

toward such a conference was made in the English House of Commons. The news of peace negotiations between Japan and China, to carry a large indemnity in silver, also had propelling force. A good deal of silver is now under lock.

It will come out fast enough when speculators believe that the advance is over.

"I cannot see in the movement," Mr. Colgate said, "much beyond the speculative feature. The talk of bimetallic action by Germany and England seems to have subsided. If it is to be revived, it must be done by those countries. A debtor country like the United States cannot lead in such a movement. We have had silver trouble enough without inviting others.

"In regard to an indemnity to be paid by China, it has seemed to me that gold might be demanded. The dispatches speak more of silver, but Japan is earning a reputation as a country of advanced ideas, and it may be that the talk there of putting the finances on a gold basis may be emphasized in the demands on China. I am inclined to look on the present movement as speculative.

A gentleman who is thoroughly familiar with the market for silver bullion, but who declined to allow the use of his name, talked upon the causes that had led to the recent advance in the price of silver. He said:

"In order to thoroughly understand this matter, it is necessary to go as far back as 1886. At that time the Sherman silver bill was in force, and silver had gone up to 1.20 or thereabout. From that until this it has fallen with a few slight fluctuations, steadily until, in June, 1892 it touched 63. The decline in the price was brought about by the repeal of the Sherman silver bill, and the more recent action of the British government in repealing the law permitting free silver coinage in India.

"Of course many reasons can be assigned to account for the advance in prices, but it is probably as largely due to speculation as to other causes. When war was declared between China and Japan, up went the price of silver, because the silver men argued and believed that the munitions of war must be paid in silver, since both China and Japan are silver countries. It looks as if it were being put up now on talk of peace between China and Japan and the former country paying to the latter country a large indemnity.

BANGOR, Maine, April 2.—Near Vest, four miles from here, this morning, the Aroostook express, which left here at 6:40, and a Pullman train from St. John, due here at 8 o'clock, collided. Fireman Clyde, of the express, is reported killed with several others. The Pullman was late.

BUDA PESTH, April 2.—An attempt was made last night to blow up the monument erected to the memory of the Austrian General Hentzi and the 1,418 soldiers who fell in defending the fortress against the Hungarians in 1849. The monument, which stands on George Platz, is a Gothic column in bronze, sixty-six feet high, rising over a group of dying heroes crowned by victory.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The President has pardoned John Hopkins, sentenced in Utah to three months' in

jail and \$300 fine for unlawful cohabitation. The sentence has expired and the pardon is granted to restore citizenship.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The argument on the application for the removal to Washington of the case of Charles A. Dana and Wm. M. Laffan was to have been heard today by Judge Brown in the United States district court. Both Dana and Laffan are under indictment for criminal libel against Frank B. Noyes, of the Washington *Evening Star*. The hearing by consent of counsel on both sides was adjourned until next Friday.

NEWS NOTES.

A ranchman named Kilgore, of Fremont county, Wyo., has been missing for some time and his neighbors think that he must have been frozen while looking after his cattle.

Growing wheat throughout Sonora, remarks the *Arizona Prospector*, is in excellent condition, and there is no frost this month and the next, the harvest will be abundant.

James Lawson, who but a few short months ago was regarded as an influential farmer in the foothills of Madera county, Cal., but later acquired an unenviable reputation as a murderer and desperate jail-breaker, has been captured near San Francisco.

A reward of \$4,100 is offered for the arrest and conviction, or for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who killed Harvey Booth at his stable in Evanston, Wyo., on the evening of Saturday, January 28.

John T. Murphy, an expressman committed suicide at San Francisco on Monday. Several days before, Murphy, while urining along the water front, was thrown from his wagon and seriously injured. Since then he had been despondent, and on several occasions threatened to kill himself.

Up in Spokane county, Wash., the farmers kill ground squirrels with giant powder, says an exchange. They do not use it to blow them up, but soak a little of the powder in kerosene, wrap it in paper, put it in the holes and set fire to it. The gases generated penetrate to the utmost limit of the recesses and scoop everything they reach.

On Sunday night Harry Easom, of San Francisco, aged 20, and Mary Hinkley, of Ben Lomond, aged 17, were married in a boat on the bay three miles from the shore at Santa Cruz. They walked from Ben Lomond, some fifteen miles distant, to the city. Parental objection caused them to be married on the bay.

The recent fabulous gold strikes near Jerome, says the Prescott, Arizona *Courier*, are located two miles southeast of that camp, on Blowout creek. Ore has been brought in from Hon. G. W. Hull's claim that assays \$25,000 gold per ton; from Brooks & Reu's claims which assays \$20,000 per ton, and from Jean Anison's claim which assays \$15,000 per ton.

As shearing begins at Millford on the 1st, says the Beaver *Utontan*, sheepmen and sheep shearers will begin to flock in pretty lively ere long. It is estimated that 200,000 sheep will be shorn at this point this season. The R. B. company have enlarged their

corrals and everything is now in readiness. Beaver men have also built corrals and will solicit a portion of the sheepmen's patronage.

The Santa Fe artesian well at La Junta, Colo., is stated to be a pronounced success. At a depth of 417 feet a large vein was struck in coarse gravel. The natural flow forced the water out of the top measured thirty-four gallons per minute and with a pump it is estimated that 100 gallons or more per minute can be secured. The company will sink another well for emergency cases at once. The water is described as being very soft and as clear as crystal.

Mountain Home (Idaho) Republican: George Hall will set out about 2,500 more peach trees this spring on his Snake river ranch, making 5,000 in all. He will set out a number of trees of a new variety that has recently been introduced in the east and is said to be an excellent peach. Mr. Hall next year intends to put out several thousand more trees, which will probably make his the largest peach orchard in the state. His old trees have wintered well and the prospects are good for another abundant crop this year.

Helena (Mont.) Independent: The fourteenth annual report of the Hecla Consolidated Mining company of Glendale has just been received. This company is one of the best known and best paying companies in this great state crowded full of mines. For the year 1894 its gross receipts amounted to \$446,769.13; it paid out for labor and all other expenses \$290,596.35, leaving a net cash profit for the year of \$156,172.78. On December 31, 1893, the cash surplus was \$106,389.06, which plus the net cash profit of 1894 is \$162,511.84; deducting from this the eight dividends aggregating \$120,000 paid in 1894, leaves a net cash surplus December 31, 1894, of \$142,511.84.

On Tuesday of last week J. J. Gibson, who lives in Eden valley, Cal., left the house before breakfast for the purpose of working in a saddle horse. He took with him a rope and was accompanied by two shepherd dogs. About 250 yards from his residence he encountered the trail of an enormous panther. He put the dogs on the trail and they followed it for about three miles, succeeding in tracking the panther. Gibson tied the two dogs to the trunk of the tree up which the panther had climbed and returned to his home for his rifle. Returning he succeeded in killing the animal, which measured nine feet six inches from tip to tip. It was one of the largest ever killed in Ukiah county. Panthers and bears are now very numerous there.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 3.—Governor Stone today issued a call for a special session of the legislature, to meet on April 23, to enact legislation to properly define the relations between the different classes of employees of railroad corporations and the proper relations between all such employees and the corporations employing them; to provide such legislative enactments as necessary and expedient to prevent a maintenance of an organized lobby at the capitol of the state; and to enact such laws as may be necessary and expedient to prevent fraud against the elective franchise and secure an honest election in all cities having 100,000 inhabitants.