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JOHNSTOWN'S MINING DISASTER.

It has always been the habit of a people to speak of how accidents or errors could have been prevented after it had occurred. Doubtless, in many cases, negligence is the cause. The Standard Union seems to be of the opinion that many of the mine disasters could be averted.

It is very easy to say that explosions like the one that has just occurred in the Cambria Steel Company's rolling mill mine, near Johnstown, Pa., by which from 100 to 200 unfortunate men have probably lost their lives, are unavoidable. But are they really unpreventable? Here are over 600 miners working in underground passages, some of them five miles away from the shaft, more or less permeated with deadly gases, all of whom are in constant danger from some reckless fellow striking a match or other accident, and when an explosion occurs it is always impossible to rescue them in time. It was thought that the Davy safety-lamp had provided a way of escaping such deadly explosions. Can it be possible that there is a laxity in providing a sufficient quantity of such lamps, or negligence in their use and supervision? It would seem there must be criminal carelessness somewhere. Surely there ought to be some way of guarding against such catastrophes, but, unfortunately, human nature becomes quickly accustomed to the presence of peril, and long immunity frequently makes men ordinarily prudent careless in the use of precautions. Yet that is the very reason why superior officers, appointed solely to guard against accidents and not to expedite work, should ever be on the alert to see that every precaution devised by human ingenuity is systematically employed, and who would enforce all rules and regulations with an iron hand. One cannot resist a suspicion that the management must have been in some way to blame, and the investigation into the causes of the terrible disaster ought to be thorough and unsparring. Possibly some "mandatory" legislation is needed in Pennsylvania. Why do not the miners themselves suggest precautions and remedies to the legislature. Corporations are never eager to spend much money solely for the protection of their employees, as their stubborn resistance to the automatic coupler on railroads and to a rigid inspection of the seaworthiness of ships before being sent to sea attest, and it is therefore useless to expect them to take the initiative in such matters. If mines and other workers in hazardous occupations would spend a portion of the time devoted to strikes in devising ways of avoiding and mitigating disasters like this, and to presenting their suggestions upon the attention of the law-makers, they could probably accomplish a vast amount of good.

Universal sympathy goes out today to the stricken and entombed miners and their families at Johnstown, which seems to be a place destined to great disasters. The death-dealing flood that worked such frightful horrors there in 1896 will be recalled and talked about all over the land today. It is to be hoped that later accounts will reduce the dimensions of the present calamity.

MUST DIVIDE THE BLAME.

Tacoma Ledger.
A clerk in a Philadelphia produce house was arrested not long ago on the charge of theft. As to his guilt or innocence there has been no showing, but the fact is conceded that he was living beyond his means. It was this that first directed attention to him. The laws defining the rights of property are absolute and they represent the sentiment of conscience. It is impossible for a person to steal and justify his own conscience save under extraordinary circumstances. A man dying of hunger would be foolish to decline the opportunity to steal a loaf

of bread, provided there were no approved means of securing this. To prosecute him would be an act of brutality. However, exceptional instances such as this do not impair the vitality of the rule against theft.

The clerk who has been arrested and who has been living beyond his means was in receipt of \$3 a week. He was a thief all right, but his employer is necessary before the fact. No man has any privilege in decency to employ another man on any such scale of pay. If he does so, he degrades both the laborer and himself, insults industry and places a blot on commerce. If a dealer in produce cannot run his business without \$3 a week, he has less brains than one of his cabbage and not half the red blood there is in a beet.

Perhaps the clerk will have to admit that he has stolen, but he can point to the head of the establishment as an accomplice.

WATER MUST BE RESERVED.

DENVER, July 18.—The scarcity of water and the extravagant waste of diminished supply, have brought the condition of affairs in Denver that compels prompt official action. Secretary Miller of the water company says his company has not been able to store a drop of water for nearly three years. The water for manufacturing purposes will be cut off at once. Irrigation must also cease unless an unprecedented rainfall comes within a few days. The water company says the consumption must be cut down from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000 a day at once.



Women Are Like Flowers.
Poets have been fond of likening woman to a flower. Her fairness is flowerlike. Her sweetness suggests the flower fragrance. Her very fragility finds its type again in the frail flower, which languishes when neglected, and is easily destroyed. It is a pretty simile and almost as perfect as poetry.
All women love flowers, and every woman who grows them knows that their health depends on daily care. Not alone are water and sunshine necessary to the health of the plant. Their leaves and roots must be guarded from the parasites which soon destroy the flower's beauty and undermine its life.
If a woman would care for herself as she does for her plants she would preserve her beauty and retain her strength far beyond the period when the average woman looks old and feels older than she looks.

THE GREAT SECRET

Of woman's preservation of her beauty lies in the intelligent care of the womanly health. So close is the relation between the health of the delicate womanly organs and the health of the whole body, that whenever the feminine functions are deranged or disturbed the consequences are felt by every nerve in the body. Severe headache, backache, pain in the side, and bearing-down pains are borne with by so many thousands of women that one who is in sound health is a rare exception. Most women would give anything to know how to be cured. The way is very plain. Follow the path made by more than a half a million women who have been perfectly cured of womanly ills and weakness.

"I believe I owe my life to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Pleasant Pellets," says Maria G. Bland, writing from Broadland, D.C. "Six years ago, after the birth of one of my children, I was left in a weak, run-down condition. My health seemed utterly gone. I suffered from nervousness, female weakness and rheumatism, and I suffered everything one could suffer from these complaints. I began to feel better when I used the medicine. I doctored with three different physicians and got no relief. I tried several patent medicines, all with the same result. I began to get worse, and to add to the complications I suffered terribly from constipation. I changed to one of Dr. Pierce's remedies. I commenced to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Pleasant Pellets, and began to improve right away, and continued improving and gaining in strength. I cannot express the relief it was so great. Seven months later my little daughter was born with me, much trouble. I feel that I would never have been able to endure my confinement had it not been for the help I received from Dr. Pierce's medicine. My baby was a fine, healthy child, and the only one I have ever been able to nurse. She is now two years old and I have never had to take any medicine since, so I feel that your medicine has made a lasting cure with me. I owe so much to you, it would be impossible for me to express by word or pen how thankful I am to God and Dr. Pierce."

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Muscle

Does not make the man. "The blood is the life," the vital force of the body. So it not infrequently happens that the man who looks to be a picture of physical strength falls a sudden victim to disease.



A proper care for the blood would prevent many a serious sickness. The cleansing of the blood is perfectly accomplished by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It drives out the impurities and poisonous substances which corrupt the blood and breed disease. It increases the activity of the blood-making glands, and so increases the supply of pure blood. It builds up the entire body with good sound flesh.

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"I took five bottles of Golden Medical Discovery for my blood," writes Mr. William D. Shambly, of Remy, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory. "I had my 'rings' on me and I would burn them off and they would come right back, and they were on me when I commenced using 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and they went away and I haven't been bothered any more."
Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

REDUCED RATES TO NORTH BEACH.

The O. R. & N. Co. will sell excursion tickets to all North Beach joints Ilwaco to Nahcotta inclusive, every Sunday during the season at the very low rate of \$1 for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning either by steamer Nahcotta or T. J. Potter, but only on date of sale.

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION.

The Oregon Home Society desires to find homes for three boys babies, very desirable ones, and one girl babe; also a girl of 15 years and boy of 10 years. Mr. I. F. Tobey, superintendent of the home, is now in Astoria and any communication for him may be left at this office. The children may be taken on a three months' trial.

SUITS OUR CLIMATE.

The rapidly increasing use of shingles as covering for the walls of buildings, both to keep out the weather and for ornamental purposes, makes a great demand for a shingle stain which preserves the wood, prevents moss, and retains a fresh, handsome appearance. Particularly is such the case in damp climates. The need is well met in a perfect article made right here in Astoria. Cutbirt's "Creosote" Shingle Stains are penetrative, preservative, handsome and durable. They are put up in eight colors and every package guaranteed.

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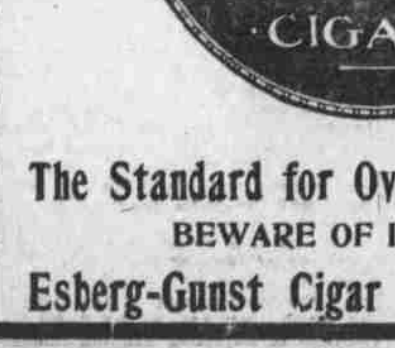
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When a man says "Life is not worth living," he is about right if he means his own life.

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"I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Dals, of Mt. Sterling, Ia., but two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure.—Sold by Frank Hart, druggist.

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Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Kidney and Tar, which is a sure cure."—Sold by Frank Hart, druggist.

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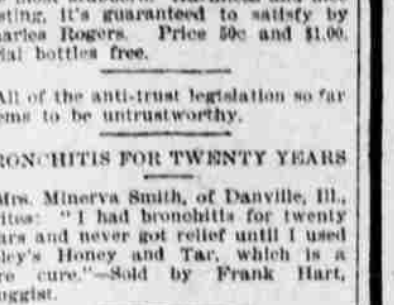
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8:15 a.m.	Astoria for War-	7:40 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	renton Flavel, Pt.	10:30 a.m.
11:35 a.m.	Stevens, Hammond,	4:00 p.m.
5:50 p.m.	Seaside.	5:50 p.m.

6:15 p.m.	Seaside for War-	9:25 a.m.
9:40 a.m.	renton Flavel,	12:30 p.m.
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