

**The Soldiers of Belgium.**  
 During my stay in Antwerp I saw a number of 10,000 Belgian troops. These troops which belong to the forts are small and very careless in their dress. They march in a very slouching manner. They do not appear as well as our militia. I do not believe that 10,000 of them would stand up against the charge of a determined German regiment. The Belgians pride themselves very much upon the fortifications about Antwerp. The city is entirely inclosed by fortifications. They are strong if led by the right kind of men; but the Belgian soldiers behind them I think that it would be difficult for a modern army of the great powers to take Antwerp. But the importance of Antwerp as a military outpost to protect Belgium is greatly overrated. I have been told by a military man that Antwerp is so much of the way that the Germans could march around it through Belgium into Belgium without finding the fortifications in any degree in their way. The Belgians outside of their fortifications are helpless, I am sure.—T. C. in New York World.

**A Source of Impure Milk.**  
 In a question of still fed milk is of little value as compared to milk from a greater quantity of other and more natural food, now in general use, and as compared to the sanitary conditions and treatment of the cows, stables and milks, the water the cows consume—one of the most important elements in dairying, is not one well in a hundred that is pure water.

**New Rubber Tree.**  
 A "chuking" of the Chinese, or a grandeur of botanists, grows in southern India, and has been recommended to the Indian government as a tree which large quantities of caoutchouc can be drawn. In the South American and the cauchoic flows from punctures in the bark, but from the new source caoutchouc is obtained by breaking the tree and drawing it out in filaments.—Mass Traveler.

**Dialog Car Line to the Pacific Ocean.**  
 The Northern Pacific Railroad, the only of the transcontinental lines running along cars through to the Pacific coast, announced a new time schedule taking effect Nov. 20, 1887. The principal features of this new schedule time are:  
 First. Twelve hours quicker time from St. Paul to Helena and Butte, Montana, and twenty-four hours shorter time to Portland, Ore., Tacoma, W. T., and all other Pacific coast points, by the limited express leaving St. Paul at 4 p. m. daily. The time of No. 2, the corresponding fast east bound, will be shortened seven hours.  
 Second. An additional through express train to which will be attached Pullman sleepers, dining cars and emigrant sleepers, leaving St. Paul at 8 a. m. daily, for Helena, Butte, Missoula, Spokane Falls and Eastern Washington points; this train making the through time five hours quicker than the former Pacific coast express, and being the intended Pacific coast settler train seven hours quicker time than heretofore.  
 Third. Three express trains daily from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Moorhead, Minn., Fargo and Jamestown, D. T., with through Pullman sleepers to Grand Forks, Fargo Falls, Wahpeton and principal points in North Dakota.  
 The Northern Pacific not only offers to the traveling public the best train service, including its famous dining cars, Pullman palace drawing room and sleeping cars, emigrant sleepers and splendid day coaches, but from Chicago and all Eastern cities to Portland, Ore., as quick time as any other route, while to Butte and Helena, Mont., it is the shortest line by one hundred and seventy-six and three hundred and sixty-six miles, respectively, actually saving the traveler to Butte six hours, and to Helena, eighteen hours, as against any other line.  
 The great reduction in time will be of particular interest to all classes of travel, especially Yellowstone Park and Pacific coast excursionists contemplating a return trip by all rail line—the "Mt. Shasta" route—between San Francisco and Portland, and a trip along the Columbia river over the famous Cascade mountains via the Northern Pacific.  
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**MONTANA CONDENSED.**  
**From Our Territorial Exchanges, and Other Sources.**  
 Delegate Toole has secured two extra clerks for the Helena postoffice.  
 The Anaconda Smelter Company are laying in an immense supply of wood, which is being corded up near the quarry.  
 A meeting of prominent citizens of Helena decided by resolution to extend fitting aid to assist in establishing a Methodist college there.  
 Mooney, the man who gambled off the money he was holding as stakes at an Anaconda horse race last fall, was given one year in the penitentiary.  
 Reports from the Blackfoot range state that the horse disease is declining; the herds there and that the late cold weather did not seem to check it.  
 The National Park is now a sort of Gretta Green for young people in Eastern Montana, who want to marry but whose parents object. It is a free pitchin there.  
 Several horses and cattle were killed last week on the Phillipsburg branch from Drummond. They stood on the track to get warm and a train knocked them cold.  
 William Fly died at Helena last week from the effect of getting his little finger slightly injured a few weeks ago. He caught cold in the wound and gangrene set in.  
 The issue of the Billings Gazette of Saturday last is chiefly remarkable for a page almost entirely devoted to the interesting and exciting subject of lots to be sold for city taxes.  
 The commissioners of Missoula county are advertising for ten to sixty acres of land for a county poor farm. The cost of maintaining the poor of the county last year was \$5,500.  
 The United States land office in Helena is very busy at present furnishing the several counties in the Territory with lists of land patented in the respective counties, so that the same may not escape taxation.  
 Delegate Toole has recommended to the treasury department the appointment of Gillespie, chief clerk of the Helena assay office, for the position of melter in that office, vice M. A. Myerndorf, present incumbent.  
 John C. Morton, alias S. A. Foster was arrested in San Diego, Cal., on the 20th inst., charged with the murder of John Nicholson, who was found at Tia-Juna a month or so ago shot through the heart. The evidence is said to be strong against Morton.

The commissions of the many notaries public appointed and confirmed during the session of the legislature three years ago are now about expiring, and Secretary Webb is calling their attention to the fact so that they can get their commissions renewed if desired without loss of time.  
 Mid-depart appointments for the Territory of Montana, to serve on the staff of Commander-in-chief Rea, Grand Army of the Republic, announced in general order, No. 3, issued from national headquarters, Minneapolis, Minn., December 17th, are: Robert E. Fisk, Geo. W. Shaw, Helena; P. Hoopes, Livingston.  
 The Northern Pacific railway company is making surveys for an iron roadway from Townsend via White Sulphur Springs to Castle, and from Livingston to Castle, and it is reported that the Manitoba is outlining a route from Great Falls to Schibat, thence to Castle via White Sulphur Springs. Apparently, it is a question as to which will get their first as the specific points are identical.  
 John H. Ming died in Helena on the 27th, after a lingering illness of several weeks. The deceased was the proprietor of Ming's opera house, in that city, which at the time it was built, was the finest establishment in the northwest. He was an old-time resident of that city, and became very wealthy in the cattle business before it became a popular investment in the Territory. He was the original partner King of Montana.

**Drunkenness, or the Liquor Habit, Positive Cure by Administering Dr. Baines' Golden Specific.**  
 Having given a copy of this book to you, without the least charge, if the person afflicted is miserably helpless, and with a few feet a permanent and speedy cure, which the patient can administer himself, and he will be able to take care of himself, and will have no need of any other help, and will be able to do so without their knowledge, and to do so. We have this system of treatment for the drunkard. IT NEVER FAILS. The system once impregnated with the Specific it comes an utter incapacity for the liquor appetite to exist. For full particulars, address GOULD'S SYSTEM, Co. 192 Race St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

**The Pollen's Red Mark.**  
 An American who had lived many years in Europe states that on one occasion he traveled the streets of an English city with the object of relieving the distressed, and as they walked along, as the streets of these cities were generally full of beggars, they were constantly relieved, and were lately manifested.

**Queen Victoria Medal.**  
 Queen Victoria has decreed that the jubilee medal, of which about 1,000 have been given away, is to rank above all war medals, and is to be always worn on full dress occasions.

**CURRENT NEWS NOTES.**  
 Rome dispatch: The Pope gave audience Wednesday to the Marquis de Arrijo, who presented His Holiness with jubilee gifts from the Queen of Spain.  
 Considerable stir has been caused in Chicago by the fact, which has leaked out, that the Coezy Brewing company has instructed its brokers to buy no barley grown or shipped from the states of Iowa or Kansas.  
 Philadelphia special: An Augusta, Georgia, correspondent of the Times predicts that the next census will show that the negro population of that State is rapidly decreasing. The death rate is treble that of the whites.  
 London dispatch: A dispatch from Congo says: No news of Stanley has yet reached Boma, but no unfriendliness is felt there. Steamers expected from the Yammoums on January 20 are almost certain to bring news of the explorer.  
 Rome dispatch: The committee on the Italian exhibition to be held in London in 1888, held a meeting and appointed Signor Bonghi president. Much enthusiasm is manifested over the project and the prospect is that the exhibition will be a grand success.

**Events Transpiring in Our Sister States and Territories.**  
 Tuscon, Arizona, is having a real estate boom.  
 The California railroad delegation are having a royal time in Oregon.  
 An editor's excursion on the American style is to be run from the city of Mexico to Lower California.  
 The *Wardner (Idaho) News* maintains that "Coeur d'Alene is on the eve of the greatest boom known in modern times."  
 Andrew Irwin, convicted of complicity in the murder of Dr. Powers at Hollister, Cal., two years ago, was sentenced to State Prison for life.  
 John H. Gets, a machinist, 52 years old, suicided in Cheyenne, Wyo., on the 21st inst., through despondency caused by drink. He fired a load of buckshot into his heart.  
 The sheep men of the valley held an animated meeting in Sacramento, Cal., on the 26th, inst. and adopted resolutions protesting against the reduction of the tariff on wool.  
 The dead body of O. C. Dibble was found floating in the Willamette at Portland, Oregon, on the 21st inst. He had probably fallen into the water while intoxicated.

**GLEANNING FROM THE ROCKIES.**  
 Ex-Governor Wm. M. Bunn, of Idaho, was recently sued for libel by Miss Jennie M. Savage, in Philadelphia, and mulcted in \$5,000 damages. The libel was published in Governor Bunn's paper, the *Sunday Transcript*.  
 Mrs. Margaret Stoppel, a passenger on the West bound train last Saturday, died when the train was near Wadsworth. She was an invalid en route for Southern California for her health. She was buried in Reno, Nevada.  
 A dispatch from Carson, Nevada, of the 20th inst., says: Mrs. Langtry telegraphed to the Carson Land Office today for more Nevada land. She wanted it divided into 40-acre tracts, to be utilized as Christmas presents to friends in New York.  
 A brutal butchery took place at Willard Station, Sonora, last week. The section foreman and a wood chopper, both Mexicans quarrelled and the foreman struck the chopper with a wrench, then the copper split the foreman's head open with his ax.  
 The ore producers of Wood River, Idaho, have called a meeting to consider their interests in view of the President's recommendations for the placing of raw materials on the free list. Lead and lead ores will be the concern of the proposed meeting.  
 Owyhee (Idaho) *Avenger*: From all parts of the country, we hear that stock of all kinds are doing splendidly, and never better. It was not until recently that they were driven from the summer range, and having come to the valley in good condition, will go through the winter all O. K.  
 A buzz saw broke while running at a high rate of speed in Corvallis, Ore., the other day, and a piece striking William Buchanan in the arm just below the shoulder, cut it off so quickly and easily that he didn't know that he was hurt until he saw his arm lying at his feet, then he clasped the bleeding stump and ran to a neighboring house.  
 Denver *Republican*: The discovery of petroleum at Newcastle, a small town a short distance below Glenwood Springs, is not surprising. The existence of petroleum in that part of the State has been suspected for a long time. In the valley of the Grand, thousands of pounds may be found of a stone which is so impregnated with oil that it burns readily in a fire. In burning it gives forth an odor which strongly resembles that of petroleum. This stone is found not only loose on the banks of the river, but also lodges in the cliffs.

**The Question for the Unemployed.**  
 If you think I get angry easily you are mistaken, but I do sometimes get angry. For instance, there is Schott, the publisher, sends me a set of charming songs, just a dozen, ten out of which are real gems. And by whom do you think they are composed? By a poor woman who barely contrives to make both ends meet—by the Baroness W. de Rothschild. Now, there is a question for the unemployed. Here is a lady who has everything that birth, wealth and position can give. Why must she have even the rare gift of original, distinguished and popular composition?—London World.

**Worth Knowing.**  
 Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake City, Fla., was taken with a severe cold, attended with a distressing cough and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called poultice cough remedies and steadily grew weaker. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it.—Trial bottle free at N. M. White's City Drug Store.

**The Verdict Unanimous.**  
 W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, Druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at N. M. White's, City Drug Store.

**OUR MINERAL PRODUCT.**  
**The United States Leads All Other Countries in Producing Minerals.**  
 The United States Geographical Survey, Major J. W. Powell director, has issued statistics of the productions of minerals during 1886. The report gives primarily the production and value of every prominent mineral substance mined in the United States, with a compact statement of prices, sources of supply and technical matters which proved important during the year. The total value of mineral products, taken as nearly as possible at points of production, was more than \$465,000,000, the largest mineral production yet recorded in any country. In 1885, the value was about \$420,000,000. Many substances share in this increase, but particularly iron and steel which alone showed an increase of \$30,000,000. In 1885, bituminous coal was the most valuable mineral product but in 1886, it was passed by pig iron which had a higher total value than silver and gold combined. Wonderful progress is shown in the use of natural gas, the consumption being more than double that of 1885 and twenty times that of 1863. It is estimated that the value of coal displaced by natural gas in 1886 was more than \$9,800,000. This is slightly less than half the value of the production.

**THE WOOL GROWERS.**  
**An Appeal for United Action Against a Reduction of Tariffs.**  
 COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 25th.—The following has been received:  
 WASHINGTON, Ohio, Dec. 26th, 1887.  
 To the Wool Growers of the United States:

The sentiment favoring free trade in this country has been augmented to the extent of the President's influence. In announcing his sympathy with those who do not encourage American industries and domestic labor, the Executive has signified his contempt for your industry by proposing the repeal of all duties on imported wools. You number about one million of voters, and give employment to about one million more. Every State and nearly every county in each State of the Union has flocks and flock masters. Your flocks are generally small, your wealth limited and your locations so scattered as to render organization and united action difficult. Once the producers of three hundred millions of pounds of wool annually, valued at about \$100,000,000, you have seen the unfriendly legislation of 1885 check your growth and actually reduce your flocks in number and your annual clip in quantity to the extent of fifteen per cent. These results followed a small reduction of the protective duties. Now the President proposes their abolition so that South America and Australia with other foreign nations can supply the consumption of the United States spinners and looms. The officers of your national society desire to organize a resistance to this cruel attempt in order to secure its defeat by active consolidated resistance. I advise that you petition Congress freely from all parts of the country, send letters to Congressmen from every district, have each association of wool-growers, State, county, township or town pass and forward appropriate resolutions, invite the graziers or associations of husbandmen to unite their voices with yours in urging Congress to promote the welfare of agriculture like enfranchised freemen ready to obtain justice and avoid oppression by making those in authority understand their wants. If you have not large or consolidated wealth, you have votes. Exercise wisely the power which this privilege gives. The founders of our Republic placed it in the hands of its people to correct the errors of those who make or administer our laws without consultation or violence.

The Executive has been influenced. Remove the objection and I think you and the Nation know you will not submit to the proposed legislation without a struggle. (Signed) C. D. Lingo, President of Wool Growers' Association.

**THE POLLEN'S RED MARK.**  
 A clever woman once declared that there were but four plots in the world and that all the novels were but endless and more-or-less ingenious variations upon the quartet of the famous and world old fairy tales—"Cinderella," "Sleeping Beauty," "Jack the Giant Killer" and "Babe in the Wood."—New York World.