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## CAMP and COUNTY.

Our school is doing finely. St. Valentine's day is here. Two butcher shops in town. Mr. Patty now supports a plug hat. When the spring-time comes, gentle Annie, —  
Lee H. Radcliffe, Vera Cruz, left for home Wednesday.  
San Antonio has but one lawyer, it is said; and he is a Mexican.

Carthage is still smacking out dead oodles of coal and building rock. Justin H. Baird, west side White mountains, has been doing the city. William Slane and Asa Powers, cattle men, have gone to the Rio doo. John W. Poe has been in town several days, looking after the Homestead mine.

Walter Church and D. C. Shapley left for the White mountains Friday morning. The snow lies white upon old Carizo. In our "enchanted valley" there is no snow.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Lon Edwards has been quite sick for the past few days. W. J. Little only keeps one brand of whisky, and that is Kentucky's best. Sample with him.

Died, on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., 13th inst., of consumption, San Maria Sanchez LeGuebara, of White Oaks.

Jim Brent, Johnnie Hudgens and E. Hough spent Sunday night in Socorro. It is rumored that they took in the village.

Al. Ozanne went down, on the Rio doo for a load of corn, the first of the week. He reports the roads in bad condition.

Hewitt & Fergusson attorneys for M. Whiteman, attached the Delaware Gold Mills, on the 11th inst., to satisfy a claim of \$1,932.24.

The tree on which Fowler was hung at Socorro was planted by S. C. Meeks, of that place seventeen years ago.—Ed. Plant some more.

No Indians have been seen near the Mat Pais station since the wife of station agent Washburn stood a crowd of them off with a winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sligh have gone to Las Cruces. They will render all the assistance in their power to Mrs. W. L. Jerrell, in her great bereavement.

The White Oaks Industrial Company, having finished the first building, held a meeting on Tuesday eve, and issued stock to the members. Look out for something else to be "did."

There was recently consummated a little cattle deal, in which Bone Baca sold to Pat F. Garrett 300 head, to be delivered, rounded up, at the Baca ranch; delivery on the 8th inst.

It is currently understood at Socorro that as soon as the thirty mile branch, now in course of construction, is completed, work will be commenced on the line to the San Andres, for which preparations are now making.

A party of Cinnamon Utes strayed down into New Mexico, and badly frightened a party of Las Vegas hunters, near Wagon Mound. Rex Hardy, reporter for the Gazette, was along, and he tells a wild and woolly tale.

Mr. James Wilson and Thomas Gordon, of the San Andres mountains, were in town this week. These gentlemen are in the employ of E. L. Blood. They brought in some fine ore from the Austin lode. Emmet is bound to "catch on."

Our school teacher, Mr. J. C. Culver, has his hands full, having 91 scholars, and now ones coming in almost daily. Would it not be a good idea to start a subscription, to hire an assistant. Mr. J. A. Walters informs us that he will head the list with \$10.

Our young attorney Mr. E. Hough, was on last Saturday suddenly called to the home of his mother in Iowa by her serious illness. Hoping that his mother's early recovery, we are glad to state that Mr. Hough will soon return, and are confident that New Mexico will not suffer from his representations in the states.

Lon Edwards still continues to supply coal to the coalless, giving the best he has got, which is good enough for anybody and at the lowest prices. The coal mines which are opened or which lie still hidden under old Carizo, form the most solid part of the foundation of White Oaks' future prosperity and we are glad to see those interested in them prospering.

John Hendershot is in town. Mr. Wauchope, who has been in Las Vegas for some time, returned home last week.

As soon as the track from the mine to the mill is completed, the new mill in the Nogals will begin work. Long may she wave.

Tom Osby, who has been down in the lower country hunting and buying hides for the past six weeks, returned Friday, and left again Monday for Las Vegas.

Francis Robinson bought one-fourth interest in the Homeward Bound, in Baxter mountain, of Tom C. Williams. Consideration \$200. Mr. Robinson now owns the entire claim.

We received a very pleasant call from Mr. J. O. Nabours, on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. N. is head man at the Carrizozo stock ranch. He reports cattle in fine condition. Come again, Jim.

Tom C. Williams arrived by stage Sunday morning from England where he has been visiting for the past two months. The return voyage was rough, taking 13 days to cross. Tom says he is glad to get back to the land of his adoption.

By the killing of W. L. Jerrell, Las Cruces loses one of her best citizens, and the territory one of her bravest men. He died as he lived a true, brave, gritty man. Mrs. Jerrell has the sympathy of his many friends in White Oaks.

E. W. Parker and Billy Robson returned from Las Vegas Friday evening last. Mr. Parker reports having a nice trip; that Las Vegas was dull; that they intend to commence the rebuilding of the Montezuma hotel, at the Springs, in a few weeks, and that he was mighty glad to get back home.

J. R. Brent and John N. Hudgens boarded the stage Friday with two prisoners—Geronimo Gonzales and Wm. Logwood for the penitentiary at Leavenworth Kas. Gonzales was convicted of horse stealing and Logwood was implicated in killing a Mexican sheep herder. The latter made his escape from our county jail last spring, and was recaptured, by our sheriff at El Union. We will venture to say, if these men should live out their terms, that they will give Lincoln county a wide berth in the future. So mote it be.

Mrs. Charles Milendy Chloroformed and Robbed.

On Monday night, 11th inst., Mrs. Chas. Milendy, who keeps a bakery and boarding house, says she was robbed of \$196.00. On the night of the 11th—after seeing that the house was securely fastened—a few minutes after 11 o'clock she retired, and does not remember anything until 10 o'clock the following day. Mr. C. A. Roebor, on the morning of the 12th, went to Mrs. Milendy's for bread.—This was about 6 o'clock a. m.—The front door was open and the window raised. He found Mrs. M. in bed, and she told him where the bread was. A few minutes afterwards Mr. Geo. Eaton also went for bread. He saw that something was wrong, by the way Mrs. Milendy acted, although she seemed to talk rationally. Mr. Eaton waked up the children, who were sleeping in the back part of the house, Mrs. Milendy's room being the front one. In this room, on a small table, was two empty purses and a man's buckskin glove. Mrs. M. says she kept her purses between the feather tick and mattress. How could they have been removed without awakening her, unless she was chloroformed? It also seems strange that she could converse rationally as early as half past six o'clock in the morning, and not remember anything from the time she went to bed, until 10 o'clock the following day. We trust that the mystery will be cleared up soon.

**A Find. And a Moral.**  
A talk with Henry Patterson elicited the information that the recent find made by him on the Iron Crown, situated on east Baxter, consists of a magnificent quartz, showing free gold in abundance. The quartz also bears copper glance, with copper pyrites, and is said to show chloride stains. No assays have been made, but if made would probably show silver in greater or less quantities. The vein at surface showed only four inches, but a few feet of development have determined an increase of eighteen inches. So little has been done that it is impossible to tell what the real width or character of the vein will be, or whether it will be gold, silver or copper. It probably partakes largely of

the free gold nature which most Baxter mountain veins evince near the surface.

What thorough development may show for Baxter mountain, is something altogether unknown. The find of silver on the Large Hopes, mentioned in this paper some time since, would appear with this later indication, as cumulative evidence to support the proposition that there is something beside gold in this camp. Certain it is, that whether the owners of the idle claims that infest our camp, are acting wisely or not, Baxter mountain is not half prospected, and the character of this camp of White Oaks not half known. A sudden change may come some day which will set New Mexico wild, and give White Oaks not the boom, but the investigation and notice that she wants.

**W. L. JERRELL**  
Murdered by Highwaymen, While Acting as Deputy Sheriff for the Capture of the Barncastle Robbers.

W. L. Jerrell, of Las Cruces, N. M., who is well known to many of our readers, was killed on Tuesday morning 5th inst. From the Rio Grande Republican we take the following:

A Concho special says: "At two o'clock this morning, the stage going to Abilene was met in coping from that town and gave information that it had been stopped about a mile back, the mail robbed of all the cash, and one passenger robbed of \$25. The first named coach had aboard Sergeant Tarbow of the State Rangers; Sheriff Jerrell of Dona Ana county, Edgar Steison of Oskosh S. P. Cochran of Dallas, and a United States soldier. The ranger and sheriff only were armed, and they ordered the driver to go ahead, and quietly laid their pistols across their laps, when a shot reached the coach, and they were commanded to halt by two masked men coming from the bush. Jerrell fired, and the shot was returned. The ranger then took aim, fired, and his man threw his pistol into the air, placed his hands over his stomach and fell. The horses started, and the firing from and into the stage continued with great rapidity. Sheriff Jerrell was hit in the shoulder, and a second ball entered his back and crashed through his stomach. A spent ball struck Cochran in the back, and three shots passed through his overcoat; but he is not seriously injured. The coach drove to Concho as quickly as possible. Jerrell will die. This is the third robbery of the same stage within a month. A posse will go out to-day."

**Bonito Notes.**  
**BONITO N. M., Feb. 9th, 1884**  
**Editor Golden Era:**  
J. P. Rainbolt, J. T. Stoneking and Chas. F. Walborn, have gone to White Oaks.  
Messrs. Calhoun and Reynolds expect to have machinery in operation on the Rosa by the first of July.  
Metcalfe and Weaver are doing the assessment on the Laura B.  
Parsons and Williams are doing assessments for 1884.  
Conbroach and Berry are working on the Christmas.  
The winter so far has been quiet, nothing of importance having taken place, but the coming spring and summer will be one of unusual activity; at least everything points that way.

**OCCASIONAL.**

**LINCOLN, N. M., Feb. 10th, 1884**  
The weather is charming; vegetation is advancing; our ranchmen have commenced seeding wheat. The frisky lamb has made his appearance, but we confess a preference for him accompanied by mint sauce. We expect our spring poet poco soon.

Mr. Garrett has been engaged during the past week in rounding up and branding his 300 cattle purchased from Bone Baca.

Col. Beall has rented and moved into the Barber residence where he is now getting ready for his family.

Improvements at Fort Stanton are still going on. The hospital building is in an advance stage, and Mr. O'Lany the post trader is still improving and adding to his immense and valuable stock of goods.

Inquiries for cattle and ranches are active and we are all feeling good.

Mr. Isaac Ellis will open his hotel this week under the management of the efficient caterer, Bob Owens, and the travelling public will have a place to stop at.

## As a Correspondent Sees It.

The following newsy letter from Lincoln county, to the Rocky Mt. Mining Review of Denver, will do to copy in full:

**WHITE OAKS, N. M., Jan. 28, '84.**  
The cold wave which has passed over the country east of the Rocky Mountains this month reached us, and has been quite cold for New Mexico. The thermometer registered as low as twenty degrees above zero, and it has retarded work. On the Solitaire they have mined and sorted out over 100 tons this month. The ore on the dump is an improvement on the last output.

The stamp mill is undergoing repairs; as soon as completed it will commence to mill the Solitaire ore. This mill was set on the wash near the canon and the jar of the stamps keeps all the machinery in so much motion that the mill can't be kept in good repair any length of time. If Professor Glass can secure his partner's interests he would reset the mill and make it a credit to the camp.

I am credibly informed that some of the parties interested in the Homestake Gold Mining Co. intend to put in a first-class ten stamp mill, with concentrators and other attachments. Some of the parties who own an interest in the Rita mine are making arrangements to put in a five stamp mill, and there is little doubt of these mills being erected in the next six months, which will be the means of making this one of the best gold producing camps in the territory.

The Old Abe is proving to be a regular quartz lode with granite walls. The lead has broken off and covered the point of the mountain with float. In some places the quartz was several feet deep and the lode being entirely covered, all the prospectors were deceived and it was not discovered until it was crossed out with a tunnel.

Fletcher's new mill, in Dry Gulch, starts up this week on ore from Billy Gill's gold mine. This is a fine property, the ledge being very wide; at least there are a number of quartz strata lying side by side with granite, clay, etc. between them. The whole body runs well, and is about thirty feet wide so far as tested. Dry Gulch is twenty miles south of the Oaks, in the north part of the White Mountains and is one of the richest placer canons in Lincoln county. Chase and Hocradle have cut a ditch from Nogal canon over the divide into Dry Gulch, which is almost completed, and they intend to use the water in washing out Dry Gulch and they will certainly have a rich reward for their enterprise.

Northwest of Dry Gulch is Tortolita canon, about fifteen miles from the Oaks, and at the mouth of this canon are situated the copper mines which are attracting considerable attention. Thomas Wallace owns the largest interest and is the discoverer. This seems to be a deposit, which lays between porphyry from 100 to 200 feet wide, but is not regular, therefore not veins. The copper is native, in sheets, in seams and shot copper in the rock with carbonate, sulphurets and red oxide of copper. There has been no mill run, but it assays well. There are several shafts from ten to thirty feet deep which seem to be in ore of equal richness in all and improves with depth. This is very promising, and as Tortolita canon is well supplied with water and timber and is so close to our coal fields, it should attract capital.  
S. H. G.

**Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine**

The March number is promptly on our table and is filled as usual with delightful reading matter—edifying and admirable embellishments. The popular editor T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., contributes a characteristic article, "Alarming Things of To-Day," and The Home Pulpit contains one of his sermons, "Sensitiveness of Christ." "Count Zinzendorf," the founder of the Moravian Church; "Salem, the old Moravian Town, in North Carolina"; The Boston Institutions of Deer Island; Annals of Little Compton; "Anthony Vanduyck, a Court Painter"; etc., are finely illustrated and exceedingly interesting articles. The serials, "How it Came Around," and "Wrong From the First," are continued, and the Essays, Sketches, Poems, etc., are by popular writers. Marion Harland has a charming story, "A Practical Woman" the contents are so varied and abundant that no one can fail to be gratified. The price is 25 cents a number, in advance, or postpaid. Address, Mrs. Frank Leslie, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place N. Y.

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## STOCK NEWS.

The Cheyenne Leader says that cattle are getting along very well, considering the snow, which seems to have fallen heaviest near the line of the Union Pacific road. Of one thing everybody may be assured, cattle cannot be exterminated, a fact that was demonstrated last winter, which was the most severe in the history of cattle ranging in the west.—Comet.

Quite an important cattle transaction was made on Saturday, the Arapahoe Cattle and Land Company purchasing the ranches, cattle and range privileges of Henry Gebhard. The price paid was \$250,000. The range is at Agate, on the Kansas Pacific, and sixty miles east of Denver. The new company is a joint stock association, with A. B. Scherrer as president, E. F. Lamb as secretary, and J. Jay Joslin, treasurer, with several Denver men stockholders.—Denver News.

An Austin, Texas, dispatch states that information has been received from Montague county to the effect that the fence cutters are organizing an offensive and defensive alliance, and threaten to kill any county attorney who attempts to prosecute them for felony under the provisions of the new legislative enactment, and affairs in that locality are more serious than at any time since the commencement of the trouble.—Ee.

Monsieur Ober, manager of the Marquis de Mores' Montana stock and beef interests, has located at Brainerd, the eastern headquarters of their concern. Two great buildings will be erected immediately—one for ice storage and one great refrigerator house. This will be the depot of eastern supply for dressed Montana beef, for which the Marquis' agent has engaged the line of Northern Pacific refrigerator cars that are manufactured there.—Ee.

Negotiations are pending with Underwood, Clark & Co., of this city, for the sale to them of two-thirds interest in the Palo Blanco Cattle Company of New Mexico, in which ex-Senator Dorsey is interested. Herman Bosler, of Pennsylvania, and C. P. Woolworth, secretary of the company, have been here the past week, and left Saturday night for the east. It is said that \$700,000 is asked for two-thirds interest, but possibly the sale will be made at \$650,000.—Cor. Kansas City L. S. Journal.

The Cherokees have been indulging in cattle legislation, and a few days ago, at a meeting of the council, a law was passed prohibiting the introduction of cattle from any state or territory into the Cherokee nation between the first day of May and the first day of November. The object of the law is to prohibit the introduction of cattle that will impart Texas fever, but it not only shuts out Texas cattle but all other cattle, and in this point is certainly a grave mistake. The introduction of a better class of cattle than they now have from northern states, should certainly be allowed at any season of the year. The stockmen in the vicinity of Vinita are protesting strongly against the law, and a meeting was held Monday to discuss the matter and decide what to do about it. Another clause in the law provides that every citizen owning fifty head of cattle must register his brand, and then declares all cattle bearing unregistered brands strays, and provides for their sale. It is claimed that this law virtually confiscates all the cattle of the poor, who have not so much as fifty head.—Gazette.

## Fence Cutting.

Col. J. Q. Embree, of Temple, Texas, succeeded in flogging a gang of fence cutters by having his wire fence so strongly charged with electricity that the cutters were terribly shocked when feeling for the fence, and in applying the metallic nippers. The Colonel and son, who were in ambush, enjoyed the consternation of the "Blue Devils" immensely.

Speaking of fence cutting and its remedies, a correspondent of the Daily Gazette of Fort Worth, Texas, says:

In great public emergencies and excited questions of public policy, the mark is usually "over shot," and the thing that ought to be done is so simple that the "great minds" cannot get down on a level to take hold of

it. The more laws they pass and the longer the preambles and provisions they contain, "the more the cutting won't stop." Now, here is a little simple plan that will stop the whole business:

1. Pass a law defining the offense, with punishment by a fine not less than \$500, or fine and imprisonment not to exceed five years, as the jury may assess.
2. Give the County Attorney \$500 fee for each conviction, to be taxed and collected as other costs, out of defendant, and in event he is insolvent, to be paid by the state.
3. Give the Sheriff \$200 for each arrest, to be taxed and paid (on conviction) as above. If this is done, these two officers will catch and convict every fence cutter in Texas. Backbone and money, properly applied, will do the work. The "reward" business is folly. Pay the local officers in each county a sufficient fee to enable them to do their duty, and the work will be done. A hint to the wise is sufficient, but possibly the legislature are otherwise; but if the rest of you can listen at long winded bosh and read of other fences cut, I can, as I have no fence.—Drovers' Journal.

## Sale of Stock Cattle.

W. L. Purcell, of Abilene, Texas, sold on the 29th, to C. W. Merchant, a half interest in the cattle and ranch owned jointly by them in Dickens county, on Duck Creek, for \$75,000. The number of cattle estimated in the herd are 7,000 head. We learn from Purcell that he has no intention of abandoning the cow business, but expects to invest again soon.—Texas L. S. Journal.

## A Bill Nye Lie.

Story told by the Laramie Boomerang: The west bound train between Green River and Granger, on the Union Pacific, recently encountered a band of 1,200 or 1,500 antelopes. The snow was quite deep and drifted in places, and the antelopes were running on the road bed, finding that the easiest road to travel in. When they were first encountered many of them were killed, and the engineer, seeing that the train might be derailed unless it was slowed up, decreased the speed. The antelope kept a short distance ahead of the engine, and then they would stop, turn around and watch the headlight until the engine was fairly upon them. They delayed the train half or three-quarters of an hour.

**GOLD** for the working class. Send 10 cents for a person who shall procure the correct and conviction of any person or persons who shall violate the stock laws of the territory to the detriment of any member of the association the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), provided that the association shall not be responsible for rewards for the arrest and conviction of persons for depredations committed against the stock of such persons who shall not have their marks and brands recorded on the books of the association, and that no one in the pay of the society, nor any member thereof will be entitled to recover for such services. For further information concerning this reward, address W. B. Anderson, President Stock Association, Roswell, N. M., or John W. Poe, Vice-President Lincoln, N. M.

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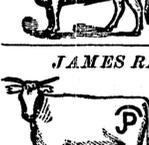
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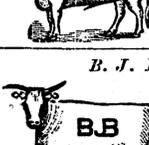
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The cattleman and "cow-boy" had a grand feast at Raton on the 1st, which in numbers and style has perhaps not been surpassed by any similar event in the territory.

A Word of Advice.

Besides taking his home paper, every farmer needs at least one wide-awake reliable journal that will keep him thoroughly posted as to the different kinds of stock and how to breed, feed and sell them to the best possible advantage; how to manage his farm to produce the largest crops of the most profitable sorts; and to consume or sell them so as to bring the greatest returns in dollars, cents and comfort. By all odds the best one of that class we know is the large, eight-page weekly Live Stock Indicator, of Kansas City. Its market reports are known to be the freshest and most accurate published, being quoted as highest authority by most other papers. The price of the Indicator is very low, (\$1.50 per year), but by a special arrangement we can, for a short time, club it with GOLDEN ERA at the remarkably low price of \$2.50 for both, and give its 16x34 ranch map free. Sample copies of the Indicator can be seen at this office, or its publishers will cheerfully send them on application. They also authorize us to say that any one who subscribes, and at the end of the year will write them he is dissatisfied with the investment, can have his money refunded. You had better take early advantage of this opportunity to secure a year's cheap reading.

New Mexico 1882, New Mexico in 1883.

Among the most important of the reports upon which business men are accustomed to base their estimates of relative values, and progress in mining sections, are the annual reports of J. J. Valentine, general superintendent of the Wells, Fargo Express Co. This great corporation transports a great proportion of the precious metals, bullion and ores produced within the United States, and has access to the books of other lines of transportation as well.

The criticism of the territorial press has been generally hostile to the report of that company for the year just closed, because it exhibits a slight falling off from the production of 1882. Some slight error may have crept into the statistics of the company. But we are inclined not only to put confidence in the report, but to believe that a greater deficiency than is reported, might have been properly expected.

In 1882 the reported production of Dona Ana county was \$920,000. Of this \$839,000 was the shipment of a single mine, the Sierra Grande. At once after the close of 1882, the necessities of the "bear" operation, then inaugurated in New York in the stock of that mine, required the stoppage of production, and until the 15th of August last the management was industriously engaged in covering up the ore bodies, and depreciating the property. At that date Col. Branson assumed charge as managing director of all the Lake Valley corporations, and Dr. Endlich became superintendent. It required three months of careful management to restore the property to producing shape. And even in January, the new management had only been able to force production to the point of \$40,000 in bullion and \$10,000 ore shipped per month. The deficiency in 1883 in the case of this single property amounted to more than half million of dollars.

Socorro county shipped in 1882 \$200 in gold from the Alma arastra; \$140,000 in bullion from the Torrence mill; 1,039 tons of bullion, valued at \$113,612, and 1,000 tons of ore valued at \$186,800. In 1883 the bullion shipments from the Torrence were limited to \$12,000, derived from ore shipped by A. D. Coon from the Merritt mine. No bullion, or if any a very insignificant quantity, was shipped from the sources which 1882 had supplied 1,039 tons. The owners of mines generally refrained from distant shipments, and held their ores for the market which was promised them during the year. The Billing smelter did not commence shipment until September was considerably advanced. And while that great plant has been very active since that time, we doubt if the actual production of Socorro county exceeded in 1883 the product of 1882. The mining interests of that county advanced enormously in the past year. More devel-

opment was done there than ever before. Stimulated by the prospect of a home market, her miners performed wonders, and aided by her present really magnificent facilities, we expect to see her production pass \$2,500,000 in 1884, and perhaps reach \$3,000,000.

Owing to the fact that the machinery in use in Lincoln county (with the exception of one, and that our newest mill) is not adapted to our needs, lacks the usual appliances for saving a large part of our gold, and has been constructed by men without valuable experience, Lincoln county has made no practical advance on the production of 1882. Then the most reliable data credited us with \$140,000 gold, including placer products, and an uncertain amount of ore shipped, all of which was included in Valencia's statement of "bullion and ores shipped." More mill gold was produced in 1883 than the previous year, but less placer gold.

We greatly doubt if Grant county can substantiate the large increase claimed in 1883. The amounts credited to certain mines, to-wit: Bremen, Solid Silver, &c., and to certain districts, as Fleming and Pin-a-Altos, are probably correct, as the bullion has been handled by the banks and express company, and can be accounted for. And we are inclined to believe that the amount credited to Georgetown district is properly so credited, notwithstanding the suspension of production by the Mimbres Mining Company in the latter part of the year. These foot up together \$616,056. To the additional \$20,000 bought by the Silver City banks, we pay no attention, as that is also claimed in the production of specified districts. The product of the outlying districts is simply guessed at, and some cases the guesses are absurd. The county undoubtedly made some advance in production, as she certainly made a great advance in development and real value, but the increase was not so large, by from \$300,000 to \$350,000, as claimed by enthusiastic Silver City people.

In other parts of the territory the actual figures of mineral production were not flattering. The smelter at Albuquerque, which promised great things (and might have afforded them, had the town been sufficiently enterprising in that direction,) came to nothing. The Copper City enterprise diverted capital and energy, which might have been profitably employed to the copper stained sand rocks, which a great expert had pronounced to have a value of \$30,000,000, or a trifle more. Owing to the pending litigation, production by the San Pedro Company was suspended. There was no activity at Terrillos, Bonanza City "closed." Mineral Hill was closed down for repairs. In that part of the territory there was a decided falling off from '82. The true figures we do not consider discouraging. The territory made a great and substantial advance in 1883. It unloaded several patent frauds. It scored several brilliant successes. It put most of its labor into work of real value. And in 1883 we expect to see a very large increase. We have named our figures for Socorro county. We say that we expect to see Dona Ana pass a million, and Grant to pass \$2,000,000 in the present year, and both will do so, unless prevented by difficulties not now apparent.

We have said this much, rather in analysis than defence of the Wells-Fargo reports, because we believe them to be substantially accurate, and because we cannot afford to permit public confidence in them to be impaired by unfounded criticism. That those reports have done substantial justice to all the mining sections, we believe to be a fact. That they have done New Mexico more justice than more pretentious publications we know. They are, moreover, the only source from which the public can learn, not the product of the precious metals, but the total product of saleable mineral values. For instance, the report of the United States mint, for 1882, credited New Mexico with \$1,950,000 in gold and silver, and unthinking people accepted that as the total product of New Mexico mines. Valentine's statement demonstrated two important facts—that the mint had over-estimated New Mexico's production of gold and silver by nearly a million, but that the mines of New Mexico had produced saleable values of \$3,667,132, or \$1,717,132 more than would have been inferred from the statement of Mr. Burchard. The statement of the latter, of course, only assumed to deal with the precious metals, but the business interests of the country want to know the total value of all the valuable products of our mines, and it is our interest that they should. Do not discredit, unthinkingly, or without the clearest evidence, the only present source from which our customers can get the desired information in a single view.

Our Washington Letter.

Regular Correspondent of the Era. Washington, D. C., Feb 2, 1884.—The adoption by senate of the resolution granting to the members of that body who do not enjoy the advantage

of being chairman of the committees, the right to employ private clerks at a session salary of \$8 per day, has given rise to some talk among members of the house as to the advisability of a like provision for the benefit of representatives. Representative Belford, of Colorado started the ball rolling by a short speech in the house a day or two ago, in which he stated that nearly the whole of his salary was paid out for clerical services, and it is said that he will offer on Monday next a resolution to provide a clerk for each representative at an annual salary of \$1,200. As the introduction of such a resolution will, under the rules, require unanimous consent, it is doubtful whether he will succeed in his object.

Quite a scene occurred in the house yesterday just before adjournment, when the speaker laid before that body a message from the President, transmitting, in response to resolutions, a report of the secretary of state, with accompanying papers, relative to the restriction of American hog products into Germany and France. Immediately a clash of jurisdiction arose as to which committee was entitled to the report of the secretary of state; Mr. Townshend, of Illinois, favoring the committee on commerce; Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, the committee on agriculture, and Mr. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, the committee on foreign affairs. Finally matters were compromised to the mutual satisfaction of all parties by ordering the message printed and laying it out on the table.

One of the most glaring instances of nepotism is of Senator McMillan, appointing his son, A. W. McMillan, clerk of his committee after the adjournment of the last congress. Mr. McMillan is the chairman of the committee on commerce, and Mr. Lockett was clerk to that committee until the adjournment, and when there was no work to do the senator appointed his son, who was then, and is now, at college. He has never performed a day's or an hour's labor for the committee, yet he is borne on the roll as clerk to the committee at \$2,220 per annum.

Senator McPherson introduced in the senate, yesterday, a joint resolution to appropriate and make available immediately \$500,000 to carry into effect the provisions of the joint resolution to provide for an expedition for relief of Lieutenant Greeley and party, and to limit the expenditures under that resolution to the sum named.

Comment has frequently been made, owing to the delay in beginning the usual program of receptions and dinner parties at the White house this winter, that, while President Arthur has accepted more invitations than has hitherto been customary for presidents to accept, he has entertained less frequently and fewer individuals (especially officials) than any of his predecessors known to this generation. The same ladies and gentlemen have more than once been among his dinner guests each winter of his administration, while others with equal claims for recognition, on account of their official positions, have been wholly omitted. The wives of some of the senators haven't been entertained at the executive mansion since the president's administration began. Others, and republicans, too, in high standing, say they have never had so much as a glass of water there since President and Mrs. Hayes left the White house.

The winter season of gaiety reached its height the past week and society now begins to tread the downward path, whose termination is the beginning of the penitential season. Not alone the nights, but the days have been filled with gaiety, and wearied forms and faces of the various gatherings have attested only too plainly that the physical strain upon the members of the gay world is becoming seriously felt. Already there are many worn desecrators from the ranks, and more and more familiar forms and faces are missed at each succeeding event. Every evening of the week has brought a ball or a party, and reception-dinners, teas and theatre parties have been as the sands of the sea in number.

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