

to ruin the girl, but he intended to marry her at once. Gauthier says he had previously attempted to elope with Myrtle, but that her stern papa had always been able to intercept him.

It is reported that the Union Pacific will open a company store in Rawlins, Wyoming, to "accommodate" new men arriving almost every day to take the places of discharged strikers. About eighty men are now at work there, where formerly the company employed nearly 200. It is reported that the company intends boycotting all merchants who displayed active sympathy with the strikers and this is the main reason for establishing a company store.

Says the Pueblo (Colo.) Press: With the mines of the state closed down; with investment at an end; with developments lagging; with machinery rusting; with furnaces cold; with railroad resources but half employed; with new mining territory of rich promise untouched; with all the possibilities of the state touched as with a blight; with thousands of every occupation unemployed; with wages reduced to a minimum; have either the manufacturers, employers or employees been benefited by Populist rule?

Ernest, the six-year-old son of Will B. Ronaldson, manager of the carpet department of the fair at Denver, was severely burned at his home, 2144 Franklin street on Wednesday evening. The little fellow was playing with some matches and set fire to his clothing. Mrs. Ronaldson attempted to extinguish the flames with cloths and pillows and was severely burned about the hands and arms. The child was placed under the care of a physician, who pronounced the burns severe, but not serious.

Theodore Gathe, a Holyoke ranchman, on Monday, reported to the Denver police a strange case or disappearance. Gathe and H. H. Clausen left Holyoke together on Thursday last. When they arrived at Brighton they separated, agreeing to meet Friday night at Riverside cemetery. Clausen drove an ordinary farm team and had on his person when he left Holyoke about \$80 in money. Gathe went to Riverside at the appointed time but could not find his companion. He inquired at several farm houses in the vicinity and learned that Clausen had been seen in the company of another man. A few miles north of Riverside all trace was lost and Gathe fears that his companion has met with foul play.

Another big find is reported in the Castle mountains, Montana, says the Rocky Mountain *Husbandman*. Almon Spencer, who had a force of men at work grading a wagon road to the timber in order to get fencing, firewood and building timber for the big ranch belonging to the firm, uncovered a blind lead 100 feet in width between well defined walls. This lead shows twelve feet of mineralized talc, plenty of liver colored rock and other favorable indications. He brought in specimens here last week and sent them to M. Davis at Nehart to be assayed. This big lead is situated on the western slope of the mountains, and we look forward to it with full confidence of its proving a great ore producer.

The Caldwell (Idaho) *Argus* states that affairs are in a disgraceful condi-

tion in Shoshone county. Murder, riot and anarchy reign unmolested. The grand jury called to investigate the killing of Kneebone, the Gem blacksmith, admits that the conditions of the country are such that no one will testify against murderers for fear of their lives. Troops guard all trains coming and going. Good citizens are compelled to flee from the country. Business is virtually at a standstill. Such things, remarks the *Argus*, should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every good citizen. The lawlessness must cease. It is the plain duty of Governor McCongell to crush it out, root and branch.

That good fortune is frequently forced upon men in spite of their own efforts, says the Cheyenne *Sun*, is proven in the case of two Union Pacific firemen who wanted to strike but could not. They were the two youngest men on the regular list, and when the strike was declared one found himself tied up at Ogden and the other at Milford. No opportunity was offered either to refuse to go out, and each cursed his luck that he could not get a chance to strike. Each finally arrived in Salt Lake, and, finding the strike over, reported for duty and was advanced to the top of the list. The strike in which they were so anxious to participate and which had they been able to do as they desired would have lost them everything, was the means of placing these two men next in the line of advancement as engineers.

Says the Denver *News*: A sad scene was the other day enacted in the home of E. F. Parker at Vine street. All of the furniture in the house was taken to satisfy a chattel mortgage of \$100 upon which \$8 interest was due. A *News* reporter visited the house at 9 o'clock at night. The rooms had been stripped bare. In a corner lay Mrs. Parker on a bed made on the floor with a mattress and a few old coverings, violently ill with nervous prostration. Across from her on a bed of old clothes lay a sleeping babe, while a little golden-haired daughter, scarcely 5 years of age, was administering to the wants of her sick mother. The father and older son sat on an improvised stool, seemingly too disconsolate to move. Not even a chair was left. The only article of furniture visible was an old pine table on which was a half a loaf of bread and a few dishes.

In a short time Custer county, Idaho, will be producing copper bullion, says the Boise, Idaho, *Daily Statesman*. W. A. Clark, the great Montana mining man, has secured 51 per cent of the stock of the Idaho Copper company, whose property is located near Huston, on Lost river, Frank Brown controlling the remainder and continuing as superintendent of the property. A 40-ton smelter will be running in about 30 days, and if the results are as anticipated a great plant will be put in. The company has given orders for transportation of coke and is making every preparation for a run. This copper vein is 65 feet wide and is known as the Big Copper. There is said to be enough good ore in sight to run a 40-ton smelter two years. A shaft is to be sunk on the vein at once to the depth of 300 feet. In addition a tunnel will be started on the other side of the hill following the vein in. This tunnel will be 3,000 feet long

and will open the vein at great depth. The ore carries from \$8 to \$10 in silver per ton and some gold.

Edward Johnson of San Francisco, lies on a cot in the city receiving hospital at Los Angeles, with his head half cut off and still he is alive and has the novel experience of doing his breathing through a silver tube. Johnson started from San Francisco Sunday for Phoenix, Ariz., Saturday morning when the train reached Newhall, a passenger noticed blood trickling from under the door of the car closet. Conductor Dowing broke open the door and there was Johnson cuddled up on the floor with a razor in one hand and his throat cut. The wound was a large one, the razor just missing the jugular vein on either side. On arriving at Los Angeles Johnson was at once attended by surgeons, who inserted a silver tube so that he could breathe and then sewed up the wound. Johnson has one chance in ten thousand of recovering.

The official investigation which the government has been conducting into the affairs of the postoffice department of the City of Mexico and other parts of the republic is reported to have revealed a startling condition of affairs, and there will be a wholesale weeding out of the dishonest employees in the service in different parts of Mexico. It has been shown that the local postoffice has been systematically robbed of sums of money in the aggregate amount of over \$100,000. The shortage of the postmaster, Manuel Nava, amounts to over \$50,000, and that of the cashier of the office to about \$14,000. Six employees of the city postal bureau have also been arrested, investigation showing that their shortage amounts to a considerable sum, but the exact amount has not been made public. The investigation is being extended to all parts of the republic, with the result already that big shortages have been discovered in no less than three of the large postoffices outside of the city. Postmaster Nava is still a fugitive from justice.

The well-known circle on the pasture lands about six miles east of Helena, Mont., says the *Independent*, near the old overland stage road, and which has been a curiosity and a source of speculation for years, is identical with the fairy rings so common in some parts of England. There were formerly two of these rings, but one has entirely disappeared within the last few years. The remaining one is about 200 feet in diameter and forms a perfect circle. The part forming the circle is about two yards wide and quite destitute of vegetation. Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of these rings. Some say that it is the result of lightning; others that a herd of buffalo, pursued by wolves, stepped and forced themselves into a circle as a means of defending their young and thus tramped out the grass. These rings have attracted the attention of scientific men, and recent investigations have shown they are the result of the centrifugal development of certain kinds of fungi, among which is the common mushroom, which shows a tendency to grow in this manner. The spot where it has grown is unfitted for its continued nourishment and the spawn extends outward to new soil, forming the circle.