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WITH Sarto elected Pope at sixty-eight and Russell Sage attending directors' meetings at eighty-seven, it seems foolish to retire Lieut.-Gen. Miles today because he is sixty-four.

WHEN a girl knocks out a masher with her fist and a married woman disposes of another with a horseship, her emotions are about evenly divided between gratification at the athletic accomplishments of our women and regret for the decadence of chivalry.

Now comes forward a man at Morlin, Josephine county, who, it is said, can transform gold into silver, and he is now working on the problem of making gold out of silver or some other cheaper metal. It was only a short time ago that Mr. Long was forming a ten million dollar company, with headquarters in Salem, to turn almost any old thing into gold.

THE bituminous coal operators in the West have decided to add 50 cents a ton to the price of coal to consumers to cover the small increase of wages granted by them to the miners. This is the same old trick that was played by the anthracite coal operators in 1909, when, to cover a 10 per cent. advance in wages, they added 50 cents a ton to the retail price, and thus netted a clear profit of about 38 cents per ton.

THERE will be keen competition between the different counties in this state making local exhibits at the state fair this fall. There will be no less than eight counties competing for the different prizes, which will make the greatest show of agricultural products ever seen in this state.

THE President has designated Lieutenant-General Young to command the army from the date of the retirement of General Miles until August 15th, when the general staff goes into effect and the office of the commanding general of the army is dispensed with. Young thus becomes the last commanding general and the first chief of staff, although he will hold the position of commanding general for only ten days.

THE largest sale of barley ever made in the Pacific northwest was lately consummated at Dayton, Wash., when Henry Weinhard, of Portland, purchased 200,000 sacks of No. 1 brewing barley from a number of Columbia county farmers who had pooled their crops for the purpose of securing a higher figure than was obtainable for small lots.

SINCE the early days of agriculture in every part of this country farmers first robbed the soil of its fertility, and then resorted to various devices to get a paying crop. A favorite device was to run away from the problem and seek new land; another, to give the land a complete rest from production.

ONCE every year, usually in the dull part of the summer season, the newspapers are sure to print the story of the man who has invented a machine with which to make gold cheap. Usually this man is an alchemist in his way; he invents processes whereby, at little expense, he can develop gold out of the baser metals—or claims he can.

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Advertisement for 'IOWA PLATFORM' featuring a cartoon of a man carrying a large sign that says 'IOWA PLATFORM'. The sign has 'IOWA PLATFORM' written on it. The man is looking at the sign with a concerned expression.

The platform leaves the way open for both sides of the "Iowa idea" contention to hold fast to their positions.—Omaha Bee.

HALF TRUTHS AND LIES

Attempt of the American Economist to Defend Steel Trust.

ITS CLAIMS EASILY DISPROVED.

Statements of Economist and of President Schwab Don't Harmonize. Attempt to Frighten Us by Calling Up Ghost of European Trust that Died Twenty Years Ago.

It is amusing to see a protectionist squirm, hedge, back pedal, deceive and falsify when confronted with facts. He butts up against some hard, cold facts and recoils, rubbing his head and spluttering a stream of statements ranging all the way from half truths to full fledged lies.

The American Economist, organ of the 1,000 members of the Protective Tariff League, who pay \$100,000 a year in dues that juggle statistics and false statements may be sent regularly to 6,000 newspapers, including the Dubuque (La.) Daily Times to task for contending that a reduction in the tariff on steel rails would result in a corresponding reduction in price. The Economist says:

"Now, we ask the Times to consider the following before going to our contention that a removal of the duty or a reduction of \$5 would ruin the industry. ... Oh, yes; we will acknowledge that the price would go down to \$24 or \$20, or even less perhaps. This price might rule for six months, but who would benefit? ... You cannot reduce the duty on steel rails without reducing it on other articles, and if you could a slump in the steel market alone would create a panic in business circles."

To make good its assertions the Economist quotes figures from the report of the industrial commission, showing that for the 140 months from 1880 to 1901 "the margin between the cost and selling price of steel rails averages \$3.90." It then continues: "Now, if the margin on a ton of steel rails is only \$3.90, what result would a reduction of \$5 in the duty bring? A loss to the business, a decrease in wages or a surrender to the International European steel trust? There is no steel industry in the United States, but if there were we would prefer to be at its mercy than at the mercy of a foreign trust."

We will quote also the following statements from the Economist: "The labor cost of a ton of steel rails is fully 90 per cent. ... Will the Times tell us how we are going to hold our market prices we reduce our wages to the European level? ... The European trust would win and our steel industry would be ruined, or our steel workers would be getting only one-half or one-third the wages they are getting now. ... We deny that the same quality of steel rails can be produced in this country at as low cost as abroad."

Special Round Trip Rates.

Between June 4th and August 25th The Illinois Central will sell round trip tickets from Chicago and Washington points to Oregon, Cairo, Memphis, New Orleans and GREATLY REDUCED RATES. Tickets good for three months, going limit ten days. Returning limit ten days after starting west. Stop-over privileges either way, west of the Missouri River.

Mines Attracting Attention.

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COMING TO Sat., Aug. 29. Largest Circus on Earth. MEDFORD.

Advertisement for 'THE BIGGEST SHOW ON EARTH' by 'THE BROS.' featuring 'JERUSALEM AND THE CRUSADES'. The ad lists various attractions: 85 DOUBLE LENGTH CARS, 40 BIG AND LITTLE ELEPHANTS, 1280 PEOPLE, 108 WILD ANIMAL CAGES, 650 HORSES, 40 FUN-MARKING CLOWNS, \$3,700,000 CAPITAL, \$7,400 ACTUAL DAILY EXPENSE. It also mentions '3 LONG MILES OF NEW AND COSTLY TROUPE ACTING SEALS' and 'A PARADE SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE'. The show is held at the 'BIG CIRCUS ON EARTH' with 375 PERFORMERS and 6 BIG ANIMALS.

Special Popular Railroad Excursions. Admission Tickets and Numbered Reserved Seat Tickets Sold on Show Day at Haskins' Drug Store, at same prices as charged on the show grounds.

HER AFFECTIONS WORTH \$10,000

A Jackson County Girl Causes Another Sensation. Nina F. Robinson, who has relatives living near Woodville, has again become the subject of another affair which has caused considerable of a ripple in Northern California.

That Open Door. Russia Has Stammered It in One Place and Has the Key on the Inside. The growth of the Russian bear has bluffed Mr. Hay into believing that the brute may bite off too many liberties as taken with him.

The Blue Ledge Still in Demand. Notwithstanding P. Clark of Spokane threw up his option on the Blue Ledge there are still a number of capitalists with ample means who are anxious to take hold of the property.

They Wanted Certificates. The semi-annual examination of applicants for county and state certificates began Wednesday. Superintendent Daily was assisted by E. E. Washburn, A. J. Hanby and N. L. Naragan.

Potent Pill Pleasure. The pills that are potent in their action and pleasant in effect are Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE MONEY? A. D. believe that you have enough business ability to successfully represent a reliable firm in Jacksonville and vicinity; so send full name and address, with ten cents to cover cost of mailing, etc., for full particulars to White's Savings, Seattle, Wash.

WANTED. Live agents to sell Dr. White's Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '90. Cure dandruff, hair falling out, sick and nervous headaches, yet cost no more than an ordinary comb.

Advertisement for 'DEVERS' GOLDEN WEST SPICES. The ad describes the spices as 'GREATEST STRENGTH FINEST FLAVOR AND ABSOLUTE PURITY'. It is prepared by E. O. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Advertisement for 'My Hair' by Ayer's Hair Vigor. The ad features a cartoon of a woman with long, flowing hair. The text says: 'I had a very severe sickness that took off all my hair. I purchased a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor and it brought all my hair back again.' W. D. Quinn, Marseilles, Ill.

Advertisement for 'Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys'. The ad features a cartoon of a man looking unwell. The text says: 'Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. The kidneys are your blood purifiers; they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.'

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Do You Enjoy What You Eat?

You can eat whatever and whenever you like if you take Kodol. By the use of this remedy disordered digestion and diseased stomachs are so completely restored to health and the full performance of their functions naturally, that such foods as would be one into a double-broiled are eaten without even a "rumbling" and with a positive pleasure and enjoyment.

Kodol Digests What You Eat

Makes the Stomach Sweet. Kodol cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all disorders arising therefrom.

Advertisement for 'PIONEER WHITE LEAD'. The ad features a cartoon of a man with a large white lead pipe. The text says: 'It is Absolutely PURE, and will OUTWEAR all other Leads. W. P. Fuller & Co., PORTLAND, OREGON.'

Your Cold Cured for 50 Cents. Dr. H. H. Larrison's Cold Cure.