

Pike's Peak—Gold on this Side.

The telegraph from Leavenworth states that twenty wagon loads of gold have been taken up by Pike's mountaineers, and that Wm. H. Russell, the celebrated and energetic government contractor, is fitting out forty wagons to follow in a few days. We have taken some pains to ascertain, says the Washington Union, the character of the parties who have reported the gold deposits at Pike's Peak, and find that at Leavenworth they are fully credited, and the belief universal that very valuable mines are abundant. Not long ago, in speaking of "the great events on the Pacific," anticipating just what is now exciting the curiosity of our frontier people, we asked "Who shall say that California and Fraser's rivers have an exclusive deposit of the precious metals of the precious metals of this great country?" We have, indeed, believed that explorations would disclose great mineral wealth throughout the whole mountain region extending from about latitude thirty-four up to the parallel of fifty. Major McCullough and Gov. Powell, in passing to and from Utah, were invited to examine what the Indians pointed to as the rich gold deposits. Those gentlemen, however, do not think it proper to depart from their line of travel, but express considerable confidence that at an early day valuable mines will be disclosed near the Utah rock.

We know nothing of a definite character of the alleged discovery at Pike's Peak, which is somewhere in the neighborhood of six hundred miles from Leavenworth City, in Kansas. If they should prove to be valuable and extensive, a new turn will be given to the frontier settlements. Leavenworth City, now numbering near ten thousand inhabitants and situated on the extreme western river, on the direct line to Utah and New Mexico, and commanding a large share of the fur and skin trade to the great interior, promises to become, under the influence of the gold fever, which is just setting in, a most important place. It is only about three years ago that having just elected Mr. Dennan, Democratic mayor, and set out in its grand career of advancement under the stimulus of large gold deposits, we may well look with interest to its future progress and development as another "Wonder of the West." But all this is in anticipation. People should be cautious how they credit and act upon such testimony. We are not prepared to say that the gold has been found, but we are confident, indeed, that the work of discovery in that way has only just commenced. Meanwhile the richest deposits are poor, when compared with the solid fruits of agriculture in any part of the country.

Hunt & Miner's Pittsburgh Almanac. Messrs. Hunt & Miner, the enterprising publishers and periodical dealers in Masonic Hall, Fifth Street, have issued the first number of a new series of the genuine, old-fashioned Pittsburgh Almanac, with the Blue-Back cover and excellent and reliable calculations of Sanford C. Hill, Esq., of East Liverpool, Ohio. For use in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, and indeed all the Western States, this is the best of the Almanacs. Especially by the country people will this publication be welcomed as an old friend. Besides the usual calculations and tables, the publishers have given a large amount of matter of permanent utility to business men and others. People who visit the State Fair next week, and especially county store keepers, could obtain a supply of this capital almanac.

Shot in Self-Defense. Near Ironton, Ohio, on Monday of last week, two men named Nash and Guthrie, who had a previous difficulty, growing out of a lawsuit, met at the house of a Justice to have a new trial. Nash went there armed with a revolver, persistently threatening to shoot Guthrie if he made his appearance. Guthrie did appear, armed with a rifle to defend himself, if necessary. When Guthrie reached the place, he was notified that Nash was on the look-out for him, threatening his life, and would probably fire upon him at first sight. Guthrie retreated up stairs and shortly Nash made his appearance, swearing terrible vengeance, and declaring if he could see only a hand's breadth of Guthrie's person, he would put a bullet through him. It was in vain the efforts were made to pacify him by the by-standers. A peace warrant was obtained for his arrest, but he threatened instant death to any man who attempted to arrest him. Nash insisted that Guthrie was secreted in the house, some where, and avowed his determination to find him. He had reached the porch, and was endeavoring to effect an entrance, when Guthrie from within shot him dead. The ball entered his forehead and lodged in his brain.

Utah. The detailed accounts from Utah, are to the 21st of August. A new line of policy seems to have been adopted by the Mormon Priesthood in their relations to the people. They have come to the conclusion that too great an intimacy has a tendency to lessen their influence, and, therefore have resolved to keep themselves aloof for a season, and to preach the word as it is in the Book of Mormon. The Indian tribes in the valley and its vicinity, have been giving some trouble, which is believed to be the result of Mormon intrigue. The officers of the United States Courts in the Territory, find some difficulty in properly performing their duties, in consequence of the obstacles thrown in their way by the Mormons.

The prisoners continue well filled with political prisoners. Mr. Escandon has been set at liberty, his brother having paid the \$30,000 the Government had asked him to loan it. The money was paid without even a receipt being taken. Mr. Escandon holding that the act was downright robbery, and a receipt from the Government was of no more significance than a similar document taken from a merchant of robbers on the highway. His confinement has been a serious disaster to many of his people. Before his imprisonment he had on his pay list over 2,000 people employed on his different haciendas, and his several factories and mines. So soon as he saw that the Government was disposed to prosecute him, he ordered his factories closed, and all labor discontinued in his mines and on his haciendas. The only great work which he has not discontinued is the railroad from Mexico to Vera Cruz.

It is stated that by dipping the part of the linen stained with ink in melted tallow, and afterwards washing it in the usual manner, the ink will be removed without any injury to the cloth. The London Times, alluding to the Canadian invitation to the Queen to visit her North American subjects, thinks the Canadians must admit that the difficulties in the way of such an event are as many as for a Queen, though not too far from a mother, but Montreal and New York are further still, and in spite of the telegraph, there is a stormy sea between us and them.

American Securities in Germany.

We learn from the late foreign journals of public demonstrations made by the holders of American railway bonds that are unobtainable, because of the repeated failures of the corporations to pay the interest as it became due. From the German papers received by the Persia, we perceive that an organized movement controlled by the most influential men of Frankfurt on the Main, was on foot, which forebodes obstacles to the present efforts of the Erie Railroad to adjust its financial difficulties—the expense that may attend the proposed enforcement of the letter of the different companies' obligations to be defrayed by subscriptions. The above mentioned movement is controlled by the Erie second mortgage bondholders.

The East India Company. On the first of the present month occurred a very important historical event. The mammoth British East India Company, which has been in existence for centuries, and which lacked up by the British Government, has made conquests more extensive and permanent than any other in modern times, ceased to exist. The London Times, in noticing the event, remarks: "But the story of the East India Company is the strangest of them all. In little more than a century and a half it has been attached to its fate a greater area, and several times the number of people than ever fell to any country or family of conquerors. China and Japan, its vast empire, scarcely conscious of a conquest of dynasties. And this has been done by means of a company of merchants, who, in the hands of a dynasty, it was said, was the father of his people; his successor was a soldier, and he that followed him was a statesman. 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