Central America. Crocker, Huntington and Sanford, the Pacific coast vampires, have made a combination with the dominant party in the state of Guatemala whereby a railroad will be constructed by them from ocean to ocean across said state, all employes of the government whose salary exceeds eight dollars per month being compelled to assist the scheme by the investment of four dollars per year for ten years of their hard-earned cash, in stock. The vampires will soon render this stock worthless and the poor clerks will pass out empty handed. It is strange that Mahone never has extended his operations in Virginia to this extent.

## Lightning Freaks.

The freaks of lightning are certainly wonderful when they are told by western newspapers. For example, it is now asserted that in 1853 a Congregational meeting house in Lockport was struck by lightning during divine service, and doubtless at the very time that the choir was executing an anthem in seven simultaneous keys. One of the young ladies of the choir was stunned, and on regaining consciousness was found to have lost her watch and chain. She remained ill for several months, during which she suffered from a pain in her side, but in time the pain ceased. A short time ago the young lady—who appears to have grown no older in thirty years—noticed a swelling on her arm. The swelling increased and worked downward, and it has just been discovered that the missing watch and three feet of chain were safely embedded in the arm. The lightning obviously struck the watch and chain into the young lady's side, and for thirty years the lost articles have meandered through her system until they have finally reached the surface.

Strange as this story may seem, it can be matched by the experience of Mr. Josiah H. Stringly, who, forty years ago, was leaning on his ox-cart in front of the Baptist meeting-house of Oshkosh, when the steeple was struck by lightning. Mr. Stringly was stunned, his oxen were killed, and the cart was apparently annihilated. After recovering from the effects of the lightning Mr. Stringly became a book agent and practiced that calling until about a week ago, when an indurated swelling on his right cheek attracted his attention. He found that it was caused by a link of an ox-chain, and on trying to pull the link out of the cheek, twelve feet of heavy ox-chain and the missing ox-cart were recovered—the latter in perfect condition, with the exception of one of the tires, which was slightly corroded. This story teaches us that we should never play with lightning and should always tell the truth.—New York Times.

**Taking in a Fair.**  
A stranger who was hanging around the state fair grounds acted in a manner to attract the attention of a policeman, who proceeded to make some inquiries touching his business.

"It's all right, officer—all right," replied the man, as he rested his back against the fence. "My name's White—Jim White, of Isabella county."

"That's satisfactory."  
"And I reached here only two hours ago, after walking most of the way. I'm here to take this thing all in."

"Last time I was here to the fair I only had \$12, and a pick-pocket got \$6 of that. This time I've got \$32 and nobody gets a cent. There's \$4 in each boot, \$6 in my undershirt pocket, and the rest is sort of scattered around promiscuously in my various pockets."

"I guess you are safe."  
"You bet! Last time I was here it cost all my cash to buy fodder. See that bag? Well, I've four loaves of bread, ten pounds of meat, and thirty-two boiled eggs in there for fodder, saying nothing of pickles and crackers. I don't reckon any restaurant will get ahead of me."

"You are well fixed, indeed."  
"There's a man from our county got a big calf here. The three of us are going to sleep together in the stall, and that will save lodgings. I've got my watch tied in my pocket, neither dust nor wet can hurt my clothes, and if anybody goes for me I've got a lot of pepper to throw in his eyes."

"Well, well."  
"I'm going to beat my way in as a preacher," continued the man, "and I'm going to get a seat on the grand stand by claiming that I am a member of the legislature. Once in, I don't come out till the last hog is shipped home. I'm going to begin with the Jersey calf and take in everything clear back to the windmills, and if you hear Gov. Begole inquiring if Jim White, of old Isabella, has shown up, you can assure him that I'm on deck and chuck full of boiling hot enthusiasm."

**How Wheat is Raised in Belgium.**  
Belgium is the most carefully and elaborately cultivated country in Europe, and the Belgian farmers raise larger crops per acre in their small, unfenced, and finely lined farms than are raised anywhere else.

Farming there partakes of the nature of gardening, indeed, it would be called gardening elsewhere. Wheat is the important crop, and the management of it is particular to what other people would call an extreme. The

seed is sown in the fall—spread broadcast over rich and well prepared plant beds, similar to those which Missouri raisers prepare for their tobacco seeds. The young wheat comes up thick, rank and strong in the fall, and remains so all winter, forming a mat on the ground. In the spring the ground is thoroughly prepared by deep ploughing and harrowing, after which it is marked off in drills ten inches to one foot apart, one way. The wheat plants are then pulled up from the bed in bunches, and carefully picked apart, one at a time, and dropped at distances of four to six inches in the drills in the field. After the dropper follows the planter, who, with a trowel or thin paddle, makes holes in the drills at the proper distances, and sets out the separate plants in the same manner as the strawberry, tomato, or tobacco plants are set out. When the work is done there is a wheat field planted in drills one foot apart, and with the plant six inches apart in the drills. It is a tedious and particular process. But on the small five-acre Belgium farm, worth \$200 to \$300 an acre, it amply pays for the trouble. The Belgian wheat fields, after being planted, are carefully cultivated between the rows by hand until the plants are too high to admit of further work. The plants branch into stools, from each of which shoot up stalks bearing heavy heads of grain; and when the harvest comes the yield is 100 to 150 bushels of grain to the acre.—Indiana Farmer.

**Afterglow.**  
To one abstract conundrum much serious thought I gave;  
Why is it that the good men die, and all the bad ones live?  
Or, why is it that we never know our neighbor's rare perfections?  
Till his last will and testament is read to his connections?

Ah, then the daily papers spread his virtues all abroad!  
They say he was "an honest man—the noblest work of God."  
How good he was, how wise he was, how honest in his dealing;  
What tenderness of heart he had, and what a depth of feeling!

Perhaps the man was one of those, ah, would that they were fewer,  
Who all his life ground hard and close the faces of the poor;  
Who drove his debtors to despair by premature foreclosure,  
Then paid his pen rent in advance, with infinite composure.

Perhaps he was the lordly head of some unhappy place  
Called home, by use of courtesy, but lacking all grace,  
Who held his children criminals for every trifling error;  
Who pinched his household half to death, and kept his life in terror.

Perhaps he was a lawyer deep, whose quibbling tricks and words  
Helped base executors to rob widows of their thirds;  
Perhaps a thrifty grocer man, whose wheedling false palaver,  
Sold tenderest steak for porterhouse, and chaffery for Java.

Any of these he might have been—the type are now rare—  
But when he dies, behold, we passed an angel unaware!  
Since type and tongue proclaim his worth, what cynic shall dispute them?  
"Many there be who met the gods," we read, "but few salute them."

Why don't the papers say fine things of men before they die,  
And dedicate these saintly souls ere yet they soar on high?  
Then, we might recognize them ere grim death and cold obstruction  
Have made it quite impossible to get an introduction.

Ah, well, perhaps, when I at last beneath my burden faint,  
I, too, shall win the titles of a paragon and saint  
And be, when death's cold breath has blown aside life's dust and soiling,  
A grain of that superior salt which keeps the world from spoiling.  
—From the Century.

**Phantom Baskets.**  
Take a piece of old cotton cloth or sheeting (which is better, as it ravel more easily), and tear into strips about a yard and a quarter in length and half an inch in width; ravel each side, leaving three threads in the center, then twist, turning one end to the right and the other to the left. After you have about seventy of these strips take a piece of wire (hoopskirt wire is the best) twenty-four inches in length, join the ends together and wind with cloth; then take three of the strips and fasten an end of each at equal distance apart on the circle of the wire, tie the loose ends together and suspend it by these; then hang all your raveled pieces over the wire, letting the ends hang down at equal lengths. Gather these together about eight inches from the top (forming a basket shape) and tie tightly. Form some of the raveling

into the shape of a large egg, place just under where you have tied it, and then tie again. Strips of any bright colored merino prepared in the same way as the sheeting and hung in festoons around the basket add greatly to the effect. They are easily and quickly made, and look very pretty hanging over windows or in the center of the room.—Detroit Free Press.

**Insulting an Agent.**  
When a Detroitier moved to Denver eight or ten years ago and went into the grocery business he naturally bethought him of insurance. One morning he called at the office of the "Great Consolidated Insurance Companies" and asked of a dapper little man who sat reading a paper, if the president was in.

"Yes, I am the man," was the reply.  
"And is the secretary here?"  
"I am the man, also."  
"Perhaps you are likewise the treasurer?"

"I am sir. And to prevent further loss of time I will add that I am also the board of directors, actuary adjuster and cashier."

"Then you are the whole company?"  
"Certainly, sir. We have tried it both ways and we find that these western people want some one to shoot at when an insurance company doesn't toe up. By consolidating everything into one man it makes a great saving of ammunition."

"What are your assets and liabilities?"  
"What?"  
The question was repeated.

"See here, stranger," said the astonished agent, "you must be a tender-foot! When it is known all over Colorado that I am raking in about \$8,000 per week from my three saloons and two poker rooms, the idea of asking about liabilities is an insult. I don't want your risk, sir! Good-day, sir!"—Detroit Free Press.

**Fine Art in the Boundless West.**  
Miss Honora Daubigne has just completed a portrait of her father in oil. It would have looked more like him, had she worked the portrait in whiskey. Still, as a work of art it is a very valuable painting; thirteen dollars worth of tube colors were used in its construction and the frame alone cost forty-five dollars. The hair worn on Mr. Daubigne's cheek is omitted in the portrait, and the right ear, which was bit off in a fight down on the red bridge ten years ago, has been restored by the magical touch of the accomplished artist. The nose of the subject also has been toned down, being treated in pole lakes instead of vermilion. To get at the true soulfulness, the touts ensemble, the immortal intellectual chiaro oscuro of Mr. Daubigne's nose it would have to be treated in a lake of brimstone, if there is such a color. As a work of art, however, the portrait is one of which our city may well be proud. It can be recognized by a glance at the name of the subject, which was neatly lettered on the frame by Stepladder, the sign painter.—Burlington Hawk Eye.

**The Consumption of Gold.**  
The consumption of gold for other than monetary purposes in Europe, America and Australia has more than quadrupled in thirty years, and has quite trebled in twenty years. It is more than five times what it was half a century ago. The great mass of gold which has flowed from the mines has been absorbed in the same opulence and luxury of the times which have swallowed up the flood of gems, great in volume beyond any former precedent, from the diamond fields of South Africa, and increasing prices will be quite as likely to whet the appetite for both as to check it. Five-sixths of the current production of gold is absorbed in the arts and the manufactures in the western world and in British India. A part of the remaining sixth is lost in wear of coins and by fires, shipwrecks and forgotten hoards. What is left to increase the stock of gold money in proportion to the increase of population, exchanges and the wealth of the world.—North American Review.

Five or six couple had been invited in to play cards and listen to music, and peaches had been passed with other refreshments. The party was just ready to break up when the terror of the family entered the parlor and called out: "There, pa, what did ma tell you!" The "governor" probably knew what was coming, but before he could get the youngster out of the way he shot off the other barrel with: "Ma said if we bought clingstone peaches we'd save at least half, and we have!"

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There will be a fat stock show at Kansas City the first week in November.

Canada has a scare on hand caused by a circulating rumor that the assassination of Lord Lansdowne, the new governor, is contemplated.

There was good reason for supposing that the former jury in the American Valley murder case had been tampered with and two arrests have been made of parties charged with this crime.

The mining liar has fled from Kansas to Dakota. He claims to have found gold rock on his farm near Lisbon which assays all the way from \$20 to \$250 per ton.

In accordance with the ruling of the commissioner of the general land office, a United States deputy mineral surveyor must hereafter confine his services in connection with mineral claims to the actual survey, and must not take part in the case except in his strict official capacity.

New Orleans is arranging for a world's fair which is proposed to open on the first Monday in December 1884 and continue until the 31st of May 1885.

E. J. Swords has been appointed general freight agent of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs and St. Joseph and Des Moines railroads to take the place of George H. Crosby who has been transferred to the general agency of the B. & M. R. Y. in Nebraska.

A scheme is on foot conducted by the admirers of William Murdoch the discoverer of the manufacture of coal gas, to purchase his residence at Handswood, England, and convert it into a gas museum.

The Las Vegas Optic is going to the dogs. The dissipations of its proprietor, Mr. Kistler, is telling upon the business and causing a rapid decline.

The change of the times of the trains on the Santa Fe road took place last Sunday. San Marcial is now the dinner station for both trains.

Those who strained their eyesight sufficiently over the Mesilla News of last week, deciphered an item which said that every respectable newspaper in New Mexico was anxious to have the territory become a state.

Branding Cattle.

The Clarendon, Texas News gives the science of branding in the following exposition: The object of branding is to produce another and different crop of hair where the iron touch, which may be clearly distinguished from the other hair about it.

If a half heated iron is held to the skin a long time it cooks through the skin and makes an ugly sore, which subsequently gives the animal great pain.

the entire thickness of the skin, owing to the changes that take place in the skin in consequence of citirix on the surface.

Leather is tougher, firmer and more durable where brands have been applied than where they have not.

A health journal says: "Too thick underclothing causes unnatural redness in the face and nose."

"What did you get out of that case?" asked the old lawyer. "I got my client out of it, said the young one. "And what did he get out of it?"

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## CHLORIDE.

L. Corson has begun to receive his stock of groceries.

Capt. Jas. P. Blain went out to San Marcial this morning.

Ed Magner has gone up to the Black Knight properties to do an assessment work on one of them.

Geo. Turner and J. C. Moody visited Socorro this week to draw the purchase money for the American Flag sale.

John McBride has gone to Denver accompanying the shipment of the Silver Monument ore made last week.

Tools and provisions have been concentrated at the Dreadnaught and work will be commenced next week.

The Hagan's Peak Tunnel company is preparing to let a large contract. In the meantime work progresses leisurely.

Patrick Carmody and his associates who have the agricultural ground on upper Cuchillo Negro creek located are advertising their final proof notices now.

Mr. Stalley is putting an addition to his house on Dry creek recently purchased of J. M. Smith, and he will have it otherwise improved, and occupied next week.

Don Cameron and J. T. Thorne will take a surveyor to their claims in the Elk mountains with a view of having them surveyed preparatory to making final proof.

A scheme is on foot and will probably be perfected to have a grand Masquerade ball in Chloride on Christmas evening. If it is a go the preparations will begin very soon.

Stone, Trumbor and Bougard visited the former's mining claims in the Salado mountains this week for the purpose of seeing if any of the ranch locations are taking them in.

L. T. Yaunt, the first installment of the concentrator, who upon his arrival here gave out that he was the superintendent of the works, has turned back to Kansas to look after his "crap" harvest.

The American Flag has filed proof of publication and all other necessary papers for a patent, with the register of the land office and the owners now have a solid and clear title to the property.

C. H. Laidlaw of Fairview is delving upon a claim of his in the neighborhood of Silver hill in the Cuchillo's, piling up ore for treatment by the concentrator when it arrives. He has a large ledge with an ore crevice of some three feet.

The location of Reber & Co., soda water manufacturers, at Socorro, whence they moved from the Black range, does not, the RANGE regrets to notice, seem to be a great improvement. They are advertising soda at sixty cents a box.

The bar hunters of Hermosa are making said inroads into the bear product of the range. In truth the bears are suffering in all quarters from the gun shots of ambitious hunters. Bear in the Black range will be an unknown quantity in a very few years.

Messrs C. C. Kelley and J. H. Wheeler, the former a speculator and the latter a stockman, both of Denver, Colorado, visited this country since the last issue of the RANGE looking for a stock ranch. They took a look at the west side and were so well pleased that they expect to come back again soon.

W. W. Jones has just completed a map of the Hagan's Peak Tunnel company's property on South Fork for the benefit of the company and its agents at Albuquerque. The map is well executed and shows a very good theory for the ledges running blind into the mountain.

Ohel and Eckhardt have sold to the Kingston butcher, Johnson, their drove of hogs which including the pigs, numbered about one hundred. They also sold him the set of fine furniture which has been a white elephant on their hands for so long, and an open buggy was also included in the sale. The goods and stock were all delivered this week.

The concentrator is now known to be on its way hither from Colorado. Mr. Castle found that the only way to get anything done was to see to it himself and he is at the front hard at work now. He expected to get the machinery transferred to the Santa Fe track by the middle of this week, so the outfit may be expected at Engle in a week or ten days.

Larry McDonald and Oscar Pfothner came back from Kingston this week. They report that Kingston has mines with no mistake and it is their conviction that the town will be the largest in southern New Mexico within a year or two from now. The mineral all lies in line without the shadow of a ledge, but it is there and that is all that is necessary. Let her boom.

Lloyd Jarrett, superintendent of the Gila Cattle company's ranches on the opposite side of the range, is making preparations to dig wells on that range whereby an abundance of water can be assured for all time. By the present method of piping water from the several springs on the place into troughs the present is provided for but the wells will obviate all chances of trouble in the future.

Larry McDonald has sold to B. F. Hill his team of horses, his two wagons and his ranch on lower Cuchillo Negro creek. The purchase price was six hundred dollars. Mr. Hill is now having the ground surveyed and will begin at once the erection of a house on the place. Water can be easily secured by digging there near the box and a handsome place can be made of it with comparatively little labor.

Professor Paul Langhammer a scientific gentleman from Albuquerque arrived in Chloride last evening. He is sent to the Black range by the Hagan's Peak Tunnel and Mining company to examine and make a scientific report upon this property. He went out to Hagan's peak this morning. Prof. Langhammer stands high in the estimation of Albuquerque folks, and a favorable report from him will do much in establishing confidence in the work in the minds of capitalists.

The mountain regions of New Mexico are much superior to Colorado as a panacea for anything partaking of the nature of lung troubles because while giving all the qualities of altitude and uncorrupted air it has not the severe cold weather which is trying upon weak invalids. This advantage is fast coming into recognition and New Mexico is gaining favor proportionally as a health resort. The case of consumption which the Black range air cannot cure is a much aggravated one indeed.

A. Rush Rowe has got his new boiler up to his mine and workmen are busily engaged in putting it in place and erecting the furnace. Just as soon as possible he will fire up and push the work of clearing the water from the mine and sinking the shaft. The unfortunate combination of circumstances which have caused so much delay in the working of the Royal Arch mine are about over it is hoped and work when resumed will continue uninterrupted.

Two additional families came to Chloride Sunday with the intention of making their homes here. They are A. Y. Dawes and wife and daughter and son-in-law B. F. Hill and two children. Their previous residence was in southeastern Missouri, St. Francois county, and they are in search of health. Mrs. Hill has been a confirmed invalid having been confined to her bed with bronchitis. The light, pure air of this mountain region has already begun its work upon her and there is little doubt that she will soon be cured.

Improvements are going on in all quarters this week among which it is noticed that Sam Michaelis has mopped his store floor; Henry Rickert has nailed pieces of tin over the knot-holes in the side of his house; the post-office has received an invoice of new two-cent stamps; H. E. Berlew has built a door screen for his saloon of three kinds of paper partially trimmed in "guilt"; I. H. Gray has papered his office and L. Corson has erected a flight of stairs in his show window. The signs of the times are toward perfection.

The year 1883 ought not to be permitted to pass away without the enactment of new district laws wherein the clause requiring ten foot holes to be sunk within sixty days from date of location should be made to appear prominently. If this is not done the first of January will witness hundreds of renewed locations upon ledges which have been held for years already and are intended to be held longer still without an attempt at development. If a claim is worth locating it is worth doing some work upon and those who do not willingly perform this labor should be made to do so.

The placer diggings on Adam's bar are attracting considerable attention. Disinterested parties who washed gravel from the rim rock last Sunday got some nice metal which has been exhibited here in Chloride this week, and the value of the property in the eyes of the public was greatly enhanced thereby. Work will be begun on the property next week by the locators thereof and will be prosecuted until the value of the claim is fully and satisfactorily determined. The usual accompaniments of placer mines, to-wit: The black sand, solid iron boulders, gravel and clay wash, slate and granite float and the glittering gold are all there and it only remains to find the latter in paying quantities. That will be determined shortly.

With the influx of children the school question becomes more important. It is a shame that the children of school age now here should be deprived of the advantages of learning, and there is every reason to believe that the population of Chloride would be considerably increased if there was to be a school here this winter. If the work of starting a school was once under way there are plenty who would gladly contribute to keep it running and with the number of children now here and the interest taken in the matter by everybody in the town, except the parents of the children to be benefited, it

is certain that a flourishing school could be maintained. Let everybody in town sign the petition now circulating for a new school district for this precinct which it is proposed to send to the board of county commissioners for action upon at their next meeting and this will put the ball in motion.

Allen McMillen who visited Engle last week met Ed Doolittle whom he reports as being very much incensed at the BLACK RANGE for the complimentary notice which it gave him last week on account of his flight from his creditors. If Ed considers that the RANGE has injured him more than he has injured those whose confidence he has betrayed and whose subsistence he has squandered the RANGE fails to see his basis of reasoning. Or if the RANGE has wronged him by its statements that he is acting the part of a dead beat it will be more than willing to make ample apology. It considers the facts of the case warranted the article published however, and new evidence must be adduced to make it see the wrong. Ed registered on the coach way bill under the assumed name of Beach. He sneaked out of town to get aboard the vehicle, and above all he left a good paying job which would have soon furnished cash sufficient to square up in full. Circumstances are decidedly against honesty in this case, and Ed deserves all the censure that can be given him.

Richard Mansfield White returned from Socorro Monday. He remarks that while there is no boom at the county seat, there is a good healthy feeling and a steady growth, which is much better. Mr. White took out with him some nine hundred pounds of Palomas Chief ore for which the Billings smelter paid him forty-five dollars, the ore having sampled \$20 to the ton. He returns to the mine prepared to make a shipment at once of one or two car loads of ore to the smelter. There is on the dump of the Palomas Chief at present not less than one hundred tons and from this Mr. White estimates he can sort twenty or twenty-five tons of shipping ore. The expense of transportation and treatment will be about half the value of the mineral but even this will leave him five hundred dollars per car load which will be much better than having the ore lying idly upon the dump or to be carried away by visitors, or stolen by mine salters. There is no danger of spoiling the Palomas Chief by working either, for sufficient work has already been done there to show that the ore body is a tremendously large one and not likely to be soon exhausted.

The Socorro Daily Sun of Tuesday brings tidings of the decease, on the previous afternoon, of Patrick Dorsey, one of the foremost citizens of the county seat. This untimely stroke of the grim destroyer is a serious one to Socorro as well as to the friends and relatives of the deceased. A leader in all projects which tended to increase the growth and prosperity of the city chosen as his home, liberal with all that his voice, hands, or purse could contribute in this direction his place will be hard to fill. Mr. Dorsey was a comparatively young man being not yet thirty-seven years of age. In the spring of 1881 in company with Judge Henson he came to Socorro and assisted in establishing the Socorro County bank. Judge Henson went to his final rest last year. Who supposed that Mr. Dorsey would follow him so soon. In all quarters of Socorro county Pat Dorsey's name is familiar and the liberal spirit, honest dealing and pleasant address which rendered every man his friend swells the ranks of the mourners above his remains to a multitude. The body will be taken to his old home at Millersburg Pa., for interment. The cause of his death is not given.

There is a small cloud of rebellion showing itself in the firmament of Chloride and a meeting is called to be held at Judge Holmes' office at ten o'clock Monday morning to take observations on the subject. The burden of the complaint has for its foundation the taxes which Sheriff Simpson assessed, on the occasion of his last visit here, upon the properties of those who because they had dodged the assessor, were congratulating themselves upon having escaped contributing their just proportion of the running expenses of their government. The postal cards received not long since which broke in upon their fancied security with the legend "Taxes Due and Unpaid," was so serious a shock to their nerves that recovery is slow. However, the fact that taxes are desired is not so much the cause of the indignation which prompts the meeting next Monday as the size of the amounts claimed. That is what stirs them up. They forget that there is a large penalty affixed to the regular per cent, demanded and it is this which swells the total sum. In some cases this supplemental assessment claims dues from those having no property, but where this is done no injury can result inasmuch as nothing can be collected. With others the best way to do is to pay up this year and look out for next time.

## All the Year Round.

The miners of Colorado are now getting ready to go into winter quarters to consume the result of their summer's work in long months of idle waiting. The miners of New Mexico, on the other hand, are just entering

upon their best season for active operations. These two facts are full of significance, and set forth one of the advantages possessed by New Mexico over her northern neighbors, in such a light that no practical man can fail to see it. It makes a great difference to a man whether he can work all the year or whether he is obliged by the weather to "lay off" for six months and eat up what he saved during the other six. The climate of New Mexico which, the Journal has sometimes taken occasion to remark, is the finest in the world, admits of active out-door operations all the year round. In the summer, it is warm of course, but not warmer than in Kansas or Iowa, while the light, pure atmosphere renders the heat far less oppressive than in either of those states, and enables those whose work is out doors to prosecute their business with a far greater degree of comfort, and such a thing as a sun-stroke was never known in the territory. In the winter, clear skies and bright sunshine are almost the invariable rule. The cold, cheerless rains, which so frequently occur at this season in the middle states, and the deep snows which enforce a total suspension of out-door work at the north, are unknown here, and the mechanic may comfortably work in the open air with coat off, the whole winter. Even in the mountains there is rarely snow enough to interfere with outside work for a day at a time, and no miner thinks of preparing any better winter quarters than the same tent that shelters him in summer. The advantage of such a climate has a greater significance than its immediate effect upon one's bodily comfort. It has an effect upon the grand total of the year's results which no practical man can fail to appreciate; it means active operations all the year instead of half the year, and it means for the laborer twelve months of employment and earning instead of six of saving and six of consuming. Aside from its good effects upon people's comfort and health, which are by no means to be despised, it has advantages over the rigorous climate of the northern states which the utilitarian can reduce to figures in the saving of time and fuel. The same rate per day means a good deal more to the working man here than in the states of the north, because of the certainty of so many more working days in the year, and so much less necessarily expended for warming his house. Climate is a matter that is usually considered rather from a æsthetic stand point, but when regarded in a business light it has a thoroughly practical side, which the practical man can readily measure by the standard of dollars and cents.—Albuquerque Journal.

## Mistakes in Mining.

Mr. Geo. C. Tilden writing to the Engineering and Mining Journal and speaking particularly of Clear Creek county, Colorado, notes some of the mistakes which he observed has contributed to keep back the mining interests of that county. The article will apply equally well in most things to mining districts in general and the experienced gained by these failures in old counties should be profited by in the new. He says:

It is a mistake to believe that a vein is a continuous ore body that will always carry ore, and that the assay value of the ore will increase as depth is attained. It is a mistake to believe this, and provide no capital for development. It is a mistake to expect for a mine, when once opened up, more than a fair percentage of profit on a fair valuation. It is a mistake to judge of the value of a mine, or even a stope, from specimen assays. It is a mistake to accept the opinion of a young mining engineer, fresh from some eastern mining college, in regard to a mining or milling investment. The young man in taking charge of the property obtains considerable information and experience; but his company unfortunately has to pay for it.

It is a mistake to sink a perpendicular shaft and drive a cross-cut to work the veins of Clear Creek county, when in every case an incline would be less expensive and answer the purpose as well. It is a mistake to drive a cross-cut tunnel fifteen hundred feet, at an expense of at least twenty-five dollars per foot, and not secure a title to a single vein that it will intersect. It is a mistake to work the mines of Clear Creek by any other than the tribute system. It is a mistake to build tramways, concentrating or stamp-mills when there is only a prospect of obtaining ore. It is a mistake to build a plant to treat ore by some new "ten dollar a ton and save ninety-nine per cent of the assay value" process, without first making a thorough but comparatively expensive inquiry into the chemical and mechanical laws upon which the new idea is based. It is a mistake to run a mine in debt and then expect to pay up by allowing the tributes to produce the greatest quantity of mineral in the shortest space of time by gouging and under-stopping. It is a mistake not to keep the development work of a mine in advance of the work of extraction. In Clear Creek county, it is a mistake not to open up at least five fathoms of ground for every fathom stoned. It is a mistake to build a forty thousand mill on property that belongs to some outside party who, after completion, will give a lease for only a year. Mining in Clear Creek county is profitable, but not to parties who make the mistakes I have mentioned. No enterprise can succeed where errors of equal importance occur.

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**FOOLISHNESS.**

The following is extracted from a smart boy's composition on babies: "The mother's heart gives 4th joy at the baby's 1st 2th."

A prominent citizen of Chicago, visiting in New York, was steered into a bunco den. The bunco men would give \$1,000 to have back what they lost.

"Why don't you ask a blessing?" said the boarding-house keeper to the boarder. He looked all over the table, and gloomily answered: "I'd like to know what for?"

A muff is defined as "a thing which holds a girl's hand and don't squeeze it." Correct, and any fellow is "a muff" who would hold a girl's hand without squeezing it.

A minister once asked a condemned criminal in a Paris jail: "What kind of a conscience have you?" "It's as good as new," replied the prisoner, "for I have never used it."

"When you are in Rome you must do as the Romans do," as the American tramp said when he squatted on the steps of a cathedral in the Eternal City, and held out his hat.

A credulous man said to a wag, who had a wooden leg: "How came you to have a wooden leg?" "Why," answered the wag, "my father had one, so had my grandfather. It runs in the blood."

Puck has a notion that nothing exasperates a boarding-house mistress more than to detect one of her boarders entering the house about ten minutes after dinner with an armful of sandwiches.

The smell of fresh paint in a room may be effectually gotten rid of by placing therein a pail of water in which a few onions have been sliced, says an exchange. To take away the smell of the onions, burn the house down.

The speaker who alluded to his candidate as "The war-horse that sniffed the battle from afar," climbed up to the composing-room with a club after reading it in the paper as "The war-boss that snatched the bottle from the bar."

A Yorkshire man whose well lately caved in contrived to make the authorities suspect that he had murdered a man and put his body at the bottom of the well, and took things easy at the jail while they dug his well out for him; he now talks of suing the town for false imprisonment.

Wives ought really to be more careful about telling all the truth to their husbands. "Why do you start so whenever I come into the room?" asked a burlesque man of his better-half. "It is only my nerves, my poor nerves," she replied, "which are so very weak that I am startled by every stupid thing I see."

At a school examination a clergyman was descending on the necessity of growing up loyal and useful citizens. In order to give emphasis to his remarks he pointed to a large flag hanging on one side of the school room and said: "Boys, what is that flag for?" An urchin who understood the condition of the room better than the speaker's rhetoric, exclaimed: "To hide the dirt, sir."

"Why do you put those horrid things on the necks of those cows?" asked a young lady boarder of Farmer Furrow, as he was driving a yoke of oxen down the lane. "That's to make 'em keep still while I'm milkin' 'em, said the old man, as he winked at his wife." "Oh, yes!" exclaimed the city maiden; "I ought to have known that." Then she ran up stairs to enter the information in her diary.

How it struck her:  
A little ragged orphan girl, who ne'er had a home nor known a parent's care,  
And who, with shoeless feet, and hatless head,  
Newspapers sold to earn her scanty bread,  
Was taken from the city far away,  
With others of her kind, one summer day,  
To look upon the ocean. At the sight  
Her thin sharp, face was filled with grave delight;  
And some one said: "I wonder what can be  
Her thoughts, poor child, about this mighty sea."  
She heard the words, and quickly turned her head,  
And in low tones, "I's thinkin', ma'am," she said,  
"I's glad I comed, because I never sord  
Enough of anything at wunst before."

Plantation philosophy: De man what would abuse an enemy when he is in trouble would not he'p a frien' in distress. De sensible man sometimes reads de foolish book, but de foolish man neber reads de sensible book. In de spring nature smiles; in de summer she frowns, in de fall she sighs, an' in de winter she slaps yer. It ain't de brave man dat will a'fers fight when yer calls him a liar, more dan de coward. De man what tells lies fur de 'musement ob de crowd can be put up wid, but de man what lies to make hisself 'portant is a mighty disgustin' bore.

Chorus of excited boys: "Then the lightning struck you?" Skipper (indifferently): "Oh, yes; I was leamin' again the mainmast when it struck it." Excited boys: "Didn't it kill you?" Skipper (more indifferently): "Wal, no; it all run down my back." Excited boys: "And what did you do then?" Skipper (most indifferently): "I had to haul off my boots and pour the lightning out on the deck."

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