

Arizona \$910,174 and Utah \$487,666. Alabama stands lowest in gold product with \$2539 and Arizona next lowest with \$4100.

The total value of mining plant is put at \$465,960,568. In addition to this must be given the value of mills and reduction works, which are estimated at \$20,362,772. This makes a total of over \$486,000,000. The expenditures during the year, including wages, value of supplier, etc., were \$63,500,000.

The Census Office received the names of 100,000 mining claims, or locations, but it limited its investigations relating to wages to producing mines, to mines in operation but not producing, and to mines temporarily suspended. This process of exclusion reduced the number to about 10,000, but only reports were received from 6,000 pertaining to production and labor statistics. Of these 1,266 were reported idle, 1009 working but producing no bullion, 1408 producing from \$1000 to \$10,000, 1610 less than \$1000 and 437 from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Only twenty-eight were reported as producing over \$500,000 each, and forty-four as producing for \$250,000 to \$500,000.

In the production of the precious metals there were 57,635 persons employed. The average wages was \$749 a year, and the average output per man was \$1722 a year. There were employed under ground 29,222 miners, averaging a wage per day of \$3.07, and 283 days per year. Mechanics average 246 days and \$967 per year. They rank highest in the wage scale.

It is difficult to collect accurate statistics regarding the production of gold. It is brought out generally in small quantities and by separate miners scattered over a wide field, who, for many reasons, are reluctant about giving truthful reports. From large mines, however, accurate and intelligible information can always be received, but the data thus obtained form no guide to the conditions affecting small mines. The census office, it must be admitted, has done exceedingly well.

DISRESPECT OF THE AGED.

ON SUNDAY, July 19th, the Rev. F. W. Davis preached a sermon on old age, at the Church of the Redeemer in New York City. He alluded to the general disrespect entertained for aged people all through the United States, and said it seemed as if there was no place in our civilization for the aged. "Truly" said he, "the crime of this century is the almost universal neglect of the aged."

The reverend gentleman held that it was a religious duty to pay due respect to the aged, and never

to make an old man or woman feel that they were an incumbrance.

The New York Recorder took up this matter and made special inquiries into the condition of aged people in New York City. Thousands of old people are found to be unhappy, not because of absolute want, but for want of congenial occupation. At every turn they are made to feel that they are unfit for this busy world.

Modern business is a contest between vast corporations. Competition is so close that like the field of battle, the aged have no place in the active warfare. And yet in all large establishments there are places in which age can be utilized, but the employer is a busy man. He does not take time to think. In his haste increasing years in an employe appears a crime.

The Recorder tells about an advertisement which appeared a few days ago, calling for three aged men to perform light work. Over 200 persons were present at the gate of the establishment before it was opened, all in reply to the advertisement. They were aged, but many were strong and vigorous. George H. Gaylor was singled out by a reporter and a history of his life obtained. He was born in Memphis, Tenn. At one time he was at the head of a prosperous business there. He fell into difficulties, and finally strayed to New York. He was searching for employment during the past two years, but owing to his age employers invariably evaded him, or told him bluntly that he was too old. He had some means, but on the day mentioned only thirty-five cents remained. The old man said when that was gone he would go also. Subsequent inquiries made by the reporter revealed the fact that the old man disappeared next day. His acquaintances said he talked of suicide.

Another man was there in answer to that advertisement, named Thiers, aged 71. The London Times of November 7, 1872, contains a sketch of Thiers, who is spoken of as the inventor of the automatic process for ventilating ships as now used in the British navy. This man is now friendless and penniless. He is hopeful, but feels that there is no place for him in this busy world.

Another old man named McBray engaged the reporter's attention. He was at one time a bank cashier, and later president of the first railroad extending from Chattanooga to Harrisburgh, Ky. The Kentucky Biographical Encyclopedia has a sketch of McBray's early life. He lost his means in unlucky business ventures. His habits are good. He knows that he would be competent to

fill many positions, but when he applies he is told that he is too old. His daughter finds him with food and shelter, but he is made to feel that as an old man he is an obstruction.

This condition of affairs is a sad satire on our boasted Christianity and vaunted civilization. Disrespect and inattention to the aged are degrading to any nation or a people. The Recorder admits that the greatest crime of modern times is the almost universal neglect of the aged. Compare the condition of the old people in Utah with that pictured above. Anybody who has been present at the Old Folks' picnic given annually by the citizens of Utah to persons over 70 may judge as to the spirit of "Mormonism," for Old Folks' day is a "Mormon" institution.

Utah is the only part of our Republic where gray hairs are thus honored, and silvery beards are made symbols of respect and veneration.

"LIBERAL" HYPOCRISY.

THE "Liberal" Boss offers a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of illegal voting on Monday. That is what is vulgarly denominated a "bluff." If "Liberals" should be arrested for illegal voting—it is not at all unlikely that many will be—how much of the "Liberal" corruption fund will be used to prevent their conviction? If the "Liberal" Boss chooses to tell, could he not inform the public how much it cost, the "Liberal" fund to defend "Liberals" guilty of "flim-flamming" at previous elections? Also how much it cost to prevent the indictment and conviction of "Liberals" accused of illegal voting at those elections? The smug hypocrisy of the Michigan wire-puller with a printed history is funnier than the broadest farce ever put upon the stage, and sicker than the most snuffing cant ever seen in the pulpit.

THE "LIBERAL" WOULD-BE LEGISLATOR.

THE publication, in the Salt Lake Herald, of an indictment against Harry Haines, the "Liberal" candidate for Councilor from the Seventh Legislative District, and its private smothering on his paying up his shortages, is a veritable bombshell in the "Liberal" camp. A copy of the indictment will be found in another part of this paper.

The question arises, how was this indictment, or these indictments—for it appears there were two—effectually covered up so as to avoid a trial, without any public action in court? It seems that the present candidate for