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duct of the county is acceptable. Now that harvest is on and the fruit season here, a rare opportunity to collect splendid specimens is at hand.

DESTROYING THEIR JOBS.

A new phase of the industrial question comes from Alaska, and it does not apply to Alaska alone, either.

The result is that about 500 miners have been thrown out of work and are now struggling to get back to civilization, the money tied up by the purchasers of the ground is idle, and no one is reaping a benefit from the great natural resources of the district.

The craze for high wages has reached its danger point there, and this one disastrous reaction is an index finger pointing to a like condition that is fastly approaching in the older settled communities.

There is such a thing as labor destroying the very source of its life, by overburdening the employer with high wages. There is a limit to the producing power of every industry, and because one great combination of capital, like the steel trust or the oil trust, makes 20 per cent a year on its watered stock, it should not be determined that every industry in the country is founded upon the same basis and can stand the same strain of expense.

In fixing wages workmen should take the future into consideration. They all expect to live and have need of subsistence for years ahead.

No man is going to operate a business at a loss. If he cannot get fair return on his investment, he is going to quit. When he quits, the employes quits also.

On the other hand, where capital is invested in legitimate industries that may reasonably be expected to be operated indefinitely, and from which labor expects to earn a sustenance, it is to the interest of both, capital and labor, that that industry be operated upon a paying basis.

It cannot thrive and furnish employment if it is overburdened. It cannot be operated at a loss. So when wages reach the danger point, and the industry topples over, like the worm-eaten tower, it destroys both the laborer's sustenance and the owners' income.

Here are these rich Alaskan mines containing millions of idle wealth, offering countless years of labor for the idle men of the country and idle capital lying unused, wasting for want of industry.

Because a few men who discovered claims in the north have made fortunes from them, every miner in the country expects to return rich, from a year's work. As a result, the mine-owners cannot work their property at the wages demanded and these unreasonable men, instead of working themselves and allowing others to work, have struck dumb the nerves of the entire region.

The high wage craze is dangerous. It is an awful thing to play with. It can destroy both the laborer and his job, and if not conscientiously handled, is the most destructive tendency of modern industrialism.

An interesting contest showing the power of a great newspaper when pitted against one of the greatest powers on earth, is going on at present between the London Times and the Empire of Russia. The Times

correspondent was recently expelled from Russia because he was intolerably frank in his exposures of the social and political condition of Russian society. Now the other European correspondents of the Times are keeping the Russian authorities in the hottest kind of hot water by sending similar news to it from other European capitals. To make matters worse for Russia, the newspapers of Europe side with the Times to such an extent that the Russian government has felt constrained in self-defense to circulate a note of explanation and contradiction.

A venturesome editor, after launching his bark on the tempestuous seas of matrimony and getting some of his erroneous ideas of life corrected, sizes up the situation somewhat as follows: In the gladness of her gladness she is glad.

And in the sadness of her sadness she is sad. But the gladness of her gladness and the sadness of her sadness. Are not in it with her madness when she's mad.

The following lines, written in old Trinity cemetery, are by Arthur Gallerman, in New York Times:

This was a merchant and that was a belle, There lies a statesman—you know he fell, Under the monument fronting the street, Rests the young sailor who, spurning defeat

In a lost battle, and with his last Gave us a watchword to challenge despair, Troy and patriot camp side by side, Trace of the turf to their rancor and pride

Look toward the river, the stone at your feet Shelters a blade of his majesty's fleet, Gallant and gay when the red-coated leaven

Troubled our city in 'seventy-seven, What of his ending—the daisies may know More than is silence, a word and a blow

Then, a locked room in the tavern, the gloom Flickered with candles, the whisper of doom, Bicker and ring of encountering steel, Punting of bosoms, the stamp of the heel

Felt, circle parry, lunge, counter and carte— Dead like a man, with a thrust thro' the heart, What was the cause? Ah, you question in vain, Dorothy, Annabel, Phyllis, or Jane

Queen of Assemblies and toast of the hold, Somewhere she slumbers in Trinity's mold Search in your heart if you seek to desert, That which is hidden, the passions that lie

Buried in earth, with her grasses above— Sorrow and ecstasy hatred and love, Tutuilla, July 26th

TEST OF WORKMEN.

An official of the Interurban Street Railway Company thus tells of one of the expedients by which President H. H. Vreeland tested the fitness of men for promotion.

On one occasion a man new high up in the mechanical department happened to have occasion to see Mr. Vreeland. The business ended, Mr. Vreeland pulled out a cheap watch.

"Joe," he said, opening the back of the watch, "that winder rubs against the inside of the case. Can you fix it?"

"Certainly," said the man. "How would you go about it?" "I would unscrew the winder and—

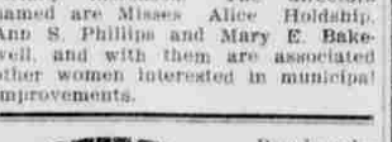
"Joe, you're the man I want to take charge of the — department," broke in Vreeland. "Every fellow who has been in here ahead of you was going to file it without unscrewing it and fill the works with dust."

TO IMPROVE THE SLUMS.

A number of women of Pittsburg have inaugurated a new method of improving the slums of that city. They have organized and incorporated a stock company capitalized at \$20,000 and they are to build a model tenement house at some suitable place in the slums, fill it with typical residents of the neighborhood and proceed to give an object lesson in sanitary living, says the New Orleans Item.

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