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GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION.

The United States geological survey has just issued a press bulletin regarding the production of gold and silver during the year 1905.

The author of the report is Mr. Waldemar Lingren. The figures showing the production of gold and silver, in approximate distribution by states and territories, are the result of conference and adjustment between the geological survey and the bureau of the mint, and are accepted as final by two bureaus. The total production of gold was 4,265,742 fine ounces, valued at \$88,189,700; the total production of silver was 56,101,600 fine ounces, valued at \$122,402,676.

The entire production of gold in the United States for 1905 represents an increase of \$7,716,000 in value over the production of 1904. The rapid advance in gold production which began in 1892, but temporarily halted from 1901 to 1903, was resumed in 1904. This increase in 1904 over the output of 1903 was approximately \$7,000,000 and in all probability the increase in 1906 over 1905 will be at least the same amount. The chief sources of the great increase are as follows: Alaska added about \$5,000,000 to its output of \$9,160,458 in 1904, and Colorado, Nevada and Utah added about \$1,000,000 each to their product of the previous year. On the other hand, decreases are noted in Arizona, Idaho and other states. The states producing over \$1,000,000 in gold rank at present in the following order: Colorado, California, Alaska, South Dakota, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Arizona, Oregon and Idaho.

The production of silver in 1905 represents a decrease of 1,581,200 ounces in actual output, but in spite of this increase noted in the average price 4 cents an ounce—from 57 cents in 1904 to 61 cents in 1905—effected an additional value in 1904 of \$756,952. Two years of better prices for silver have thus far failed to stimulate the production. The record figures were attained in 1892, when the output was 63,500,000 fine ounces, valued at \$55,862,500. A still further advance to a maximum of somewhat over 70 cents has taken place in 1906, but it is not likely that the year will show startling additions to the output for 1905. The increase should be more marked in 1907 and will probably be rather derived from copper ores and dry silver ores than from lead ores.

The decrease in the quantity of silver is especially noticeable in Colorado and Utah; to a slight degree also in Montana. On the other hand Nevada and Idaho materially increased their output. The states producing over 1,000,000 ounces rank as follows: Montana, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and California. The state of Oregon produced gold valued at \$1,244,900 in 1905 and silver worth \$54,229. This was somewhat less than in 1904. The greatest loss in gold was reported in Baker county, in the northeastern part of the state, and in Jackson county, in the southwestern region. The decreased output of silver was chiefly from Baker and Grant counties. The

southwestern districts produced very little silver. Northeastern Oregon yielded about \$880,000 in gold from the Blue Mountains, while the gold belt in the southwest, which includes Josephine, Lane, Jackson, Douglas, Curry and Coos counties, and may be considered as the extension of the gold bearing area of Northern California, produced the remainder, or \$364,900.

The most notable feature of recent years was the extension of the productive area northward into Lane county, among the veins contained in Tertiary lavas, as in the Blue River (Lucky Boy mine) and the Bohemia districts.

As to the United States senatorship the people probably have not got exactly what they wanted, still it will be better that the legislature should be governed by the popular vote. The candidate getting the majority may be better than expected, anyway he cannot be worse than some former selections by the legislature. The next time the people will know more about primary elections.

Somebody has imposed on the editor of a Japanese paper published in Honolulu. He says the political parties of the United States have decided not to accept campaign contributions from any person exceeding \$50.

Kansas got ahead of Oklahoma in getting the first Indian into the senate. We suppose Senator Curtis is prepared to give bond to be a "good Indian" and to leave his warpaint and tomahawk at home.

Of course the Colorado legislature refused to investigate the methods of Senator-elect Guggenheim. Why should the members waste time investigating what many of them are familiar with?

It can be positively stated that Secretary Root's visit to Canada is not for the purpose of annexing the dominion. The administration is already overstocked with trouble.

It took a Pittsburg jury 76 hours to convict a councilman of graft and then it queered the verdict by tacking on a recommendation to the extreme mercy of the court.

An outbreak of negrophobia in the senate may amuse the galleries and make sensational "copy," but it don't pass any of the legislation that the people are demanding.

Those New York Republicans who sang "I'd Do Anything in the World, Dear, for You," to Secretary Shaw, have started the other would-be candidates to guessing.

Upton Sinclair's latest bid for the freak medal was the declaration that Roosevelt, Carnegie and Harriman were the leading socialists of this country.

Walter Wellman declares he will place "Old Glory" on the North Pole. In that event it will require a mighty rugged constitution to follow the flag.

Andy Carnegie keeps on talking about our being his partner, but we are still shy on dividends from the business.

Shooting up an objectional husband or lover is one of woman's rights that seems to have been overworked of late.

Mayor Tom Johnson is modest. He will be satisfied with the governorship of Ohio in 1908.

Nebraska's legislature evidently thinks Brown is a good enough senatorial color.

The Noble Qualities of the Southern Youth

By Dr. EDWIN ALDERMAN, President of the University of Virginia

OUR real problem is to try to industrialize our society WITHOUT COMMERCIALIZING ITS SOUL. I wonder if the thing is possible.

A nation's progress is measured by the distance it has traveled, as well as by the point it has reached. There is no such tragic story of RUIN AND EXHAUSTION in the world as the story of the south from 1860 to 1880. In 1860 the south possessed 44 per cent of the wealth of the nation, or \$5,500,000,000. In ten years it had lost 60 per cent of that sum, and if one may count the invalidism and death of 300,000 men and the emigration of thousands of others IT HAD LOST ALL.

The southern boy of this generation has found himself at last in American life and made himself at home at the moment when the republic was most in need of his tempered strength. He is A FINE, HOPEFUL FIGURE, this southern boy, whom I know so well, of strong, high political instincts, facing tardily a fierce industrialism and a new democracy with its grandeur AND TEMPTATIONS, his ambitions and dreams moving about them and yet holding fast through the conservatism in his blood to the noble concepts of public probity and SCORN OF DISHONOR.

A Poem for Today

THE MYSTIC
By Lucy Lyttleton

THROUGH all the day our loads we bear;
By common highways we must go,
But when at night we rest we hear
The voice again whereby we know
Through all the rush of hurrying feet
One walked beside us in the street.

Then wide your spirit's casement fling,
Your censor fill and lift it high!
Behold, its flame is flickering
Because a wind is blowing nigh;
Look forth and see a shadow fall
Upon the common roadside wall.

"Folly" the world may say. "We name
Your vision epherphantasy,
What is the flicker of a flame,
A wandering shadow passing by?"
But we, we know who went unseen
Our censor and the world between.

Oh, ye that walk this dusty place,
Whose spirit in the clamor reels,
Whose ears are filled with nothingness,
Unmeaning drone of endless wheels,
Come walk with us, and you shall learn
Whose hands their mighty axes turn.

'Tis but our mighty way we tread
With dizzy brain and bruised feet,
While clouds of dust all fiery red
Sweep to the sunset up the street,
Yet the gloom quivers. Hush! And hark!
Who was it called us from the dark?

OREGON STATE NEWS.

Salem Elks dedicated a fine new temple Thursday night, Governor Chamberlain delivering the oration. A very pretty wedding occurred in Drain Wednesday at 9 a. m., when Miss Alice Fisher was united in marriage to J. W. Pember, Jr., at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Applegate. Professor Wigmore, of Eugene, performed the ceremony. The wedding was private, only the members of the family being present.—Drain Nonpareil.

As the local came to a stop here this morning a merry yell of the Salem high school was given by the students on the depot platform, and the returning team answered with "veni vidi vici"—the loyalists, as to noise, were soon in control of the place. The games last night with the Albany high school were fast and furious, and resulted in two victories for the local institution. The score of the ladies' game was Salem, 8; Albany, 5. The boys' contest resulted in 29 for Salem and the unlucky 13 for the Albany boys.—Saturday's Salem Journal.

Eighth Grade Examinations.
The eighth grade final examinations for the public schools will be held
January 24, 25, 1907.
May 16, 17, 1907.
June 13, 14, 1907.
Teachers who have pupils ready for the examination should notify me of the number of questions wanted and the name of the person appointed to conduct the examination at least fifteen days before the date for which the questions are wanted.
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