GOLD AND SILVER.

This Country Produced Last Year About \$100,000,000.

A press dispatch from Washington city, dated December 14, says: The report of the director of the mint on the production of gold and siver in the United States during the calendar year, 1899, shows only slight variation from the approximate figures giving out early in the present year. The final figures are \$71,053,400 for gold \$32,858,700 for silver, at its average commercial value during the year.

The gold product was the greatest in the history of the country, exceeding that of 1898 by \$6,590,400, and greater by \$6,053,400 than the estimated product of 1853, the record year in the workings of the California placers. The principal gains in 1899 over 1898 were in Alaska, of \$2,034,700, due to the Cape Nome district; Colorado, \$2,787,500, and Utah, \$1,165,400.

The silver product of the United States in 1899 was slightly greater than in 1898, being 54,764,000 ounces, against 54,438,-

The average price of silver during the year, on the London quotations, was 60 cents per ounce, as compared with 59 cents in 1898.

The world's production of gold in 1899 was of the value of \$306,585,500, an increase of \$19,156,300 over the yield of 1898. The principal gains were \$6,590,-400 in southern states; \$7,484,600 in Canada (mainly in Klondike), and Australia \$14,860,800.

The most important loss was in South Africa, which fell about \$7,000,000 below the output of 1898, as a result of the war of the Transvaal. The war broke out in September and mining operations in the field were almost suspended.

But for the interruption in the Transvall the world's production for the year would doubtless have been \$25,000,000 greater. The Klondike output for 1899 was about \$16,000,000.

The world's production in silver in 1899 was 167,224,243 fine ounces, against 165,-293,572 fine ounces in 1898.

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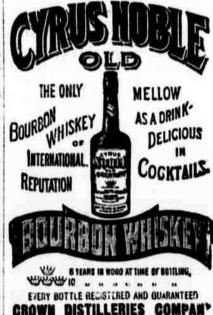
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