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ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROSPECTORS.

The bill recently introduced by Senator Dolph, with a view to cheapening the cost of gold-bearing lands, is one of the measures needed to prevent the entire coast from falling under the burden of a vast coal monopoly, having its head office in San Francisco. This syndicate is armed with so much wealth that no ordinary firm of average coal miners, or no ordinary company of average wealth, could hope to compete with them. In the meantime the price of coal is steadily and slowly advancing in price as the forests are being cleared away by the gradual settlement of the country and wood becomes scarcer as an article of fuel. The law as originally framed charged \$20 per acre for all coal-bearing lands within fifteen miles of any operating railroad and \$10 per acre for all lands outside of that distance. Mr. Dolph maintains the same distinction between the locations and reduces the cost fifty per cent in each class.

This legislation will inure directly to the benefit of practical miners and prospectors, for this reason: The day has gone by when any mining property can be sold on the strength of its surface prospect or its "outcroppings," as the pioneer element was wont to style the opening indications of the mine. To sell a mine today requires a great deal of patient labor and some little capital to develop it, for whether it be gold, copper, coal or silver, the purchaser wants a thoroughly developed ore measure in sight before he will consider the idea of purchasing. Of course the prospector cannot be allowed to go on honeycombing the hillside with holes dug upon the public lands; and he must purchase the land before he can hope to develop a mine. It is in the hope of bringing the public lands nearer within the reach of this hardy and enterprising class that Mr. Dolph has proposed this amendment to section 2047 of the revised statutes, as the easiest way of developing coal measures that are believed to exist in the counties of Benton, Clatsop and Tillamook in Oregon, as well as in the counties of Pacific and Chehalis in Washington territory.

Unless something of this sort is done, the Central Pacific coal ring, headed by Charles Crocker, will soon acquire either partial control or absolute ownership of all the working coal properties on the coast. Ten years ago, Richard D. Chandler of San Francisco, was estimated to be worth about \$200,000, and was doing a safe and conservative traffic in coal with the aid of one small steamer. His earnings from these sources he put into some coal property in Nantauk, which he subsequently sold to Crocker and the railroad syndicate, investing the proceeds in coal properties in the Payalluy valley. These he in turn sold to the railroad nabobs at large prices, and to-day Chandler is among the millionaires of the Bay City. But we merely mention these facts to show that the Central Pacific folks do not hesitate to pay the largest prices for coal properties, in order to control the entire coal trade of the coast. At present they are engaged in it chiefly to insure cheap fuel for their locomotives, but as the traffic grows they will ultimately have an immense coal ring of their own, and control the price of fuel in every city between Sitka and San Diego.

It is with this view of checkmating this stringent hardship upon the producing classes that Senator Dolph seeks to amend this law by affording prospectors and mining adventurers cheaper facilities for exploring the coast ranges of Oregon and Washington territory in search of the "black diamond." Should valuable coal measures become developed through this agency, in the mountains of Clatsop, Tillamook and Benton counties we should soon see not only a railroad from Corvallis to Esquimaux, but also a road from Forest Grove around the Nehalem to the sea and around the beach to Astoria. Portland is now getting a very high order of lignite from Tacoma for \$7.50 per ton at retail, but with an equally good mine in the Nehalem valley she should be able to buy all she wants at \$6. At present the price of mineral lands is prohibitory, and prevents any man of moderate means from going out to prospect coal lands, and the man who is rich already has not, as a general rule, any desire to risk his capital on other men's experiments. The proposed reduction will, we are confident, lead to increased prospecting for coal in the coast regions of Oregon and Washington territory, and our state is certain to be the gainer thereby. - Oregonian.

Martin and Wm. Hickey, convicted of the murder of Mike Parcell in Josephine county, not long since, recently made a motion through their attorneys for a new trial. The motion was argued before Judge Webb, at Klamath Falls, on the 16th inst., and a new trial was denied. On Wednesday they appeared in court and were condemned to be hanged Friday, Feb. 13, 1885. The case will probably be appealed to the supreme court.

There is a general complaint in different portions of this state and Washington territory that winter fruit ripens early and does not keep this season, as usual. This case is singular, and one that seldom occurs. It is supposed to be caused by the effect the heavy September rains had on the growing and ripening fruit.

FACTS AND NEWS.

Kansas City now claims a population of 100,000.

All great workers ought to be also great resters.

Boston will have a bicycle club-house costing \$30,000.

Mississippi expended \$129,253 for fertilizers last year.

Cigarette smoking is increasing among New York girls.

Washington has the most complete sewerage system in the world.

Mr. Ruskin has discovered that Athena, the goddess of wisdom, wore "banga."

A Hungarian woman in Wilkes-barre, Penn., wears No 11 shoes, thirteen inches long.

Men who are the fastest asleep when they are asleep are the wisest awake when they are awake.

New York was never so overrun with beggars as it is now, and many make from \$2 to \$5 per day.

Female lobbyists have brief careers in Washington. Notoriety spoils them for that business.

Boston ships potatoes to Florida hotels, and northern colored waiters are employed there.

Even as late as the time of Henry VIII all foreign artists were prohibited from working in England.

There were 153,195 deserters from the Union armies during the rebellion, and 101,423 from the Confederate ranks.

Port Said, situated at the northern terminus of the Suez canal, has the reputation of being the wickedest place in the world.

A Jersey City girl is at work on a crazy quilt composed of small pieces clipped from the silk linings of her many admirers' overcoats.

The Brooklyn Times says that no New England woman in sits down on a chair without first walking around it to see if the legs are safe.

Brunettes are said to be preferred to blondes as treasury clerks in Washington. They are staidier at their desks, and less liable to hystericalism than the chief clerk speaks sharply.

A healthy sentiment is being aroused in Chicago in favor of making an effort to free the municipal election of next April from the fraud which has disgraced the city contests for so many years past.

It does not constitute a marriage engagement, according to the laws of Indiana, to call a girl your darling blue-bell, even if you are squeezing her hand at the same time. It is simply an emphatic compliment.

In the old days when scoundrels took snuff, two boxes filled with the article were placed on the president's desk, one on each side, by order of a nervous vice-president, who became very tired of having senators walk up and ask him for a pinch. They are there to this day.

Plate glass was discovered in an accidental way, in 1583, by a man named Thevart. It is attributed to the breaking of a vessel containing melted glass, a portion of which found its way under a large flagstone, which when subsequently removed, was found to consist of a plate of glass.

This suggested the idea of casting glass into plates.

A street preacher in New York says his mission is to preach the gospel of bread, and boasts that he has this year already distributed to the promiscuous crowds on the streets of a large city 59 barrels of flour, 659 pounds of coffee, 953 loaves of bread, 12 chests of tea, 3,930 pounds of meat, 5,000 pounds of hominy, 425 pounds of potatoes, 30,000 pounds of beans, and 25,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Irish pabney, according to a receipt made public by a distiller, who has been fined for 1 limit manufacture in Dublin, is thus made: Ten ounces of prunes or French plums, one and a quarter ounce of green tea, two ounces of orris root, one-quarter ounce of angelica root, one-half ounce of sulphuric acid, one-quarter ounce of cream of tartar, tincture of vanilla, essence of almond.

A party of Chinamen are making arrangements to take water from the Umattilla river a mile above the junction to work the bars on the Columbia, lying about five miles below. These bars have been worked for the past twenty years, and have always paid the Chinamen wages, with their rockers. They strip from eight to ten feet top dirt before reaching py, but with this they average from \$1 to \$1.50 per day. With cheap water, which they can get from the Umattilla river with less than six miles of ditch, there is ground enough to work 200 men, who can average above expenses \$1 to \$1.50 per day. The cost of this ditch will be about \$1,000 or \$1,200 per mile.

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