

## EDITORIALS.

**ALASKA AGRICULTURALLY.**—Special Agent Elliot, appointed by the Government to visit, investigate, and report upon the nature and capabilities of Alaska, says of it agriculturally—

"There are more acres of better land now lying a wilderness and jungle in sight of the car windows of the Pennsylvania Railroad while crossing the Alleghanies than can be found in all Alaska.

**BOSTON, 9.**—During the past week there has been a fair amount of business done in domestic wool, sales having reached 1,231,300 pounds. The market is very firm for all kinds, sales being very equally divided between fleeces, pulled and California. Holders are firm and confident, and prices have not changed from last week. There is evidence of a firmer feeling. Considerable of the fleece wool on hand is still held under limits, and will not be offered at present, unless buyers make up their mind to pay 60 cents per pound for choice XX Ohio and Penna. Average lots of XX are still selling at 55, and choice XX and No. 1 have been sold at 56 @ 58. The sales of the week, including 170,000 lbs., mostly range of from 55 @ 57. Michigan and Wisconsin fleeces continue to be inquired for, and have been sold at a range of from 49 @ 52½. There is very little fleece wool of any kind to be had under 50, and the best lots of Michigan are held at 52 @ 53. Combing and delaine fleeces continue to be in demand, the sales of the week comprising 151,000 lbs., at a range of from 52½ @ 62, as to quality and condition, most of the sales having been made at a range of from 57 @ 62. Pulled wools are selling more freely and prices are steady and firm. Manufacturers have taken 293,000 pounds during the week, mostly from 45 @ 52½. Some small choice lots of Maine supers sold at 56½ @ 57. Cheap lots of western pulled are now more difficult to find. California fall has been selling more freely, but in spring very little has been done. Sales of fall have been upwards of 200,000 lbs, from 19 @ 29 as to quality, good average lots selling at 23 @ 25. Anything that commands an advance on these figures must be very choice. The only sales of spring California have been 28,500 lbs, at 31 @ 32.

**LIVINGSTONE'S RECORD.**—The London Standard says that Dr. Livingstone's diaries have been successfully deciphered and that in the record of seven years of continuous explorations "no break whatever occurs." The diaries and letters brought home by Stanley are largely supplemented, and the more scientific details are carefully filled in. A complete and continuous record of the Doctor's career for the last seven years is presented to the public in an intelligible and interesting form. The work now in course of publication "contains simply the personal narrative of the last seven years of the greatest African explorer the world has ever known," with a separate volume or volumes of geographical, meteorological, barometrical, and hypsometrical observations which he regularly made.

**A DIVIDED COURT.**—The Supreme Court of the State of Maine is considerably divided on the woman question, and particularly as to whether she can become a justice of the peace. The Portland, (Me.) Argus says—

"The division of the supreme bench of Maine, on the question whether a woman can be a justice of the peace, has occasioned considerable comment on all hands. There is rather a curious coincidence in regard to the manner in which the judges are divided on the question. The five who say that a change is necessary are now living with their first wives; the two who say that no constitutional change, but a new statute, is necessary, are living with their second wives; and the one who says that no change

whatever is needed, either in constitution or statutes, is living with his third wife."

**ARTESIAN WELLS IN ARIZONA.**—A bill has been introduced in the Arizona House of Representatives, to encourage the sinking of artesian wells. The bill proposes to give a bonus of \$50,000 (?) and allow wells to be made near running water instead of ten miles distant as in a former bill.

**THE SAW MILL INDICTMENTS.**—There is a great deal of excitement in Southern Colorado in consequence of the war the revenue authorities are waging on the pioneers of the country, under pretext of zeal for the rights of the government. It is pretended that the settler of the Rocky Mountains and valleys cannot use a stick of timber off the government lands without exposing himself to the liability of a fine therefor. If this is so, there is not a miner in the mountains, nor a farmer in the valleys, nor a house builder in town or city but is guilty. It is but a short time since every farm was fenced, every city built, every mine cribbed, and every kitchen fire supplied with wood taken from government lands; and it is very much so yet. In allowing the mines to be claimed and worked under United States laws, there is a tacit consent that wood may be used. And yet wood choppers and wood haulers, working to supply gold mills with fuel have been prosecuted for doing that which is absolutely indispensable to the production of bullion—an industry which it is pretended the United States desires to encourage.

It is vain to pretend that the raid on saw mill men is in the interest of law or justice. The U. S. District Attorney gets \$25 for drawing an indictment. If he can get off a couple of hundred of them at one term of the U. S. Court, it nets him the snug little sum of \$5,000. He came to Colorado an adventurer, to make money, and he is bound to do it. The spirit of the Pueblo papers, in defence of the rights of the settlers, is most noble. —Boulder (Co.) News.

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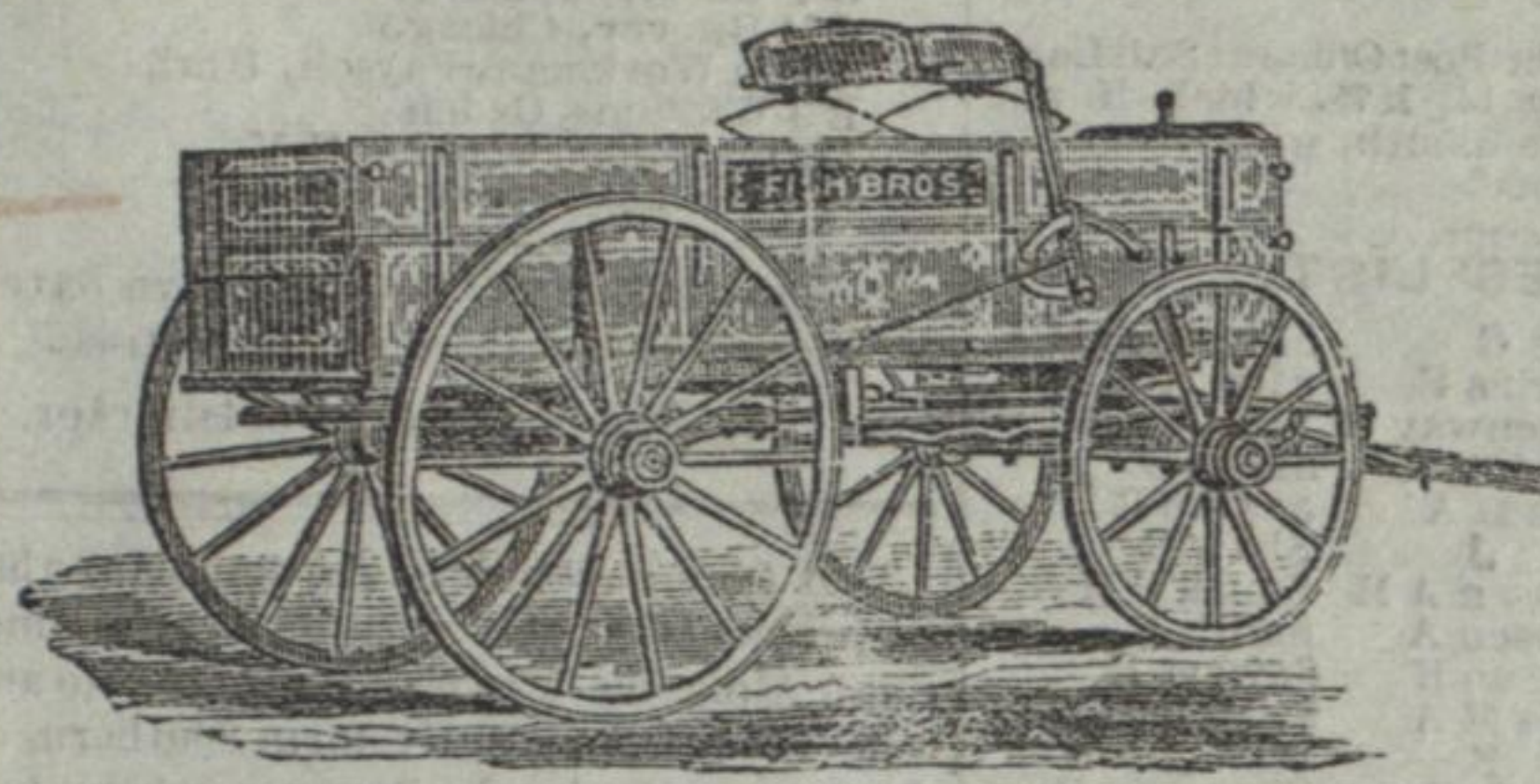
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