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EDITORIAL.

BECOMING GOLDITES.

asked that silver be put on the same basis force only 10,000 strong. with gold, and in that way the amount of The Transvaal Republic and the our primary money, or money of redemp- Orange Free State have together about tion, would be increased. At the rate 150,000 Boer inhabitants. The United gold had been produced it was evident Kingdom now has about 40,000,000, not that there was not enough to satisfy the | counting its colonies, which are sending wants of trade and consequently was contingents to help it suppress the Afriscarce, hard to get, increasing in value canders. The disproportion, instead of and made it all the more difficult for the three or four to one, is over 260 to one. debtor to meet his obligations-thus the | The British standing arm, not including money lender was gaining an undue ad- the forces in India, numbers 180,000 men, vantage by legislation. That was the and steam transports carry troops to whole contention of the silver people, and Africa on schedule time by whole reginow by good fortune their arguments | ments to each ship. Besides the regular have been answered. The wonderful in- army, England has hundreds of thoucrease in the production of gold has given sands of organized and trained reserves the people exactly what they have been to which there was nothing to correspond asking for, an increase in the amount of in 1775, and there are over 100,000 men our primary money. What has been the in the navy. The invading force sent result but an improvement in business against the Dutch Republics is 90,000 generally over the civilized world? Mark strong. you, this boom in commercial lines is not confined to this country alone, or else raised an army of about 50,000 men, all the credit could be laid to the election | which means that practically every man of McKinley, but it is world-wide. It and half-grown boy among them is in proves that an increase of money enlivens arms. They have concentrated between up trade and commerce. Wall street 20,000 and 30,000 men at Ladysmith. speculators, the banking interests, Lon- That is more than Washington ever had don capitalists and the great financiers under his immediate command at any want money as scarce as possible so as one time in the whole course of our Revoto make their holdings all the more valu- lution. He lost the Battle of Long Island able and profitable. They can do that with a limited amount of primary money | with 2,000. He had 11,000 men at the deand that is why they wanted silver kept | feat of the Brandywine, and 9,000 Ameriaway from the mints.

hopes have been blasted by recent dis- which Gates compelled Burgoyne's surcoveries, and inventions in mining, by render at Saratoga. which the great increase of gold produc- If the American Colonists in general tion will equal the former combined pro- had displayed the vigor, public spirit and duction of gold and silver. It is close to devotion exhibited by the Boers they that point now. If the production of would have swept the invaders into the gold keeps pace in the next few years sea, overrun and held Canada, and endwith that of 1800 there is little doubt but ed the war in the first year by their own that the idea of making silver a primary power, with no need to ask help of money will be forever abandoned be- France. They could have given Washcause the bimetallists will be enjoying ington 100,000 men with less strain than of money-through the increased produc- and the resources of the eighteenth cention of gold. Then we will all be gold- tury were not sufficient to enable Engites and the republicans will tell you how | land to transport across the Atlantic an the gold standard has saved the country, army capable of making head against and the bimetallist will be happy because his prayers have been answered almost by Divine intervention, and the debtor account of a contracting currency.

officially announced by him before the has degenerated .- Post. ratification of the treaty with Spain which gave us the islands, has cost this country 1,236 lives, fifty-one of them officers, and about \$150,000,000. And though the war appears to be ending, this cost of life and treasure will not cease for the president proposes continuing military control, and disease has proved a more deadly foe than Tagalo | years ago, and suggestions which would bullets. To those who believe that this have excited the gravest alarm in the war was altogether unnecessary and past scarcely attract casual notice now. easily avoidable, such a record seems horrible and shameful. If President any cause for rejoicing or glory he must have queer ideas of right and wrong and queer conceptions of honor and

THE English have been getting some | times. severe reverses in South Africa from the Boers. They have met with disasters the tem and the history of Germany will give the service. Postmasters, under this rulpast week that are alarming as well as an idea of the effect it will have on the ing, hereafter, will have to call for the humiliating to their military pride. It industrial life of the country. It would resignation of such employes and recomseems that the Boers are good marks- create a formidable reserve, but it may men and will contest this invasion to be doubted if it would add to the defentheir country foot by foot and will fight sive power of the people. England, to the bitter end. The alarming propor- which has such a system, was no quicker tions of the struggle is causing much ungetting into the field in south Africa than strict against disturbers of religious work easiness for fear of being attacked by we were in landing in Cuba. some other power. The French are especially bitter towards England at this time and they might be anxious to invite trouble. Verily the English lion is hav- for Shippensburg, where they will reside ing his tail twisted in a painful manner, for the present. Dr. Flickinger, the and the Dutch farmers of South Africa new principal, is expected to arrive this are doing it too.

BOER PATRIOTISM AND OURS.

The achievements of the Boers may questioningly the legend that our Revo- said : lutionary forefathers rose in one irrepressible transport of patriotic emotion wire, but I have no ready cash. Howand smote the British giant as the three ever, I have some wheat, which is worth hundred of Gideon smote the Midianites, 50 cents per bushel. How many bushels but still it will do us no harm to improve of wheat must I bring to town to sell for our sense of proportion occasionally by enough to pay you cash for the wire?" comparing what was really done then with what is going on among other dred. If you want to trade wheat for

peoples. The American Colonies had about seven and six-tenths bushels of wheat.' three million inhabitants at the time of the Revolution. Great Britian and Ire- control prevented the farmer from haulland had about eleven million. The disproportion in numbers, therefore, was week the same farmer went to the same The readers attention is directed to an between three and four to one. The in- hardware dealer and said : important article on the front page of vading forces had to be brought across this issue that relates to the production of the Atlantic in small sailing ships, often deal last spring, but I'm ready for it gold. It is important from the fact that taking months for the voyage. As there now. I'll haul in the twenty-seven and it has much to do with the present gener- were no cables, a British disaster could six-tenth bushels of wheat tomorrow and al prosperous condition of the country not be repaired before the following sea- get that 600 pounds of wire." and it also has some bearing on the son. The standing army at the disposal present legislation in regard to the of England when hostilities broke out did wheat than that," replied the hardware money question. The remarkable in- not exceed 20,000 men, and there were dealer. creased production of gold answers the only 16,000 in the navy. Even when arguments made in the last presidential Parliament began to put the army on a is worth just as much now as it was last campaign, by the democrats, in a very war footing the first addition to the peace spring.' satisfactory manner. Democrats and forces consisted of only 4383 men, and Free Silver men plead for an increase in the Government's plan of campaign in the amount of our primary money and America contemplated an expeditionary

To meet this attack the Boers have with 8,000 men, and won that of Trenton can troops at the victory of Yorktown. Now it seems that all their fondest There were 11,000 men in the army with

what they argued for-double the amount it costs the Boers to give Joubert 20,000, such a force.

It is only in our time that we find the American people as a whole displaying class of the nation will breathe easier be- the splendid energy and self-devotion of cause they know that their obligations these South African Dutch. It was in will not increase from year to year on the Civil War, not in the Revolution, that we really showed what Americans could do. And a comparison of the halting WHILE reading the portion of the efforts which even Washington was not message which President McKinley de- able to stir up to anything like effective- in the near future on the same farm. votes to the Philippines, it is not out of ness with the superb outpouring of life place to call to mind the trifling fact, and wealth that answered every appeal which the president forgot to state, that of Lincoln and Davis is answer enough his "benevolent assimilation" scheme, to any complaint that the American race

DRIFT TOWARD MILITARISM.

The drift of this country into militarism is constant and certain, but it can no longer be called slow. Propositions in that direction are boldly made now which would have been appalling a few

For example the public is informed that a bill will be introduced in Congress McKinley or anyone else can see in it in a few days providing for what will be known as a United States reserve military force. That is, there will be enrolled all able-bodied males between the ages of 18 and 45 years, who will be subject to emergency calls to military service at all

This is practically the European sys-

Dr. Eldon Goes to Shippensburg.

Dr. Eldon and family left Lock Haven | sent to jail.

AN OBJECT LESSON FOR FARMERS.

Last spring, says the Omeha Worldhave the desirable effect of cultivating a Herald, a Nebraska farmer, having little modesty in us with regard to our some wheat in his bins and needing some own early exploits. We have passed the barbwire to fence in a pasture, went to a primitive stage in which we accepted un- hardware dealer in his market town and

"I want to get 600 pounds of barbed

"Barb wire is worth \$2.30 per hunthat much wire you must haul in twenty-Circumstances over which he had no

ing out the wire at that time. But last "I couldn't get around to that wire

"Ah, but you'll have to haul in more

"Why?" queried the farmer." Wheat

"Very true," replied the dealer, "but the wire is worth more. It has gone from \$2.30 per hundred to \$3.70 per hundred."

"Wire has gone up and wheat remained down?" asked the farmer.

"The wire trust." The farmer walked out in a thoughtful mood. He was thinking how prosperous he was when what he sells remains stationary or decreases in price, while the prices of what he must buy keep going

QUAY is still in the sweat box and through. Leading independent papers declare that he will not gain his seat in that the matter will be referred to the tions are all against Quay.

FIRE AT MILL HALL.

Saturday morning about 1 o'clock fire broke out in the one-story frame structure occupied by John L. Ripka, Main street, Mill Hall. The little building with all its contents, was destroyed.

The flames communicated to the frame dwelling owned by S. Brady, one side of which was occupied by that gentleman as a barber shop, and the other was oc-The roof and upper portion of the building was burned. Mr. Brady succeeded in getting the greater portion of his goods damaged by water. His loss is covered by \$1,000 with Gearheart & Co.

A Sharp Game Warden.

A game warden played a sharp game at the detective business in the up river districts during the deer hunting season by taking a gun and dog and going through the woods pretending to be hunting deer. He secured the names of some twenty-five or more hunters who were running dogs, who in due time will pay for this open violation of the game law.

New Glass Operation.

Newton Hamilton Watchman; Last week a glass sand company of Ohio bought the Johnston farm, west of Vinemen engaged in opening up a sand quarry and is arranging to erect large able amounts of gold. works on the premises. It is further stated that it will also erect glass works

In Politics.

Cyrus E. Woods, a native of Boalsburg, this county, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for senator in the 39th senatorial district, which comprises Westmoreland county. Mr. Woods is a practicing attorney in Greensburg and is said to be identified with neither one of the republican factions in that county.

Shops For Cresson.

It is now almost a certainty that new and more complete railroad repair shops will be erected at Cresson. The plans for the new shops have been drawn and they will be located on the Hastings branch of the Cambria and Clearfield division, a short distance east of the Loretto road crossing.

Nothing Personal.

The P. O. department has ruled that when a female postoffice clerk marries it will be necessary for her to resign from

Disturbing Religious Meetings.

The laws of Penusylvania are very ship. Any officer of the church can make complaint against the party who create such a disturbance, and the offenders can be heavily finded and also

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YELLOW METAL IS PLENTY.

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The state is easily first, being ahead of California and Alaska. The rich mines of El Paso, Gilpin, San Miguel, and other countries of Colorado were wouderfully productive last year, the yield for the state being \$23,195,300, a jump of \$4,000,000. This year it is predicted that the figures for Colorado will exceed \$30,000.000, which would be more than the yield of the Klondyke and California combined. An Alaskan yield of \$10,-000,000 this year would be an enormous increase for that region, for the whole territory yielded only a little more than \$2,524,800 in 1898, which is not more than eame from the new Cape Nome fields alone this year. The larger part of the Klondyke production last year was from the Canadian side of the boundary, being \$10,000,000-figures which, it is asserted, will be increased to \$15,000,000 when the present year shall have ended. The gold mines of Nova Scotia also promise the largest output they have known. In Australia, also, where there had been stagnation, the yield thus far in 1899 has been 25 per cent. greater than in the previous year.

NEW MACHINERY A BIG HELP.

Exploitation of new gold fields has not increased the production of gold so much as have the introduction of new machinery and the greater cheapness with which gold may be mined, thus making it profitable to treat ore that previously was thrown away. That is well shown at present in Colorado, where old mines long abandoned are opened up and new processes of extracting the metal from refractory ores have made even the dump heaps from abandoned mines as profitable in some cases as the first skimming of the cream from rich strikes. In some of the silver districts, notably Leadville, there is no assurance that he will pull the last year has seen gold properties opened, and the working out of gold combined with silver makes profitable certhat body on Stone's appointment, and tain mines that were not profitable when the silver alone could be extracted. While state legislature again. Of course, no the oance of gold is now worth \$20.67, one can speak with a certainty what the just the same as it has been worth for vote in the senate will be, but the predic- over 50 years, yet the cest of producing the ounce of gold has declined. As a rule if a ton of rock contains half an ounce of gold it can be mined with profit, but this is constantly decreasing, and the Transvaal mines now yield on an average not more than seven or eight pennyweights of gold to the ton, or \$7 or \$8. yet are enormously profitable. In the Deadwood Terra mine, in South Dakota, ore is mined, milled, and converted into gold bullion for \$1.25 a ton, while the famous Treadwell mine in Alaska, which is still the most profitable property in cupied by Morris Coffey's drug store. that section, reports an average total cost of not more than \$1.50.

NEW MINING METHODS.

Before 1860 by far the greatest part of the gold supply came from placers. The few stamp mills were of the most primitive kind. Then the "Long Tom," which handled a ton of gravel a day, made its appearance. The great improvement in the production of placer gold is shown by comparing the "Long Tom" with a modern hydraulic plant, with half a dozen "giants," each capable of moving hundreds of tons an hour, and making possible the working of low-grade gravel. With the exhaustion of the placers the gold production declined, but the spread of railways in the United States made it possible to establish large improved smelting plants at centrally located points. Concentrating machines were invented and attached to the stamp mills, and under improved methods of chlorinayard, adjoining the Porgy farm, and has tion ores once thought worthless and "tailings" were found to contain profit-

THE LAST GREAT IMPETUS.

The last great impetus in the world's production of gold came with the perfection of the cyanide process, which is responsible for the great production in South Africa. The gold in the Rand is in the form of sedimentary deposits, the ore being coarse-grained sandstone, some of these grains being water-worn pebbles, the whole bound together by a gold-bearing cement that contains five per cent. or less of pyrites, The gold is so finely divided that the ordinary process of crushing it and running it over amalgam plates of quicksilver results in the precipitation of not more than sixty per cent. The rest forms part of a kind of slime called "tailings," and under the old methods before the introduction of the cyanide process this was lost. A small cyanide plant, in which a weak solution of cyanide of potassium was used to take up the gold in the tailings, was introduced in the Rand in 1890. Proving successful, the process was rapidly adopted by all the mines, and this is chiefly responsible for the enormous increase in the South African supply since that time. The same process also has made possible the enormous production of the Cripple Creek mmes.

OUTLOOK IN SIBERIA

The effect of improved methods of exracting gold upon the world's production of the yellow metal is well illustrated by the case of Siberia. Two weeks ago the Russian Government appouced that the Siberian fields would be opened to the world and might be leased by foreigners. Previously there had been no opportunity for foreign capital to exploit the fields. The Siberian gold

yield has been an insignificant factor in the total production of the world, in spite of the fact that these new gold bearing regions are known to be among the richest in the world and were dis-California. The gold-bearing regions are scattered over an area of about north and south, exclusive of the limited Ural district, from which most of the Siberian gold has come in the past. So far the method of placer mining is the only one that has prevailed, and only the shallow surface placers, such as were worked in the river bars and foot-hill gulches of California by the early goldseekers, have supplied gold from these regions. There are many quartz lodes whose value is not appreciated by the Russians. The cyanide process is absolutely unknown and quartz mining is carried on in the most primitive fashion. One mining expert has estimated that the Siberian gold fields, when opened to American and British enterprise, should be able to yield at least \$50,000,-

SIMPLE RULES FOR SPELLING.

000 a year, and these figures may be ex-

Words ending in e drop that letter before the termination able, as in move, movable; unless ending in ce or ge, when it is retained, as change, changea-

Words of one syllable ending in a consonant, with a single vowel before it, double that consonant in derivatives; as ship, shipping, etc. But if ending in a consonant with a double vowel before it, they do not double the consonant in derivatives; as troop, troopers, etc.

Words of more than one syllable ending in a consonant preceded by a single vowel, and accented on the last syllable, double that consonant in derivatives; as commit, committed; but except chagrin,

All words of one syllable ending in 1, with a single vowel before it, have ll at the close; as, mill, sell.

The words foretell, distill, instill and fulfill retain the double 1 of their primitives. Derivatives of dull, skill, will and full also retain the ll when the accent falls on these words; as duliness, skillful, willful, fullness, etc.

Big Flow of Gas.

An immense flow of gas was struck in a well which is being drilled at Ansonia, by the Central Pennsylvania Gas and Oil Company of Lock Haven. The gas took fire and the derrick was burned. Ansonia in a direct line is about forty miles from Lock Haven. The big flow of gas was struck at a depth of 810 feet.

Jurors Denied Extra Pay.

Judge Metzger has issued an order that jurors are to be paid two dollars for each day's work and that nothing additional will be allowed for night work. covered before Marshall found gold in Last week twelve jurors who had been out thirty hours on a case, put in a claim for an extra day, but on the strength of ,000 miles east and west by 1,000 miles the judge's order it was refused by the county commissioners.

See a Snow

seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snow-

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