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THE NEW ELDORADO.

The Palouse Gazette says: The newly discovered Coeur d'Alene mines are creating wide spread excitement in this and other territories. Prospectors are flocking to the ground by hundreds, many of who have located claims and propose spending the winter in the field, in order to be on hand when the spring opens. Experienced miners report them to be the most promising placer mines they have seen. The Review says a town site has been laid off which is called Eagle City. The gold is of coarse quality, mixed with gravel and is found on the bedrock at a depth of from four to ten feet. The whole country shows indications of once having been under water; the deposits have been washed down from some ledge in the mountains. On Princhard creek, which with other small streams which cut up the country, is a tributary to the Coeur d'Alene river, gold can be picked up in nuggets weighing from \$2 upward. On the 12th a man named Fisher found a solid nugget in his claim weighing \$38.48. One miner was seen brushing out the crevices with a rough broom whittled from a piece of pine, and the amount of gold found by this crude means almost filled a common yeast powder can. Supplies of every kind are very scarce in camp, still it will be but a short time before some enterprising individual runs in a stock of goods.

Men who had experience in the golden days of California say that the products surpass anything they ever heard of. Of course the mines may peter out, or only be limited in extent, but those who have been there say that color has been found wherever the prospector has sunk a pick. Men are averaging from \$20 to \$30 per day, and have only the most primitive tools to work with. It stands to reason that the fine gold is entirely lost. In fact, no effort has been made to save the small particles. All the specimens that have been brought to this city are in the shape of nuggets, running all the way from pieces as large as a pea to chunks as big as hazel nuts. When the lodes are struck the Panhandle of Idaho will be a scene of activity never surpassed in the history of mining operations in the world.

A man died at sea and the funeral was set for an early hour the next morning, the captain, of course, to read the burial-service. At the appointed hour the vessel was hove to and all hands came aft to attend the solemn rites. The sheeted and shotted body lay on its plank, all heads were uncovered, all hearts brimming with emotion; but no skipper appeared. After waiting a long time, the surgeon undertook to read the service, and advancing to the head of the corpse, prayer-book in hand, began: "I am the resurrection and the life." Tardy skipper (emerging from below): "I'll be d—d if you are! I am the resurrection and the life."

The Puget Sound Argus, of the 3d inst., put the Yaquina Bay on the Columbia river bar, according to the wreck in regard to the wreck of the *Oma*, as it says "Columbia River Bar Again," and then goes on describing the wreck at Yaquina Bay.

The canning of whales is a new industry in Norway. As the creatures are not put up in flat boxes heads to tails, it is not anticipated that the business will interfere with Maine's sardine industry.

Deep Sea Light Houses.

A leading English journal indorses a plan recently formed by an English engineer for founding "deep-sea light houses" as a "hopeful scheme, which, if carried out, will fulfill a want that has long been acknowledged." As explained to the London Society of Engineers, this plan proposes the construction of a hollow cylinder of riveted iron work, twenty-nine feet long, and to consist of two sections—the upper part to be 140 feet long, destined to rear its head above the waves and fitted as an ordinary light house, while the remaining portion of the tube is to be ballasted so as to sink below the water line, and counteract the force of the wind and waves on the exposed part. The whole apparatus is to be anchored in deep water by heavy sea cables. The inventor claims that it would be easy to tow such a structure to the spot selected for it, then, by admitting water to the lower section, it would assume an upright position and ride the waves like a bottle. The practical use which this is intended to serve is to give notice of approaching storms by means of telegraphic connection with the shore. It is believed to be practicable to found a floating telegraph station, say, 1,000 miles from the coast of England in mid-ocean, from which comings of approaching storms could be given at least twenty-four hours before their arrival.

The Trades and Labor federation is in session in St. Louis. The committee on declaration of principles made a report which was adopted. Its salient points are that railroad land grants forfeited shall be reclaimed by the government; equal pay for equal work to both sexes; abolition of the convict contract labor system; compulsory education and the state furnish books and other school materials free; prohibiting children from laboring in factories and mines under fourteen years of age; railroads and telegraphs to become the property of the state; a purely national circulating medium, issued directly to the people; the employers' liability act, holding corporations liable for injuries received by persons while in their employ; all trades and labor unions to be incorporated by the legislature, the same as other incorporative bodies.

Speaking of the topographical uses of the balloon, Mr. Simmons, the aeronaut, in connection with his recent voyage across the English channel, says: "Not only the land lay below us like a map, but the bottom of the sea is clearly seen in every direction. Every channel and shoal is sharply marked and forms a fibrous network. By the aid of instantaneous photographs there would be no end to the increase of our knowledge of the sea through balloons, as charts of greater exactness than any yet in existence could be made of the bottom of the sea, at least of shoals shallow enough to offer danger to sailing vessels."

Seven million dollars will be expended for tunnels and bridges along the Harrisburg and West Virginia Railroad, the new Vanderbilt-Gowen road. The road was chartered about a year ago, and it will cost about \$42,000,000 to put it in running operation. Vanderbilt himself is reported to have \$25,000,000 of the first mortgage bonds.

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Ex-Senator Gwin, lately informed a reporter that he thought Holman stood a good chance of being the next President. "There are, however," he added, "two other good men in Indiana, Hendricks and McDonald. In regard to California, there is Judge Field who is, however, unpopular at home, on account of his decisions on the bench, especially in Chinese cases. Anyway, California will go Democratic in 1884. The people there are against the Chinese as much as ever, too much perhaps, yet the Chinese are a curse to us. They are like a swarm of locusts."

A correspondent of the Plaindealer says the government survey at the mouth of the Siuslaw river has been completed and a chart made of the same. There is 7½ feet of water on the bar at low tide and 11 at high tide.



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