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Any landsman who has cherished the proud conviction that the organization of our naval service is a close approach Park Benjamin published recently in inches thick was opened, Harper's Weekly. It seems that while iors be dunderheads.

Mr. Benjamin presents a suppositious help along the world's commerce. case in which members of three generamanding offices into the hands of old them.

ing to farming must uprise with the reg- got ready to leave the country." ularity of a ninepin and dance the ghost dance. Then when the government has issued him a little more beef he proceed. issued him a little more beef he proceeds to jump over the pale of civilization and thin out the 7th cavalry. While bad management by the government is a crying evil at the reservations, there is still too much sentiment in the Indian question. Too much beef, also. When an old-time farmer's unruly team ran away and sifted itself through a worm fence, eleven rails high, the owner sat down by the roadside and philosophized. There must be a reason for the accident. He pondered it and he reached a conclusion. It was too much oats. Civilization is not responsible in itself for that great law of the survival of the fittest. An idle, well-fed Sioux Indian is always a menace. Give him less beef and more responsibility. Teach him honestly and sensibly to work for a living. A clean skin, too, is conducive to a good temper.

It is said there is much talk in England of the propriety of abolishing the office of poet laureate. That there is none great enough to fill the chair held by Tennyson is signally and painfully apparent, and no doubt a large portion of the English-speaking public would be more than content to see the office remain vacant. Nothing has been advanced, however, to show that Mr. Gladstone may not keep the post unoccupied without permanently abolishing it. Why not leave it in harmless desuctude till a man fit for the task appears? Then, if it is a really worthy poet that springs into view, there will be no shallow-pated incumbent standing in the way and drawing ridicule down upon his laureled head. Certainly, the upon his laureled head. Certainly, the east, south or west via county roads. plan would be infinitely better than to I also offer for sale 160 acres in section accept any one of the candidates now mutely coaxing for the place. The two men who are most threatning possibilities are Lewis Morris and Alfred Austin. good. Morris is a pleasant gentleman of good breeding, who would look well in a red jacket and duck breeches riding after hounds. Austin is a literary dude.

"One thing is sure," said Joggles, "Our party was weak to begin on; now some of 'em are insisting on changing the name from peoples to populist. I've heard it said, that to change the name of a teething child means death! I do ANOTHER NEW MINE.

There is an excellent probability that the wild excitement of 1862 will be partially repeated next spring in the vicinity of Mitchell, Crook county. Mr. Wm. Bethune has recently made discoveries on his farm, the McGraw patent, purchased by him of I. N. Sargent, which show the country to be rich in ledges that resemble the famous Comstock lode in Virginia city. We will not attempt to describe the rich specimens which Mr. Bethune has with him, lest the public might become crednlous. Mr. Bethune has owned this place for several years, and becom-THE AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER. ing tired of hauling water to his house forth fire and smoke. They never stopevery dry season, last summer commenced digging in a moist place on the side hill in the hope of striking a vein of water, but instead of this he struck a rich vein of rotten granite quartz loaded to perfection can have his eyes opened with gold. At the distance of thirty by reading the vigorous criticisms of feet a well defined ledge, about six

It is hardly possible to predict the the naval equipment has been improving outcome of this discovery. Mr. Bethane in its mechanical features the system by has taken the precaution to secure himwhich it must be utilized in time of self against trespassers, but has not yet battle is decidedly primitive. As at fully decided what course of action will present organized, the advancement of be taken respecting the development of officers of the line depends entirely up- the mine. It may lead to a revival of on the retirement, resignation or death the sunny days of gold in The Dalles in of the superiors. Individual merit and 1862. Mr. Bethune has three ranches conspicuous ability don't count. If an in the vicinity, where he followed the officer lives long enough or the men occupation of a stock man, raising horses above him are sifted out rapidly enough and cattle principally. He is well by circumstances he may reach a high known all over the Inland Empire, and place. If not he will linger along as an while modest in his estimate of the underling until his 62d birthday, though value of his discovery, thinks the place, he be a man of genius and all the super- as it is today, ought to produce a million or so of gold bullion next year to

With the silver district of Mount tions of the same family are in service Adams north of us, and the gold regions on the same man-of-war. They are a of Apercopolis, as Mr. Bethune calls his son, a father and a grandfather, and all mine, south; with the second finest he had several experts make examinaare lieutenants. The grandfather was a water power in America, The Dalles lieutenant thirty years before, and his ought in time to be able to assert hergrandson will likely be a lieutenant self, and invest the scenes of 1862. All thirty years hence. The inevitable re- the conditions are now very much more sult of this system, as Mr. Benjamin favorable than they were then for unexpoints out, is to discourage ambition ampled prosperity. In the mines now and cast a lethargy over the entire ser- the delvers could feast on the fat of the vice. Worse than that, it puts the com- land; in '62 everything we eat, or wore, or used, cost lots of money. In some of and enfeebled men. In the present the camps flour was worth a dollar a state of the warship a naval battle is a pound and such a thing as coffee cost us contest of brains. Its result rests with many an ounce of dust during the the man in the conning-tower, who month. Sugar was never dreamed of, must be cool, nerve-controlling, active and a suit of store clothes would be and resolute. But instead of vigorous treasured sacredly as an evidence that men in their prime, who have won place the owner, once in his life, saw the light by their talents, our conning-towers are of civilization in some town many hunfilled with patriarchal officials, placed dreds of miles distant. Yes, indeed, there not for ability but because they everything has changed since then. have outlived everybody who was above Says a pioneer miner of The Dalles: "Then everybody had money. Many is the time I have taken out ninety ounces The talk of ten days ago has been re- of gold from my claim in a few hours, vived about an Indian uprising at Pine the prettiest and brightest stuff on the Ridge agency predicted by Dr. Magilli. face of the earth. There were then cuddy as one of the early possibilities of about 4,000 men in our camp, and a 1893. It is not unlikely. Peace to an poor unlucky dog was he who could not idle Sioux Indian, with his pony satis- show \$10,000 to \$20,000 hid away in tins fied with grass, is almost as unendurable under his cabin floor or safely buried in as soap. The red man who prefers loaf- some convenient locality until the owner

> but surely drawing to the close of life, and the scenes about the White House are very sad. The president has become so depressed that it is only through the greatest effort that he can give any attention whatever to public business, and he now denies himself to all callers, except his most intimate friends and the cahinet officers. He is much broken by dinner, and in the course of his remarks the constant vigil he has kept at the he established his claim to his place at bedside of his dying wife, and his melancholy and hopeless countenance tell of a large volume that was made up of too plainly that he is only awaiting what he now realizes to be the inevitable

A dispatch from Coffeyville, Kan., says that Emmet Dalton will recover from his wounds. If there's justice in Kansas, nature, in that event, will go to a good deal of trouble for nothing.

sequel to his lengthy solicitude.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County.

Flood, O'Brien, Fair and others banded together and erected the famous Selby Smelting and Refining works. There, from the bonanza days of 1860 to as late as 1885, the great chimneys belched ped. Wreaths of flame and volumes of soot circled in the air over the domes at night time, while hundreds of men toiled in and about the works, cutting and shoveling ore and slag, molding bars of bullion and refining it to pure silver, gold, lead and copper.

TOWERS MORLY LINLD WITH GOLD.

Wealth in the Old Chlamers Where the

Bonanza Ores Were Befined.

are both very broad and thick, and they have brick enough in them to construct

They are relies of the flush old days

of the Comstock mining era, when

several buildings.

In 1885 the Selby company concluded to move its works. It was known that the old underground flue that connected the furnaces with the chimneys, as well as considerable of the ground all about, was permeated with gold and silver set-tlings and solid metal. On the advice of a skilled European expert the company dug up the ruins as well as a large amount of soil to the depth of five or se feet and transferred it by tons to the new works at Port Costa. There th stuff was run through the works, and is said realized not less than \$500,000.

Selby & Co. did not dream that in the towers which were left standing and to the million tons of slag and princers permeated sell much wealth remained. The ground was sold seld activing was thought short & for a long time.

Some time ago W. B. Chiff, the well known merchant and politician of this city, acquired the ground on which the old works and the present slag pile and chimneys remain. It consists of five fifty-vara lots, or 214 neres. Meantime tion of the brick towers and the surroundings. They reported that the metal and black dust of the towers was a veritable mine of wealth, and that the grimy matter that filled the interstices and in one form or another permeated the brick reeked with valuable minerals. Also that the gray slag which had been carted away from the blazing furnaces in primitive days contained large quantities of gold and silver and should be worked over, Promptly thereupon Mr. Cluff secured the silver and gold lined towers and the debris. He is said to have paid \$40,000 for the chimneys alone. His object is to work them up and get the money out of them

"I do not think I will have any trouble in getting the gold, silver and other mineral out," he said yesterday. "It was on the advice of an English expert that Selby & Co. took a lot of the debris to Port Costa, and I am informed they got over \$500,000 out of that. Several skilled mining men have come to me lately and offered to buy me out or work the chimneys, slag and soil on a per centage. I have not closed with anybody and do not think I shall. There is an immense amount of slag there. In Third Street, opposite the old Liebe Stand. some places it is 200 feet deep. It all contains gold, silver and lead, with some copper. I have had the ground assayed around there, too, and it all shows up

well. In some places it is very rich." Mr. Cluff's intention is to tear down the great towers, which have so long been landmarks in the history of the city, and which can be seen for miles out at sea and in other directions, and wrest from them their gold and silver lining -San Francisco Examiner

A Judge's Jocose Retort.

"I think the late Judge Devens," said Mr. Arthur Macy to me the other day, "was the greatest after dinner speaker I ever heard. I remember a striking instance of his readiness in jocose retort. He made a five minute speech at a club the dinner by instancing his authorship tragedy and comedy and of many startling phases-some dramatic, some ludicrons, some pathetic-of human life and

"The book was the 142d volume of Massachusetts laws. Immediately a member was on his feet and thanking the judge. He had been on a jury once, and the justice who was trying the case said that a verdict should be rendered unhesitatingly in accordance with a decision that was contained in that very volume of which the judge had just spoken. The verdict was rendered immediately and the juryman secured a good night's rest, for which he was thankful to Judge Devens and his book.

"Without a moment's hesitation, Judge Devens replied, 'If the gentleman will imitate the example of the justice of whom he speaks, and peruse the entire volume that I have spoken of, I assure him that he will secure many a good night's rest." —Boston Globe.

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pure zinc ore. A traveler, Mr. W. E. Wisner, of Kansas City, says that he found in the Wasco County.

In the matter of the estate of Abner B. Smith, deceased, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Abner B. Smith, deceased all persons having claims against said deceased are notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers therefor, at the office of Mays, Huntington & Wilson, The Dailes, Or., within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated August 20th, 1892.

J. H. SMITH, Administrator.

8.25wtl0.7 mountain a cave even larger than the Mammoth cave. The manner of life of the people is extremely primitive. They live in log houses without windows. Bacon is their main staple of diet and tobacco their only solace. They seldom work sa long as they have food and tobacco in the house. But they are virtuous, peaceable and kindly disposed to A. A. Brown.

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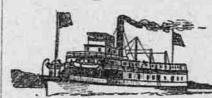
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