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## PRODUCTION OF METALS.

In its issue of January 5, 1907, The Engineering and Mining Journal publishes statistics of the production of the principal metals and mineral substances for 1906, the figures for 1905 being given in comparison. The year which is past was one of **GREAT PROSPERITY IN THE MINING INDUSTRY**, and in most branches of mineral and metal production there were substantial increases.

The increase would have been larger if there had been a sufficient supply of labor, the shortage of which was a general complaint in all quarters.

This was the leading reason for the smallness in the increase in the production of copper.

**THE DECREASE IN THE PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM** is explained by the exhaustion of certain fields in Texas.

The further decrease in the production of quicksilver is simply in line with the waning tendency of that industry that has been manifested for several years.

The production of gold in the world is estimated at \$404,649,685 against \$379,867,372 in 1905.

The production of copper in North America (including the United States, Canada and Mexico) was 1,097,300,000 pounds in 1906 against 1,062,582,700 pounds in 1905.

**MOST OF THESE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON DIRECT REPORTS FROM THE PRODUCERS.**

The January 5 issue of the Journal contains full reviews of all the important branches of the mining industry of the United States, and of many foreign countries, together with comprehensive summaries of technical progress in 1906.

## WHY NOT SIMON GUGGENHEIM?

Some of the newspapers think it is funny to roast Simon Guggenheim the new senator from Colorado.

Mr. Guggenheim has broken into the senate in the usual way—**BY USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS ON A LARGE SCALE.**

He is one of the family that have built up a gigantic smelter business in the west.

So far it has not been possible to pass a law to prohibit anyone from getting control of any industry.

If we once pass a law to prohibit men from doing things beyond a certain point then we can call such men criminals **IF THEY VIOLATE THAT LAW.**

Until such a law is passed such men are as much within their rights as the poorest man in the world, providing they violated no laws to amass their wealth.

The Guggenheims come from southern Germany, a region that has turned off the Rothschilds, the Sutros, the Weyerhausers, and other geniuses of finance and industrial conquest.

How can a man of great wealth be elected to any important office **WITHOUT BEING COMPELLED TO SPEND LARGE SUMS OF MONEY?**

The Oregon primary law almost bars the door to a poor man getting an important position.

The wonder is that a raid is not organized in the Oregon legislature to pull Senator Bourne's leg for a half million.

Like Warren Hastings in the famous impeachment trial, the Oregon legislator may say **HE IS AMAZED AT HIS OWN MODERATION.**

To let a rich man like Senator Bourne, or Senator Mulkey, even though nominated and elected by the people, slip in without compelling them to spend large sums to make their calling and election sure is wonderful.

Perhaps it would not have cost Senator Guggenheim so much **IF HE HAD BEEN ELECTED UNDER THE OREGON LAWS.**

Let us all draw our robes of purity about ourselves and declare with the man in Scripture, we are glad we are not as other men are.

## AN EDITORIAL CONFESSION.

The editor of this paper would like to make a confession—he would like to see a real countess, as is advertised in the leading role of the comic opera this evening.

Of course, in common with all other Americans, **HE DESPISES THE NOBILITY OF EUROPE**, the aristocracy of all countries, but as long as the Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt has come to this country, we would be willing to waive our hatred of the detested class, **AND MEET HER HALF WAY.**

Her royal blood and the fact that she is advertised as one of the most beautiful women in the world will weigh a great deal with us in overcoming our inbred hatred of the titled class.

We do not believe in titles, but if a woman is sensible, handsome, intelligent and otherwise brilliant, **WHY ALLOW THE TITLE TO GIVE HER A BLACK EYE IN YOUR ESTIMATION?**

By a new law in France all titles are to be taxed. Duke and count pay something like \$500 a year for the honor and the female dukes and counts get off a little cheaper.

An enterprising legislator in Oregon even proposes to tax titles here in this land of the free, and **COLONELS ARE TO PAY ABOUT \$25 A YEAR** license to the corporation department.

At heart are we not all a little stuck on titles and distinctions like Honorable, etc? Is not our country full of people who would not be averse to any kind of title?

We now have a "Herr von" in the American cabinet. Why should not a plain American citizen have a lingering fondness to meet a countess—**A REAL LIVE ONE WHEN SHE COMES TO HIS TOWN?**

Well, we can go and hear her sing at the opera house, and see the countess. Suppose she will stand out on the edge of the stage and hold the hero by both hands while their noses almost touching they will stare right into each other faces at the top of their voices. But that is not the way any countess should act.

## FOR FREE COAL.

So serious has the fuel problem become in this commonwealth that the sentiment favoring a temporary suspension of the duty on coal has grown to proportions which the state's representatives in the national senate and house should not disregard.

When the citizens of North Yakima and other interior towns—men of the most orderly character—are stopping trains of coal and seizing the fuel in order to save themselves and their families from freezing to death, **IT IS TIME THAT SOMETHING BE DONE.**

The only thing that can be done that will be adequate to furnish immediate relief is, as we have suggested before, to admit Canadian coal free for a limited period.

**THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE DUTY** will enable the Sound cities to obtain their coal by water from British Columbia and thus relieve the interior by permitting domestic mines to send their entire output to the inland empire.

Even the interior would doubtless draw much Canadian coal from the mines in Rockies, shipping it to over branches of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern to Spokane.

**THE SAME SOURCE OF RELIEF WOULD ALSO AID THE DAKOTAS**, which are still suffering so keenly for coal than is this state.

Congress should be urged to act at once. The safety of the people of the northern border of states is more important just at present than the interests of the protected coal miners. But these miners are not likely to suffer from a limited suspension of the duty.

They are unable at present to meet the demands, and are manifesting no signs **OF BEING ABLE TO MEET IT BEFORE SUMMER.**

Canadian coal should be rushed to the destitute towns of the north-west in as large quantities as the cars available will carry.

But this will not be done with the duty in force.

## THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

(T. T. Geer in Pendleton Tribune.)

The Portland Journal devotes some editorial space in discussing the normal school situation in Oregon and demands that the present legislature shall adopt some permanent policy in regard to them.

It concludes that if we are to continue four normal schools, or three, or two or one, **IT SHOULD BE DEFINITELY DECIDED THAT WE MAY PUT THE UNCERTAIN QUESTION AT REST.**

But how can one session of the legislature adopt a permanent policy on any question?

The acts of one legislature are no more binding on its successor than would be an edict by Joseph Smith.

A few sessions ago the "Kuykendall law" was enacted which had for its purpose the limiting of the number of committee clerks, not only for that session, but proceeded to adopt a method for succeeding ones.

The result was that the next session had no word of recognition for the Kuykendall law.

Indeed, the session which enacted it regarded it as a stray founding, a practically illegitimate waif, and merely tolerated it as the product of an hour of legislative irresponsibility.

The Monmouth normal school will ask for nearly \$100,000, and the demands of the other three will add another hundred thousand.

The Journal points out that the friends of the four schools **CAN COMBINE AND GET ABOUT ANYTHING THEY ASK FOR. THIS IS TRUE.**

And it is likely that the normal schools will fare quite well at the hands of the legislature.

Governor Chamberlain held up an appropriation of nearly a million dollars two years ago for the reason that he supposed the people were opposed to the normal school appropriation, along with some others, but the result was an overwhelming approval of the appropriation at the polls, **AND A LOT OF EXPENSES ADDED TO THE TAXES FOR THIS YEAR.**

There will be no "body blows" dealt to any of the normal schools this winter.

Their demands will probably be reduced and the four schools continued.

But there can be no "permanent policy" adopted.

"A permanent policy" is not one of the things that follows the constitution.

## SMILES.

Col. Josephine Bob Smith made one of his very entertaining and illuminating speeches at the Albany Shippers' convention, in which he showed up how the railroad committees of both houses were packed against his bills. He spent about half an hour on the record of Senator Croisan, who was chairman of the senate committee, but forgot how when he was chairman of the railroad committee in the house ten years before he was doing the same thing. That committee reported adversely on nearly all the railroad bills that were introduced at that session, especially on an anti-pass bill drafted by the editor of The Capital Journal, then a member of the house with Mr. Smith, and which the entire Marion county delegation agreed to support in the campaign, but the bill received the votes of but few members of the house and only two from Marion county, Barkley and Hofer. It is a pleasure to know that men like Smith are repeating of their former evil ways and taking the side of the people even at this late day. Think of the money the railroads would have made these ten years if there had been no passes issued to legislators.

A funny feature of the Shippers' convention at Albany was the fact that while there was almost universal sentiment in favor of something being done to relieve the transportation system in this state by improved rail and water facilities, and while many members of the legislature were present not one of them was in evidence or expressed a word of sympathy with the down-trodden shippers and the crushed sawmill men of the state. By no word of print or speech or writing was any thing shown to have found any lodgment in the heart or cranium of a single lawmaker before, during or after the convention. Are they all listening for the siren voices coming from the other direction, or do they hesitate between the music of the sirens and the "chaste voice of the common people" and which chorus will drown the other? Perhaps some of them will break loose after the speakership fight is ended. Probably the defeated man will champion the popular cause that at Albany had to be plead by the unofficial class, the class that is supposed to be represented by the men whose ears are listening for the strains of the siren or otherwise. Usually those so ready for a speech are gifted with a singular spell of golden silence on this red-hot subject of transportation.

It would be too bad if Linn and Lane should agree on a boundary line. There would be nothing to occupy the time of the whole legislature.

Salem is to be visited by a real live countess. The horse editor would not dare to eat hay out of the same manger with one of the nobility who is the real thing.

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father what had been done, and he immediately summoned Undertaker Jackson from Silverton, and, together with a party of friends, they repaired to the cemetery and disinterred the body, turning its face to the east. Little Frances, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. McClellan, was buried the same day at the Warren cemetery. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of the little one's death.

Mrs. Alice Donn has returned from Mt. Angel, having accompanied Papa Lane that far on his return home to Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fisher spent the holidays with Mr. Fisher's sister in Seattle.

Pearl Given, the popular "head peeler," from Salem, is visiting friends at Victor Point.

The contemptible dog poisoner has made his appearance in our midst. Willard Archibald lost a valuable hound by some one entering the barn and administering poison to it while it was tied up, but the parties were in too big a hurry and left tracks behind them, which makes their identity almost positively known, and other developments will probably occur later on.

Those who fail to attend the open meeting and entertainment to be given

by Waldo Circle next Saturday night, the 12th, will miss something good. Organizer Davidson is expected to be present and give an address on Woodcraft, which will be followed by songs, recitations, etc. There will also be a fish pond, where every hook baited with a nickel will get something immense. The ladies of the circle have made two beautiful comforters which will be raffled off, and those who hold the lucky numbers will get something which will cause them to forget that it is winter. The entertainment will be followed by a social dance.

School began last Monday, after two weeks' vacation.

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