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The story that England has backed down was one of the efforts to edit Key West bulletins of Cuban intelligence. England seems to be concentrating her American, Australian and Indian squadrons in Chinese waters. It may be the purpose is that of backing down, but that is not obvious.

Young Leiter and his friends, who have bought wheat by the million bushels, and put up the price, got credit for a few days in motion, increasing the balance of trade in our favor. There has been a change in the tone of the journals that are determined the people shall be free. The price of bread is going up with the price of wheat, and there is complaint from the shops. If wheat goes down the farmers are grieved. If it goes up, and bread with it, the poor men of the cities are justly disquieted.

The liberal proposition of Mr. Johnson to donate one hundred trees and plants to the public park certainly will not be allowed to drop. It must be remembered that this is a proposal to put in plants nearly ten years old, and which could not be duplicated for five times the money that would be paid for young trees and shrubs. The park question is one of the most important matters before the city today. It is not so much the immediate results to be obtained; it is not that any one expects to obtain a finished play ground for use this summer-parks are never finished-it is not that there is an idea on the part of the most ardent supporters of the scheme that much money can, or will, be spent this season or in any single year on its improvement. But there is a well-founded belief that a respectable showing can be made before the time arrives when such a public improvement will be an absolute necessity. Then land will be high and town lots for such a purpose will cost money. Now there are several property owners ready to donate a site. If there is any assurance made that a beginning will be made for its improvement on a permanent and broad scale. This is the year of all others, and now is the time of year to make the beginning. In a few days, comparatively, the railroad will be finished; people will be coming here to look at our resources and decide what attractions there are here for a home. One of the influences that will make a favorable impression is a city park, and even though only the site has been selected and a few city boarders put to work clearing off brush, it will have its weight. Let the site be secured while everything is favorable. Mr. Johnson's offer accepted, and the rest will be smooth sailing.

ALLUREMENTS OF THE KLONDIKE. It was recently announced that all desirable gold-bearing claims in the Klondike had been located, and that the only opportunity for the newcomer to make money would be by purchase or by supplying capital for the operation of claims well situated but now unproductive. Following this came the startling information that at least 25,000 people are actively preparing to start for the Alaskan gold region in early spring. The statement that all the productive placers have been taken, even if it be true, will not be credited by those who have had experience in prospecting for precious minerals. It has been the history of mining camps that such notices have been sent out by original locators who want to get more claims, and, of course, the statement has always been supported by those who have prospected without satisfactory results. It has been

the rule that the discoveries subsequent to such warnings have been greater than the original ones. It is an axiom of mining "that gold is where you find it," and there has been no truer illustration of this than in the great silver camp of Leadville, where in early days no gold was supposed to exist, and where the gold belt now has a larger area than the one in which silver is mined.

The only productive Klondike mines, however, are placers located along the water courses, much more accessible than lode mines could be, and it is quite likely that the best claims have been taken. Certain it is that the intending prospector will have to look for gold a long distance from the present bases of supplies, and his chances for success will be greatly reduced from what they would have been a year ago. It is equally certain that transportation facilities cannot be sufficiently increased to carry supplies to any such number of people as are reported to be preparing for an invasion of the Klondike next spring. The comparatively small number who have braved the present winter in Alaska have undergone intense suffering, and any large addition to their numbers next spring will make the possibilities of next winter fearful to contemplate.

HIGHWAYMEN ON WHEELS.

A wheelman of West Forty-sixth street, New York, was not long since attacked, robbed and left senseless by two highwaymen mounted on bicycles in Central park. Repeated accounts of robberies by men mounted upon the swift revolving wheel have appeared in the papers in various parts of the country. In each instance, so far as learned, they have evaded the police. These depredations of the health, diseases of the kidneys and bladder, will likewise in all likelihood escape arrest, and pursue their atrocious career unchecked, unless they are arrested in the outset by the potent intervention of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the most drastic, as well as tonic, known in modern times. The genial preventive named is the best known medicinal safeguard not only against renal, but also rheumatic and malarial disorders. It is at the state that disease is the more easily and completely overcome. The use of the Bitters is followed by the happiest results in cases of dyspepsia, constipation, liver complaint and nervousness.

It is amusing to consider how seldom the persons for whom special paragraphs are written read them.

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THE DISCOVERY OF THE DAY.

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Tide table for February, 1898. Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, and tide heights.

SHIPPING AND MARINE. ASTORIA'S GRAIN FLEET 1897. Table listing vessels and flags.

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MARINE NOTES. The tug Relief, Captain Randall, arrived in from the Sound yesterday morning.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA. The following vessels are bound to the Columbia River, with name of master, nationality, rig, tonnage, where from and date of reported sailing.

Yaloff, Brown, Br sh, 1400 tons, Newcastle, Australia. Jordan Hill, Walker, Br bk, 2125 tons, Melbourne. Klutuck, Perrella, Br sh, 2881 tons, Yokohama.

Protection, —, str, 215 tons, Mass Landing. Echo, —, bgn, 60 tons, Tientsin, Knappeton.

THE WORKMAN OFTEN EATS HIS LUNCH ON THE SAME BENCH WHERE HE DOES HIS WORK. The office man turns his desk into a dining table.

Why is it that we always feel that if we are to drop dead anywhere we would prefer to have it happen in church rather than at the theatre? A woman never really knows the meaning of happiness and content until she is the mother of a healthy, happy child.

THE COMIC CALISTO HAS HAPPILY GONE OUT OF VOICE, BUT, alas, there is no law to prevent the youthful poet from sending verse of his own composition to his lady love.

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