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He who still insists that the business of the county is not more prosperous now than two years ago is either incapable of perceiving the fact or is two cynical to admit it.

Bryan, come down off your high perch and stop crowing over free coinage 16 to 1. The "Tiger", Richard Crocker, says this issue is dead, and what Richard's say goes.

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government now adopt a definite government and uniform principle in accord with the spirit of the United States constitution for advancing education among the Indians on the basis of the American free common school system, in order that there shall be no departure from the American principle of keeping separate and distinct the functions of church and state."

General Miller Will Land.

New York, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: The gunboats Concord and Petrel, sent to Hilo by Admiral Dewey to co-operate with the cruiser Baltimore in support of the army expedition, are the lightest draught vessels in his fleet, but have powerful batteries of six rifles and rapid-fire guns, which make them among the most useful vessels in the fleet.

Confidence is expressed at the war department that General Miller will land all the troops from his transports by the end of this week.

It has been decided that close confinement of the troops on shipboard, for over a week would have a damaging effect on their health and spirits, which cannot be permitted, and therefore General Otis will set a limit on the Pacific negotiations with the insurgents there.

The first of the sacred soil was used a few days ago. De Witt C. Greger, formerly mayor of Chicago and a Mason of high degree, had been buried in Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Hitchcock had planned to have the Gethsemane dust for use at Mr. Greger's funeral, but it came too late, and so the Knights made a special pilgrimage to Mr. Greger's grave and on it sprinkled some of the hallowed earth.

Only a teaspoonful of the dust will be used at each funeral. This quantity, very dry and very fine, will be put in an hour glass, and the latter placed on the coffin lid. At the grave, when the words "dust to dust" are pronounced, a Knight will release a spring in the hour glass and the dust will sift lightly down on the coffin.

To Sail For Manila.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—General Sumner, commander at Omaha, is informed the war department that he has received notice that the Scandia will be ready to sail from San Francisco for Manila on the 15th inst., and he has accordingly ordered that the Twentieth infantry at Omaha to leave on the 11th inst., for San Francisco.

Ordered to Manila.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Telegraphic instructions were received today from Alger, giving final orders for the movement of the Fourth United States infantry to Manila. The 1300 men and officers will leave Fort Sheridan on three special trains January 13. The regular train will reach New York January 15, and will that evening for Manila on the transport Mohawk by way of the Suez canal.

Mail For the Yukon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—In view of the fact that communication between the States and the Yukon district is necessarily slow and irregular, the postmaster-general has ordered that all letters addressed to parties in the Yukon district held for postage where mailed, shall be held at the mailing office for 30 days before being forwarded to the dead-letter office. This will give addresses an opportunity to forward deficit postage.

Armour & Co. Coming.

Armour & Co., of Chicago, probably the greatest packing concern in the world, will soon establish Pacific coast headquarters in Portland. The company has secured the building at Fifth and Couch streets, formerly occupied by the Spencer-Clarke Co., and expect to move in within the next few weeks.

THE TREADWELL MINES.

The Largest Stamp-mills in the World.

WHANGEL, Alaska, Dec. 28, 1898. The greatest industrial and financial institution in Alaska, is without doubt, the great Treadwell Mines, situated on Douglas Island, opposite the town of Juneau, in South-eastern Alaska.

I have made two visits to the mines and have through observation and inquiry gained a general idea of their extent and value. I will first try to describe the location of the mines.

The Treadwell is situated on Douglas Island, which is a mile wide and half a mile deep, and let it represent one of the numerous salt water channels which separate main land and islands in the Southwestern Alaska. Built a town of perhaps 2000 population, over on the ground occupied by the Treadwell and Free John's mill, to represent the mining of more properly speaking manufacturing town of Douglas City and Treadwell, which are really one town, because it is really an immense manufacturing plant where gold is manufactured from a mountain of quartz.

All around the side of the pit or hopper men are blasting off great quantities of the rock, which other men are breaking up with sledge hammers so as to allow it to pass through the bottom of the pit into the cars below. Isn't a noise it is a big stone quarry. The present capacity of the mill with 240 stamps, is said to be 250 tons every twenty-four hours, but other mills are working in completion which will give the total number of stamps at this place to 400, with a corresponding capacity.

There are now about 800 men employed about the mines and mills and perhaps 400 more are employed in construction work about the new mill. The ore is low grade, ranging in value from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per ton, but by the help of labor-saving machinery and owing to the convenience of the ore for working, the total cost per ton of mining and hauling the ore is said to be but \$1.00 per ton, and it is expected that by additional improvements the cost per ton will be reduced to \$1 per ton.

There is probably no other place in the world where such ore as this could be worked so cheaply as here. In the first place the mines and mills are situated on an arm or dike of the sea, where the largest ocean going ships may tie up within a few feet of the very doors of the mill.

The mines are so located that the ore can be mined and reduced almost entirely by machinery working automatically, and lastly here is between four and five millions of dollars invested which pays no interest of tax or tribute of any kind.

I believe the amount of the grade of ore in this, and other equally accessible parts of Alaska, is practically unlimited, so my friend if you have a few millions of dollars, which you wish to invest in a sure thing, bring it to Alaska, and I doubt not you can find a good proposition as the great Treadwell mines.

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Obituary.

James K. Mitchell, one of Douglas county's most excellent citizens, died suddenly of heart failure at his home on Oak Creek, December 21, 1898, aged 57 years and 22 days.

Mr. Mitchell was well known in Roseburg and vicinity, where he has lived for the past 15 years, a most exemplary life, and when he leaves not only a host of friends, all of whom feel deeply the loss of his services, but also a large number of admirers, having been twice mayor of this city, in 1881, and 1882.

He was married to Miss Lulu Clark, by the Rev. George Smith, their first child, a son, and three daughters, Mrs. Anna Mitchell, of this city, and Mrs. Ida Mitchell, of this city, have been living with Mr. Mitchell, and a few months ago, Mrs. Mitchell, having passed away, she is now in the hands of the undertaker.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock on Monday, January 9, at the residence of Mrs. Mitchell, 1005 1/2 street, by the Rev. George Smith, pastor of the Methodist church.

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News Notes.

The managers, Drexton and Yorktown will be added to Dewey's fleet, and will go by the way of the Suez canal.

The manager of the Keeley Institute, at Portland reports that the institute has done well in the last year, 1000 patients being treated, and which have returned to their old habits, six morphine fiends, all of which have proved permanent.

The pig "Hans" which has been the mascot of the Franklyn ever since it was saved from the wreck of the Oquendo, after its acquisition of Curver's fleet, is growing and there is a growing suspicion that it was a part of the Thanksgiving on board the cruiser.

Now is the time to save money by buying your goods at the Roseburg Novelty Cash Store. In having three pairs of chaplains to go to Cuba, I'll give you a half price on all goods, and a half price on all goods, and a half price on all goods.

All our goods are new and of the latest styles. No show-up goods on hand at the Cash Store.

Let's talk about bicycles. A little early perhaps, but now is the time to get the good points and decide what wheel to buy. We have the agency for the Crescent Bevel Gear, Chainless, 260. Crescent Chain Models, \$35. Crescent 3 and 6, \$25. Call and Examine '99 Samples.

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