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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of March, 1913. S. H. HELTZEL .

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Notary Public

No wonder the Missisippi river is on a rampage. They dumped 5000 barrels of whiskey into it the other day.

While Mr. Bryan may recognize the republic of China, we doubt very much whether he could hold a conversation with it.

Six is the democratic majority of the senate, and eight democratic senators are named as opponents of free sugar, which indicates some sweet scrapping.

A man by the name of Fear was found to have four wives and twenty-six children in Chicago. With Juliet, we would observe, "What's in a name?"

The flood at Dayton destroyed the only stamped envelope factory in the country, and for some time to come every fellow will have to lick his own stamps.

State Printer, Duniway and Governor West are writing some very "genteel" letters to each other. Old sports why not repair to a back alley and have it out and be done with it.

Subscribe for the Mail.

TESTED HIS NERVE

A Blind Struggle For Life In the Depths of the Earth.

LOST IN THE DARK IN A MINE.

Thrilling Experience of a Workman Who Found Himself After an Explesion Alone and Without a Light In the Suffocating Coal Hole.

To be lost in the woods or on the plains is a fearful experience, but there the victim has the heavens above him and can at least see his way about. The terrors of a similar adventure in the utter blackness of a gas filled coal mine are thus described by a correspondent of the Youth's Companion: I was working alone in a "room" on the second south entry of the mine. It was 5 o'clock, the time for firing the afternoon blasts. The man who was "driving" the entry lighted his fuse and came back through the entry calling out "Fire!" One after another the other miners set off their blasts and came along the entry until they reached my room. I lighted my fuse, watched it sputter for a moment and went out into the entry to wait for the blast. Several seconds passed, and there was no explosion. My fellow miners passed out of the entry and left me alone. I went back into the room and found that the blast opening was clogged so that the fire could not reach the powder. I had to remove the tamping and recharge the drill hole. By this time the mine was filled with dense, gas laden powder smoke from the other

in the stifling smoke I recharged the tamped it, inserted the fuse, ighted it from my head lamp and hurried to the mouth of the room. The work was hastly done. When the powder exploded the rush of air extinguished my lamp.

The darkness was absolute, and there is no darkness so dense as that of a mine. To my consternation I found the matches in my "jockey box" so damp that they would not ignite. Then I became really alarmed. I was two miles under ground without a light in an atmosphere so heavy with gas that it would not sustain life for any length of time

I dashed into the entry, ran against a pillar and was knocked nearly sense-

I staggered to my feet and groped down the tunnel. In a coal mine great oaken valves or doors close the entrances to the various tunnels. The air enters through the main entry and is sucked out of the mine by great fans at the opposite end of the mine after it has been distributed through the workings by means of these valves and crosscuts situated near them.

I reached a door, pulled it open and passed through. Beyond it two tunnels came together at a right angle. One led toward the open air, the other into the depths of the mine. My sense of direction was entirely gone, and I could not tell which to take. It was all chance. I went ahead and after a time reached another valve.

If I only had a light! One glimpse of the number painted on the door would tell me where I was. I tried to feel the number with my fingers, but in vain. I pushed through the door and entered another tunnel, down which I walked for hours, as it seemed. My head was bursting with pain from the gas.

Then I heard the sound of running water. I knelt down, dipped in my hand and found that I was going up stream and consequently deeper and deeper into the mine. So I turned back, reached the valve and felt along the pillar until I found the other tunnel opening. The gas had by this time begun to affect my brain, and I reeled and staggered as I walked. I left the track and walked in the "sump" water up to my knees, keeping one hand on the wall to steady myself.

I passed through valve after valve and tried to keep count, but my brain refused to perform that simple task. At last I pushed through a valve ard felt a blast of fresh, cold air. With that breath of oxygen my reasor, returned. With renewed courage I pushed forward. Many times in fo'lowing that life giving current of air I plunged through narrow cross cuts, stumbled over masses of slate, fell into water holes and bruised myself by striking against the sharp corner a of the coal vein, but I was steadily creeping nearer to the surface.

Suddenly I stumbled against a loaded coal car. That mean' that I was in the main entry, but ho w far from the entrance I could no' ; tell. I worked my way along the 'string' of loaded cars and began to g scend an incline. The fresh air swef a down the tunnel in a gale. I kept I eering shead, in the hope of seeing de ylight, but none appeared. I wondered, why. I broke into a run, and in an other minute I had emerged from the mine and stood gazing at the stars. I t was almost midnight, and I had I aft my room shortly after 5 o'cloc .

The Greedy One.

Traveling through South Africa, Mr. D adley Kidd, the author of "The Ess ential Kaffir," once accused a native of being greedy. The native turned eyes of reproach upon him.

"Me greedy, baas?" he said. "It takes two Kaffirs to eat a sheep in a day, but only one Hottentot. Hottentot greedy, not Kaffir.

The question every morning is not how to do the gainful thing, but how to do the just thing-John Ruskin.

Petzel's Camp

Mrs. Witick and Miss Baldwin called at the Sweet home Sun-

Mrs. Barr spent Monday with Mrs. Goodle, her mother.

Clyde Maybe and Forrest Berry attended the concert at Stayton Friday night.

Born April 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sweet a daughter.

Bert and Oren Morris were camp callers Friday.

Our cook spent a few days at home, and such a breakfast, but by noon on Friday, the Misses Frame came to the rescue and everything went lovely.

Cecil Lake has been quite sick with measles.

Volney Gates was a caller at the Steward home Saturday evening.

Part of the camp boys spent Sunday at Lyons.

Monday the harmony of the camp was rudely disturbed, when Dick Brown showed his authority, and with one meaning look, and a few words, separated the crew, two were put adrift on the skidd road, two went alone to the vast woods to work, and the majority were sent down stream with a cold dinner as boomers for the Santiam. Have mercy Dick and don't do it again.

On Monday, Sport the valuable dog of Mr. Brown was cut on an ax which was carelessly left, for those who might run into it.

Dick Brown, Volney Gates and Frank Bass made a busines trip



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