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ELEMENTS OF TROUBLE.

S. F. Chronicle.
The Dominion government has thrown fairness and caution to the winds and gone to the unexpected length of imposing a royalty on all placer diggings on the Yukon, besides a \$15 registration fee and \$100 annual assessment. The royalty named is 10 per cent on claims with an output of \$500 or less monthly, and 20 per cent on every claim yielding above that amount. Additionally the government will reserve every alternate claim in any new gold district that may be found, and will impose a heavy tariff upon all goods coming in from the American side.

With the latter proviso we do not, of course, find fault, but the proceeding as a whole shows the intent to keep American miners out of the field in which they were the pioneers and where they have uncovered the richest finds. Contrasted with the treatment given all foreign placer miners in California, this policy is *churlish and inhospitable*; and viewed in the light of *Utlander demands and grievances in the Transvaal* it is one that calls for sharp remonstrance, if not for something more. At the very least we shall expect the United States government to adopt reprisals covering the use of Alaskan routes of travel by Canadians, for if our own people cannot freely mine on the Klondyke, Canadians ought not to have the untaxed privilege of taking their gold and other belongings home by way of St. Michael and Juneau.

Gold has, first and last, caused about as much trouble between nations and races as religion. The gold of the Americas and territorial questions concerning it started a train of wars in Europe which ran on for over three centuries, and even as late as 1895 almost caused a rupture between the United States and Great Britain. It is gold that threatens the peace of South Africa. We cannot say that the conditions which produce international discord are any the less menacing in Canada now than they are in the Transvaal. Miners who have outfitted at large expense and paid heavily to get their goods to the line are a dangerous class to take by the throat, with the demand to stand and deliver. They may not choose to obey—and what then?

Fortunately, no serious question of boundary obtains at the present points of contact, as the disputed line is 500 miles from the gold fields. By treaty the dividing point between Northern and Central Alaska and the Northwest Territory is fixed at the 141st meridian of longitude, and it only remains for the surveyors to mark the line of the meridian with mile posts. But the desire of the British to obtain a port on the Pacific will probably lead them to press their claim with much vigor for a part of the Alaskan panhandle which includes Juneau, and here is a chance for further complications. Should the northern country prove as rich as the sanguine hope it will, we shall hear a great deal about it in diplomacy very soon.

JAPAN HAS renewed her protest against the annexation of Hawaii by the United States. It is pretty generally believed that this country will simply place Japan's protest on file and go ahead and ratify the annexation treaty. It is a question in which Japan has no right to interfere, and if the Mikado chooses to rush into war with the United States we might be able to teach the Japs a little common sense.

It is estimated that Oregon will produce eighteen million bushels of wheat this year. Deducting what will be consumed at home there will be a good many million dollars brought into Oregon this year from this source. Linn county will receive a generous share of this wealth, having, it is estimated a yield of a million and a quarter bushels of wheat this year. This is a pretty good gold mine of itself.

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The National Fish Commission Decide on Its Operation This Season.

A letter from Congressman Tongue to Postmaster Kyle, which was received this week, brings the news that the National Fish Commission has decided to allow the expenditure of \$500 to operate the hatchery at Mapleton this year. This is welcome news and the thanks of this community are due to our congressman for his efforts to bring about this decision.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISE.

Eugene Register.
The people who oppose public improvements may be divided into three classes. The first is that class which is ever looking for something to kick about; the second class is made up of those who do not care a rap whether improvements are made or not, just as long as they can gain popularity by making "grand stand plays;" and the third class are those who are honest in their convictions of what they deem true economy, and though perfectly sincere in their views, are, we believe, often not far-sighted enough to determine what constitutes true economy.

The first class of people are the men who have not sufficient enterprise to paint their barns and houses, if indeed they have any to paint, who have no flower garden in their front yards and have no time while howling about hard times to hoe the dog-fennel and thistles out of their truck patch which their wives and daughters planted, and who lie awake nights cursing their thrifty neighbor who has built a new windmill and a new shed for his separator and binder.

The third class which we believe to be vastly in the majority, are those who need only be shown the economy and necessity of a measure, and their aid is at once enlisted. Let us carefully diagnose each case of this opposition in order that we may avoid misjudging of honest motives. Most men are honest, and with them reason will prevail. The kicker and the demagogue can best be exterminated by depriving them of the sympathy they depend upon for life.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Oregonian.
If the Panama canal is really doomed to failure, the persistence with which its work goes on is certainly refreshing. Our consul-general at Panama is now in Washington, and asserts his own belief to be that "its ultimate completion is a certainty." There are, he says, funds enough on hand to continue operations at the present lively rate for two years more. One-fourth of the canal is completed, including a \$1,000,000 wharf at the Pacific entrance, which vessels can reach without having to lighter. The work of modern stone-cutting machinery, which we have regarded as sure to be demonstrated in Nicaragua, he reports an already accomplished fact in Panama, where excavations once thought impossible are now easily accomplished. It is obvious that, if money can be had for this work now, with the Panama scandals fresh in mind, it will be far more readily forthcoming when the operations now under way have been completed. We must not forget that the problem of problems in isthmian canal work, the mountain torrents, is so far as menacing in Nicaragua as in Panama. If we ever build our canal, it will be by supplementing the bills and reports, resolutions and speeches now directed at the Nicaragua route by some such prosaic effort as digging earth and damming streams. This is a great country, and its eagle has a loud voice, but acts of congress and presidential proclamations have not so far as known, stirred from its resting-place a single pebble between Brito and Graytown. Is this also among the things they "do better in France"?

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EXTINCT RACE.

Oregonian.
A Tacoma policeman committed suicide because a safe in a hotel in his beat was blown open, while he was on duty, and rifled of \$65, the burglary escaping his notice. The death of this policeman, is for obvious reasons, an exceptionally sad event. It requires a degree of stoidism to look unmoved upon the extinction of a species, though regret in this instance will be doubtless mitigated somewhat by the fact that prior to this sad event this type of policeman was supposed to have vanished from the earth.

OUR NATIONAL ALLIES.

There is no Substantial Grounds for Saying We Have None.

Omaha Bee.
Is this republic isolated among the nations of the world? It seems to be the opinion of those who are opposed to American politics that it is. The New York Post of recent date says: "With the exception of Venezuela, of whose claims we have somewhat accidentally found ourselves the champions, it may fairly be said that we stand without an ally on either continent. None of the powers has any reason to regard us with a particularly friendly feeling and several of them have good reasons for cherishing sentiments of hostility. If such isolation is desirable, we may congratulate ourselves on the success of our diplomats in attaining it."

What is the excuse for this view? The irritation of England at the position of our government in the Behring sea matter and the dissatisfaction of France, Germany and some other European countries with the proposed change in our tariff policy, together with the complaints respecting this policy on the part of some of the countries of South America. Is there any substantial reason in this believing that this country is without an ally on either continent? Admit that the British government is displeased with our latest enunciation in regard to the seal controversy, though there is no official evidence of it, does it show that England is unfriendly to the United States, or would not in a conceivable emergency be an ally to this country? Not at all.

On the contrary, we have had within a few days a report that negotiations were to be renewed for a treaty of arbitration between the two nations. Accepting this as authoritative, it shows that the British government is still disposed to maintain most friendly relations with the United States. How is it with other European governments? It is true that France and Germany are not pleased with our proposed tariff policy and that there is some talk of retaliation in those countries, but nobody can seriously believe that they propose to isolate the United States, commercially, or otherwise, for the obvious reason that they could not do so without very damaging consequences to their own interests. The impulsive kaiser and some reckless French statesmen have said threatening things, but these count for very little, because they do not represent the public judgement. The truth is that a large majority of the statesmen and the intelligent people of Europe understand perfectly well the value of commercial intercourse with this country and they will not do anything to destroy this intercourse.

So long as this is the case we shall not be isolated.

But what about having allies? Perhaps we do not need any, but if we should it is true that we could count upon no nation in either continent to befriend us? Why would not Russia be our friend, as she was during the civil war? Why might we not reasonably count upon the aid of Mexico and Brazil in an emergency? And why should not the Central American states be our allies if we needed them.

There is no substantial ground for the idea that the United States is isolated or is likely to become so. This country is as strong in the respect of the world as it has ever been, and it is not going to lose its standing because a curt note has been sent to England and a tariff policy is proposed that is not friendly to European industries.

A PRACTICAL mining engineer publishes in one of the Ottawa papers a catechism, which, he says, every would-be gold-hunter should ask himself before he starts: Have I a capital of at least \$500? Am I subject to any organic or chronic disease, especially rheumatism? Am I physically sound in every way and able to walk 30 miles a day with a 50-pound pack on my back? Am I willing to put up with the rough fare, sleep anywhere and anyhow; do my own cooking and washing; mend my own clothes? Can I leave home perfectly free, leaving no one depending on me in any manner for support? Can I do entirely without spirituous liquors? Can I work like a galley slave for months, if need be, on poor fare, and sometimes not enough of that, and still keep a cheerful and brave spirit? Am I pretty handy with tools and not subject to lazy fits? Can I swim and handle boats and canoes; put up with the extremes of heat and cold, and bear incessant torture from the countless swarms of mosquitoes, gnats and sandflies. Passengers on the Elder who cannot answer these questions in the affirmative may yet repent and return before it is too late when they reach Dyea.—Oregonian.

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A CLONDYKE ROMANCE

A New York Man Wins a Fortune

And His Lady Love—The Gold of Clondyke Did It.

New York, July 22.—A special to the World from Plattsburg N. Y., says: Joseph Ladue, owner of the townsite of Dawson, Alaska, is now on the way to his former home at Schuyler Falls, Clinton county, New York, to be married to Miss Mason. It is said that Ladue and Miss Mason were to have been married long ago, but Miss Mason's parents opposed the match because Ladue was poor. Then Ladue went to the Black Hills in search of gold. He was quite successful, but before coming east to claim his bride, he went into speculation at Deadwood and lost every dollar.

Ladue wrote to Miss Mason of his misfortune, and soon after went to Alaska. He did not return home until two years ago, and then it was settled that upon his return from another trip to Alaska they would be married. As Ladue is said to be a millionaire, the parents of the bride will offer no objection to the union, and it is probable that Mrs. and Mrs. Ladue will spend their honeymoon on their way to the gold fields, where they intend to live for at least three years.

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UNCLE SAM has discharged all of his Indian soldiers and will enlist no more. The Indian soldier is no good. The Indian is not much good any place. There are some, however, in Southern Oregon who are thrifty, hard working farmers—and are prosperous. These are the exception and not the rule.—Medford Mail.

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FROM THE reports of companies being formed in many eastern cities, it is plain that the Clondyke excitement has been utilized by swindlers for their own profit. Men who are selling stock in cooperative enterprises for the Yukon country know very well that their expeditions will begin and end on paper. The great majority have no other aim than to peddle out stock at so low a price that it will appeal to people of very small means. There ought to be some way of reaching and punishing these frauds, but, unfortunately, the laws do not reach them.—S. F. Chronicle.

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JURY DISAGREE.

On Tuesday last a suit was brought before Justice Hadsall in which George Bradley was complaining witness, the State of Oregon plaintiff and Fred Mason defendant. The charge was assault and battery.

The defendant called for a jury trial and Telf Hoffman, Wm. Morford, Wm. Martin, George Nichols, George Hartley and Wm. Brynd were finally selected as a jury. 9 witnesses were examined, 6 in behalf of the state and 3 on behalf of the defendant. The attorneys were Geo. O. Knowles for the state and L. E. Bean for the defense. After the pleading by the attorneys and an able charge to the jury by the judge, the jury was locked up and the interested citizens waited anxiously for the verdict. The jury was out about 6 hours and then at about 12 o'clock M., they agreed to disagree. The affair was quite amusing all the way through but especially so when Attorney General Idleman who happened to be a passenger on the steamer Coos, stepped into the court room. Upon his appearance our amateur attorneys went into consultation with the judge and with one another seemingly anxious to find some place where they could be buried until morning, but no chance of escape presented itself so they concluded to finish the matter, live or die. There will probably be a new trial.

In the second trial of the above case held Wednesday the jury returned a verdict of guilty and recommended the defendant to the clemency of the court. He was fined \$5 and costs amounting to \$84.

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STEAMER SINKS.

The steamer Gypsy with four lady passengers and several tons of freight on board, struck a snag between Harrisburg and Corvallis one day last week testing a hole forty feet in length and sunk in less than a minute. The passengers were taken to the shore safely but the freight was considerably damaged.

Literary.

Philosophy is the art of living. The unspoken word never does harm. 'Tis the will that makes the action good or ill. Little things console us because little things afflict us.

Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience. People are sooner reclaimed by the side wind of a surprise than by downright admonition.

There is no immunity from the consequences of sin; punishment is swift and sure to one and all. Agriculture is the foundation of manufactures, since the productions of nature are the materials.

Providence gives us notice by sensible declensions, that we may disengage from the world by degrees. Truth never turns to rebuke falsehood; her own straightforwardness is the severest correction.

When we advance a little into life, we find that the tongue of man creates nearly all the mischief of the world. Count up a man's calamities and who seem happy? But in truth, calamity leaves fully half of your life untouched.

In extent sorrow is boundless. It pours from ten million sources, and floods the world. But its depth is small. It drowns few.

The use of traveling is to regulate imagination by reality, and instead of thinking how things may be, to see them as they are.

Outward actions can never give a just estimate of us, since there are many perfections of a man which are not capable of appearing in actions.

Speech is like the cloth of Arras, open and put abroad, whereby the imagery doth appear in figure; whereas in thoughts they lie but as in packs. The bee though it finds every rose has a thorn, comes back loaded with honey from his rambles, and why should not other tourists do the same.

Solitude has but one disadvantage; it is apt to give one too high an opinion of himself. In the world we are sure to be often reminded of every known or supposed defect we may have.

No one can exist in society without some speciality. Eighty years ago it was only necessary to be well dressed and amiable; today a man of this kind would be too much like the garçons at the cafes.

The world could not exist if it were not simple. This ground has been tilled a thousand years, yet its powers remain ever the same, a little rain, a little sun, and each spring it grows green again.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.
Miss Gussie Smith, of Marshfield, has formed a class in music at Gardiner and will remain there several months. Steamer Alice Blanchard left Coos bay for San Francisco Monday. This is her last trip on that route. Hereafter she will run regularly between San Francisco and Alaska.

The gasoline steamer Cheteo, for many years playing between San Francisco and coast ports in the lumber trade, will shortly leave the city for the Clondyke gold regions. One hundred men have secured passage at \$1,000 each. After the schooner Cheteo was wrecked on the southern Oregon coast she was fitted up with gasoline engines.

A shocking accident occurred near Gardiner Sunday. Annie the little daughter of Mr. Chas Marks was shot and instantly killed by her youngest brother who was playing with a shotgun that had been carelessly left within the reach of the little ones. The shot struck just behind the ear causing instant death. The parents, are prostrated and the sympathies of the entire community are with them in their sorrow. Although there are several boys, Annie was the only daughter. The funeral was held at Gardiner Monday.

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