Washington Intelligence.

It has always been the policy of the republican party to make every dollar of our money as good as any other dollar, and to pay all government obligations in the best money. The party stood firmly by that policy when the greenback craze was sweeping over the country; President McKinley's last republican predecessor, Hon. Benjamin Harrison, reiterated that idea upon several occasions during his term, and the St. Louis platform, upon which President McKinley was elected, spoke in no uncertain language on the same subject. Therefore no one was surprised, although some of the silver men pretended to be, when President McKinley said: "Whatever may be the language of the contract, the United States will discharge all its obligations in the currency recognized as the best throughout the civilized world at the times of payment." It would have been surprising had he said anything else. No living man is a stronger advocate of the unlimited use of both silver and gold as money metals, provided that it can be brought about by the consent of a sufficient number of the nations which control the world's commerce to prevent the silver becoming a depreciated currency, than President McKinley, but he has the same horror of a nation trying to pay its just obligations in a depreciated currency that every honest man would have of a solvent business concern which sought to scale its indebtedness.

No distinguished visitor who ever came to Washington made a better impression in a short time than has President Dole, of Hawaii, at present the Honored guest of the U. S. A weak and vain man in President Dole's position would have had his head turned by the proffered official lionizing, which he has had the good sense to decline. Before arriving at Washington, Mr. Dole made it clearly understood that such things as military salutes and escorts were distasteful to him, and that all he desired was to be treated with the same courtesy that would be extended to any other gentleman visiting our country. He received the President and ex-President Harrison and many Senators and Representatives who have called on him, with a quiet dignity that at once won for him their respect, which has been enhanced by the general knowledge he has displayed in conversing with them. This week President McKinley will give a state dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dole, and the two Presidents and their wives will hold a joint reception at the White House. Present indications are that it will be sometime before the annexation treaty is voted on by the Senate.

Exciting Kansas.

William Allen White tells the story of a Kansas man who left the state, but soon returned to it because he missed the excitement. "Why, man," said White, "what do you mean? What excitement can there be in living where there isn't a piece if vegetation higher than a sunflower and where human beings are as few as summer showers?" "Well, you see, it's like this," he replied. "You put in a crop, and from the moment the seed's in the ground until the last day of harvest it's a gamble whether or not you get a full crop or barely enough to feed a mule. The sustained excitement amounts to what you would get out of a four months' poker game in which you had stake everything. Oh, there's plenty of excitement about it, and I've become so accustomed to that feature of it that I'm lost without it." The far er was a Greek-letter fraternity man, and ludicrous as it may seem, he unquestionably spoke with the utmost seriousness.—New York *Tribune.*

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by H. Roberts, Druggist.

HOBART ON THE GROUND HOG.

De Groun'hog rub his eyes
An' woke—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!
He grab his pipe to took
A smoke—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!
He brush his wooly head awhile;
He cul'ivvate a happy smile;
An' den he walk eroun' a while—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!

Mistah Groun'hog brush his clo'es;
Mistah Groun'hog smile and say:
"I recken I mus' go an'
Look at de sun
To see do my shadder lay!"

De Groun'hog strolin' down
De road—
Good mawnin'! How d' do.
De spruce trees rollin' wif
Dare load—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!
De ribbers friz up in dare bed;
De snow bird perk his li'l head;
De rabbits squeakin' to be fed—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!

Mistah Groun'hog look aroun';
Mistah Groun'hog smile and say:
"I reckon it am time fo'
To look at de sky,
'Cause I ain't got long to stay!"

De Groun'hog brush his specs
An' smile—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!
An' den he rub his eyes
Er while—
Good mawnin'! How d' do!
Den he raise his head up to de sky,
An' slowly wink his othah eye—
Did he see de sun!—let him reply!
Good mawnin'! How d' do!

Mistah Groun'hog blink an' wink;
Mistah Groun'hog smile an' say;
"Dar'll be er lot ob climate
'Roun' hyar purty soon,
Ef dis weather doan' go erway!"

Balto. News.

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BEWARE OF KLONDIKE!

A Serious Statement That Gold Hunters Should Ponder.

From the Baltimore Sun.

In a few weeks the tide of adventurous travel, which has been held partially in check for several months by the barriers of ice and snow, will begin to flow again toward the golden regions of the Klondike, and we shall probably witness such a rush toward Dawson City and the adjacent territory from this and other countries as will surpass even the great migrations to California in 1849. Many thousands of men, and not a few women, have been busily making their preparations ever since last fall to move on the Klondike at the earliest opportunity, and it is likely there is hardly a village or rural community in the country which will not contribute its quota of fortune-hunters to the grand army which will soon be heading in the direction of the Alaskan mines.

On the great majority of those who have made up their minds to go, words of advice and warning will be wasted. The hunger for gold sometimes begets a sort of madness that cares nothing for reason or facts. Nevertheless, in view of the near approach of the season when it will be feasible to reach the Klondike, it may be well to point out once more the necessity for thorough preparation for the enterprise. Even those who have been systematically arranging for the journey and for life in the arctic have a hard road to travel to reach the land of gold, and a trying ordeal to pass through after they have reached it. Those who set out imperfectly equipped and trusting largely to luck will have cause to regret bitterly their temerity. On this point there are no dissenting opinions. All the witnesses testify to the same effect. Comparatively few of those who go will make their fortunes. The great majority will return sadder and poorer men. We hear of all the cases in which great "finds" have been made, but the far more numerous cases of failure and disappointment are not recorded. Luck may count for something in the early days of new gold diggings, but with such a crowd of eager and seasoned prospectors and miners as have been on the ground for many months chance will play but little part in the future. Newcomers will have to enter the lists against experienced rivals, and if they are to succeed, must go prepared to make a systematic and intelligent study of the situation and to remain long enough to develop its possibilities. There is unquestionably money and big money in the Klondike for somebody, but not for everybody. As a rule. the same qualities which bring success elsewhere will be necessary to success there.

Gold mining is no child's play under the most favorable conditions, and in the Klondike nature has jealously surrounded her treasure with safeguards of every character. Joaquin Miller's letter in Monday's *Sun* graphically describes some of the hardships incident to life in that region, and while the brief summer brings relief from the intense cold, it possesses other discomforts which are said to be almost as bad. Persons who go to the Klondike half provided with necessary clothing or equipment, or without money to procure such things as they may have overlooked, will find the experience almost unendurable and will have cause to bewail the cause of their reckless imprudence. It should be remembered, moreover, that according to the statements of recently returned Klondikers, there is little or no demand for more laborers at Dawson City, so that those going to the gold fields this spring cannot count upon high wages in the event of their failure to realize fortunes by mining their own claims. There is one thing that money cannot buy, which none of these adventurers can afford to go without. What that is was indicated in the closing paragraph of Joaquin Miller's letter. "A little time ago, when telling of three men being found dead in and about Dawson," he says, "I took occasion to say that a man not well assured of his vital forces might best serve himself and those dear to him by staying at home and attending to his affairs by his own fireside, for the strain here is terrible; terrible, not entirely on the body, but on the mind as well. I don't like to alarm anybody, and I always take the brightest view of situations, but it is a duty to say that I know some few men who will leave here wrecks, both in body and mind."

Persons of delicate constitutions and who, as Mr. Miller points out, are "not well assured of their vital forces," would do well to keep away from the Klondike, tempting as it may be. It is not the place for people of infirm health or weak organizations.

The Coming Woman

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BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Our Oxford Correspondent Makes Some Startling Revelations.

For the Gazette.

The element that is attracted here by scraping are the most degraded specimens of the human family. 'Tis fearful to contemplate the characters of the class of beings, cannot call them men, that flock here just previous to the opening of each scraping season to participate in the taking or catching oysters with scoops, scrapes or dredges in the waters of Talbot county, and while their conduct has always been of a most disgusting character, the better class of citizens tolerated the nuisance for the benefit of a few scraping captains who reside in our midst, under the impression that they were making a few dollars to lay by for future emergencies knowing it was only a matter of time before their grounds would be depleted. That time has arrived and they can no longer make a living on their own grounds and they now invade the tongers' grounds and have been for months in large numbers until they have gotten nearly all the tongers' oysters. They have impoverished themselves and their families and are making desperate and frantic efforts to reduce to absolute penury and want the families of the tongers who use small boats and cannot work in rough weather but can make comfortable livings if the small grounds legally set aside for them were not pillaged by a class of men worse than pirates. Only this a. m. one of the most notorious oyster thieves in our midst admitted he could not make a living on the scrapers grounds, hence the robbery of the tongers notwithstanding the fact the scrapers have more than twenty times as much oyster ground. The fact is they are impoverishing the town, property is decreasing in value, the bone and sinew labor, the foundation of all wealth, is vacating the town, and in proof we mention the unprecedented fact of no less than fifteen vacant houses with a strong probability of the number being largely increased at the end of the season.

Why are we compelled to admit such damaging facts? 'Tis simply the depletion of the oyster rocks by scraping. Show us a locality where scraping has been legalized twenty years and you will show us a bankrupt community. Upon the contrary a locality where only tonging is legalized and we will show you a happy and contented people, raising their children we believe in a majority of instances in the paths they should go and educating them to take their places among the better class of men and women of our land. They contribute liberally to the support of clergy and church and the earnings of their brawny arms don't cease just here. Without a hesitancy or a murmur they contribute largely to the school fund by paying a license fee to oyster, a part of which goes to pay for protection they are supposed to get. If the captain of the local boat does not intend to stop violations because he was backed by men who wanted to keep him in position until his time expires, what conclusions are we to arrive at in face of such conditions? Does it indicate a fair and impartial consideration of the charges of those aggrieved, said charges being fully and amply sustained? We think not, upon the contrary it clearly demonstrates an utter disregard for justice, and extends a helping hand to wreckers of pleasant, peaceful and comfortable homes and the precipitation of extreme poverty and want upon helpless mothers and children. This is a sad picture but let us say to those who are not familiar with the real facts it is not overdrawn.

Then we appeal to you in the name of justice, in behalf of our wives and children, lend us a helping hand by signing our petition in such numbers for closing the waters of Talbot county against scraping as our representatives cannot ignore. Then we will in three or four years have a Klondike at the bottom of our waters that will place the glow of comfort and plenty upon the countenances of thousands that are to-day downcast and forlorn. In conclusion let us again assure the public that the cause of our appeal for help is not misstated, but real facts only too true and too sad.

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Meridian Lines.

Prof. William B. Clark, State geologist, says that meridian lines have been established at the county seats in Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Queen Anne's, Kent, Harford, Baltimore, Frederick, Allegany, Garrett and Charles. These meridian lines will serve as a guide in land surveys, and Professor Clark hopes to have them established at the county seat of every county in the State at no distant day.

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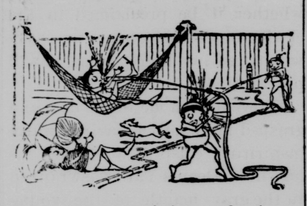
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