

as a mining region, and that it will yield vast sums of gold. In view of what has been stated above, it would simply be guesswork at this wrilling to estimate the product of the camp for this year. We

have no way of finding out what the vari-ous claims which are worked clean up. The massy officers below try to keep run of the whole product, but they cannot ell separate the amounts from the dif. ferent districts.

Koyukuk.

"Northeast from the Seward Peninsula there is a large unexplored region until the headwaters of the Koyukuk River are the next waters of the Royukug River are reached. Gold in paying quantities has been discovered, and during lest Winter there was a stampede from Dawson and other points to these parts. The output of gold will be about \$200,000. The assay value is \$17 50. There will be as many as 400 men on the river this Winter. The average outfit costs \$800. There is plenty of timber. The country bids fair to be-come a quartz-mining district. Galena and copper ores have been discovered. Above Betties a vein of good coal has been found been found

William Ebner.
Sheep Creek.
"At this place is a 20-stamp mill, which is operated by olectric power, which can be had in abundance from a fine water-fail near by. This mill has hereitofore done a great deal of work, but has been shut down most of this season. The orb bodies are considered extensive and rich enough to pay well.
"This place is only a few miles back of furnesu and the amount of work going on here is extensive. The Alanka Junsau Gold Mining Company operate 35 stamps during the season when the water is running, on ore which pays well.
"The Ebner Gold Mining Company is running is stamps nearly the year

Fur Seals. "The Governor did not have opportun-ity to land upon either of the seal islands and make inquiry into the operations upon the ground this season. The capcutters which have called at these rock-eries all bear the same testimony, namely, that the herds at the various haultn grounds are smaller each year. This year the company were allowed to kill younger males, and in all they took about 24,000 peits. At this rate the industry will soon cease altogether.

by a prominent lawyer of this close of considers that he himself is no slouch of a theologian,

As the story goes, this lawyer of theo-logical proclivities was at Salem on some Supreme Court business; and, being de-tained over Sunday, was invited to preach in one of the churches there. He ac-cepted the invitation, and preached on this same doctrine of evolution this same doctrine of evolution, with spe-cial reference to its bearing on the age of the world.

of the world. After proving from the Bible, to his, own satisfaction, that the world was only 6000 years old, he paid his respects to some of the facts from which geologists and the scientific world generally infer

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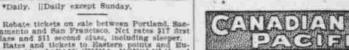
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The 50th anniversary of The Oregonianwas observed December 4 by an extra in one of the churches there. edition showing a facsimile of the first copied the invitation, and prea-number printed. A comparison of The Oregonian 50 years ago and the one of cial reference to its bearing on today apily represents the wondered of oday aptly represents the wonderful adyance made by the state during the same period, the credit for which. In a large measure, belongs to the present man-agers and editors of that great news-paper.-Stayton Mail.

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Rampart City.

"This place is the supply station for the minets who are at work upon Big Minook and its tributaries, Hunter, Little Minook, Little Minook, Jr. Hoozier, etc. Nome attracted many inst Fall, and work was not pushed very vigorously on many chains in Winter. However, the many laims last Winter. However, the amount taken out was a good showing for the number who were at work. It was reck-oned at more than \$250,000. The fineness of the gold from this camp exceeds that of any other diggings in the Yukon Val-ley. Many who went to Nome will return here for the Winter and bring others with There is an immense area yet to prospect far to the southward.

Circle City.

"Descried down to one or two men dur-ing the Winter of 1896 and 1897, Circle is now assuming new life. It is the handiest outfitting station for the new Tanana digging, about 15 miles from Circle. Those who go to these new fields from up-river points go by this place and outfit here. It bids fair to become a place of more importance than it has been at any time in the past. It could not be ascer-tained what amount of dust makes its way through Circle,

Engle City.

"This place is well located on the south bank of the Tukon and is a most desirable location for a town. The United States military post of Fort Egbert is located military post of Fort Egberi is located here and it is the supply depot on the American side for the miners in the For-ty-Mile district. It is the headquarters for the third division of the court, and after it has been in operation for a year tenures will be more certain and the rate of progress will be steady and rapid. When an all-American route by rall shall have been established Engle will be the un-fiver terminus. Some vary rail anall have been established Engle will be the up-river terminus. Some very rich placer claims upon Juck Wade Creek had been in dispute, and action was be-gun in the court in southeast Alaska be-fore the passage of the last act. This involved great expense and long delay, and is a foreible illustration why a court was needed upon the Unper Yukon. The was needed upon the Upper Tukon. The output for that district last year was reckoned at \$750,000. It could not be as-certained at the time Eagle was visited whether the amount would be as great or greater for 1900.

Sunrise.

This town is near the head of Turn-"This town is near the head of Turn-agin Arm, which opens into Cook Inlet. There are diggings on both sides of the arm, but those which have been most ex-tensively worked run up into the neck of the Kenai Peninsula. The miners here for several seasons have had to contend with one obstacie after another, dry sea-sons giving no water to work with, floods at other times cleaning out wing dome sons giving no water to work with, foods at other times cleaning out wing dams and changing the whole face of a claim. But they have kept pluckily at it, and a number have been fairly well rewarded. Resurrection Bay opens on the southern side of this peninsula. Some California people have been operating in here for three seasons, and carly this year they took in a hydraulic plant, and it is pre-sumed that they are satisfied with their mode number have been operating in here for ork. "About 200 mfles up the Copper River "About 200 mfles up the Copper River The same time is a very fave and argued the question assemble together, and, under such freehe restraint, be found at the same time, so well behaved? Men went there to seek fortunes by mining, by trade and by gambing. All were living at a high pressure of excitement, yet there was the number of cases of violence. There was 2 good hat of undeelrable totaracters from all duarters of the globe. but the number of those who love order was far larger than those who regions in sumation the souther in a condition to stand it. work.

running 15 stamps nearly the year through, This season it has been fortu-nate in its development work, for it has come upon a large body of ore which

gives most satisfactory results, "Not far away the Humboldt Mining Company has doubled its capacity for work and is now running 10 stamps by water power. The large hydraulic plant owned by the American Gold Mining Com. pany has been running since 150. It is working out the gravel in Silver Bow Basin. It is generally understood that this has paid well. There is yet a large unt of gravel to be washed.

"Last year a giant was set up about a mile away from this company, on the Lervery Basin claim, which washes the gravel through a flume nearly 500 feet

"There is a smaller basin on Gold Creek, below the Sliver Bow. A Philadelphia company bought up the mining rights and ran a very long tunnel to tap R. A strong furme is being built and everything being put in shape for next season, when it, no doubt, will realize handsomely on its ven-

Berners Bay.

ture.

"This is one of the important centers for quarts mining. It is about 50 miles north of Juness, on Lynn Canal, Here

north of Juneau, on Lynn Canal, Here is located the Berners Bay Mining & Mili-ing Company, with a 49-stamp mill, run by water or steam, on ore from the Comet and Rensington lodes. "A mile from this plant is the Mellen Mining & Manufacturing Company, with a 29-stamp mill ready for operation. "Not far from this last plant is the 19-stamp mill of the Portland Alaska Gold Mining Company. This property has been the origin to disagreement between the idle owing to disagreement between the

owners. "A few miles from the last is the Alas-kn Gold Mining Company of Indiana. They have now ready a 10-stamp mill to be run by water power. Close by is the Julian Mining Company of Indiana, with a 10-stamp mill, which has been at work steadily on rich ore which pays hand-some dividends.

Laws for Alaska.

Laws for Ainska. "This district is now blessed with a body of good laws. A large criminal docket has been disposed of under the provisions of this code, and all know that the courts can administer justice legally. Objection has been made to the provisions in section 40 requiring business men and traders to take out Reenses. Some are disposed to question the law, as they assert that it is unconstitutional, while most who pay it would like to have while most who pay it would like to have provisions made for spending it all with-in the district and not send it to the gen-eral fund at Washington.

eral fund at Washington. "Never was a man sent to fill a more trying position than Judge A. H. Noyeg is now filling at Cape Nome, Everybody and everything is peilmell. There are several claimants for each town lot, beach claim and creek claim—2,000 peo-ple waiting for the court to open its doors. In what part of the world outside of the United States could so many people assemble together, and, under such feeble restraint, be found at the same time. port.

Territorial Government.

"Twelve years ago A. P. Swineford, at that time Governor of the district, cham-pioned the cause of territorial organizaploned the cause of territorial organiza-tion, and appeared before the committee on territories and argued the question ably. All these years have pansed and still we have no such organization. There must be some valid reason for it. In brief, Congress must take the blame, "The withholding of the land laws is the real difficulty today. A territorial government means taxation, and Alaska today is not in a condition to stand it.

Public Schools.

"Many communities are now totally neglected because the Commissioner of Education has not the means to cetablish a school and pay the salary of a teacher. The Governor in all his reports has told of this and has plead for at least \$60,000 as an annual appropriation, but the committee has not allowed an in-crease of a dollar beyond what it has

heretofore annually approved, namely, \$30,000. The people in the large towns which are willing to incorporate will fare well, for the law allows these towns onehalf of the license money which may be codected within the limits of the corpc-ration to be used for school purposes. Juneau and Skagway have become incorporated and their funds for all school purposes will be ample. It is estimated that Juneau, for instance, will have \$15. 900. This is one-half the amount that has annually been set apart for the

whole of the district.

"The amount for Skagway will be as large as that for Juneau, and no doubt larger, as Juneau claims less than 1560 inhabitants, and, consequently, the liquor scliers have paid but \$2000 each for a M-cense, while in Skagway the number of inhabitants is much greater than 1500,

and consequently the saloon-men must pay \$1500 license each. Here, then, we will have two towns spending as much money for schools as Congress is will-ing to vote for all the rest of Alaska. This is hardly fair to the children be-yond incorporated limits. If 50 per cent of the license money which is collected, excluding the amount from incorporated towns, could be used by the Secretary of the Interior, be could nearly comply with the iaw in furnishing the proper educational facilities for the children of chool age who should be in school. Congress will not adopt this method o providing the expense of schools, it is recommended, then, that it be urged to increase its appropriation to \$75,000. Un, der the encouragement which the law gives, the people of Skagway and Junoau have gone vigorously to work on their schools and already have them in opera-tion for the year. At this writing the de-

tails are not at command for this re-

The Oregonian had its ups and downs-principally the latter-for a long time.-Toledo Leader.

The Portland Orogonian celebrated its The Forthand Orgonian centerated its first semi-centennial the 4th inst. by re-producing an exact copy of its first issue, dated December 4, 1850. The Oregonian has reason to be proud of its present rank-of the improvement it has made during the 50 years of its existence.--Commonolis Enterprise. brush fence, and gravely asserted to brunn tends, and amused congregation that intervsted and amused congregation that this fact was, in likelt, no evidence of remote antiquity; for it was, and is, as gasy for God to make hones and put them Cosmopolis Enterprise,

In a borse. He is said to have concluded his sermon by saying that had he the time he could The semi-centennial issue of The Oreand marked the completion of the byte gonlin, which occurred on the 4th inst. and marked the completion of the 50th year or half century of its publication. was the splendid showing of a complete, up-to-date, American newspaper, equal to any and surpassed by no other daily newspaper.-Toledo Post.

The Oregonian on the 4th inst. com-pleted the 50th year of its existence, and celebrated the event by a facetmile re-production of its initial number and aketches by ploneer residents of the then hamlet of Portland. It is a very cred-itable number.--Olympia Standard.

The Oregonian was 50 years old Tues day and celebrated the event by issuing a special semi-centennial number in which is included a facefulle of the first num-ber of The Oregonian. The paper is certainly one of the greatest in the coun-try.--Union Republican.

The Oregonian made a great hit when it printed a copy of its first issue, which is very interesting to every citizen of this state and will be greatly appre-ciated by its readers. As a newspaper, The Oregonian has no equal.-Antelope Republican.

Mr. Bingham's Opinion.

Mr. Bingham's Opinion. PORTLAND, Dec. 2.-(To the Editor.)--It is apparently assumed that Mr. Ping-ham's ideas on primary election reform, as printed today, are to be snacted into law. Some of us who have zealously studied and worked for this reform had hoped for something better than he now promises us, and we have no apprehen-sion that constitutional law restricts us so that we can have nothing better.

sion that constitutional law restricts us so that we can have nothing better. The law points raised by Mr. Bingham are supported by nothing beyond the di-vided opinton of the Supreme Court of California. The decision to which he re-fers is one of three in that state over-throwing primary election laws, and is dissented from by the two Judges who wrote the opinions in the other two cases. The reasoning in this case is purelle, as

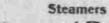
The reasoning in this case is purile, as shown by one of the dissenting Yudges. Besides the weakness inherently exhibited and the opposition it meets in the court which pronounces it, this opinion stands

refuted by an earlier and unanimous de-cision of the Supreme Court of Colorado



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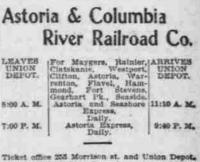
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