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This Date In History-Jan. 21. 1568-Miles Coverdale, translator of the Eible

1743-John Fitch, inventor of the steamboat, born in Windsor, Conn.; died 1788. Fitch was originally a brass founder and silversmith. His experiments in applying steam power to navigation extended from 1785 to 1790. In the last named year he placed a boat upon the Delaware river which made seven miles an hour. His enterprises yielded no profit, and he died in poverty.

1813-John Charles Fremont, soldier, senator and explorer, born in Savannah; died 1800. 1821-John Cabell Breckinridge, scnator, vice president and soldier, born; died in 1875. 1824—Thomas Jonathan Jackson, "Stonewall, bern in Clarksburg, W. Va.; died 1863. 1888-Walter M. Gibson, ex-premier of the

Sandwich Islands and adventurer in the Pacific, died at San Francisco; born 1823. 1896-General Thomas Ewing, a Federal veteran of the war, died in New York city.

The weather of the last four days has covered a large range of variety, and illustrated the characteristics of all the seasons of the year, agreeable and otherwise.

To think of the possibility of Col. V. S. Lusk becoming receiver of Judge Dick's abandoned shoes stirs the imagination. The prospect, however ,does not appear to be serious enough to be alarming.

The republicans in the house evidently think that the Cuban question can not remain open until November, as even if some violent break may not occur, Spain silver reached 67.06 cents an ounce, but in has neither the money nor the men to tide August of last year it dropped to 54 cents. over the next rainy season.

Governor Bob Taylor made a poor start in the senatorial race in Tennessee, but it is expected when he has time to tune his fiddle he will bring harmony among the factions. Bets are freely offered that he will get the place.

Charles A. Dana's "Reminiscences of Men and Events of the Civil War," in the February McClure's, will give Mr. Dana's impression of Rosecrans, Thomas and Garfield as he saw them socially, and in countill and in fight, at times of the battle of Chickamauga. It will also give the inner history of Thomas' displacement of Rose-

If "Pluto" will ask us an easier question we'll try to answer it. We do not know why electric street lamps are not lighted on "black" nights. He should ask the board of aldermen. We doubt if he can collect damages of the city for running into a telegraph pole on North Main street. If the telegraph pole was not fractured the matter can have little but a personal interest. The proposal of an ordinance compelling every citizen to wear a bieyele a matter for the city fathers to pass upon.

The good roads agitation is having its effect in many parts of the south. In South Carolina the Good Roads association held a meeting a few days ago attended by was credited with possessing \$20,000,000 delegates from all parts of the state. The Columbia State says of this meeting: "The desire for the betterment of the public addition of nearly every millionaire whose highways has evidently taken deep root and is growing and spreading. None can twenty years. now doubt the success of the agitation. It will take years to accomplish the legisla- Japan is building coiton factories. She tion sought by road reformers, but the is patterning after England in more ways gains from this time forward will be than one. Says the New Orleans Picayone steady and constant. The moderate and "It is announced that the British steamer sensible requests of the association to the Indrani has been chartered to foad 2,000 general assembly will, we are sure, have bales of cotton and a quantity of pig from favorable consideration." A movement of at Mobile, and afterwards to come here and

ties of the state annually to work perma- kohama and Higo, Japan." Heretofore day the roads leading out of this city, on and profitable trade, nearly all of which work was done last quires a very able-bodied horse to drag an ment to our progress.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

in Alaska has not been discovered. The interest to the narrative. story that it had been found appears to ing the present distribution of the working at those having curved sides." fields in the world. In its estimates the put it much higher. The world's product is put at \$241,000,

000, while the report of the director of the United States mint upon the same subject declares that the product "will reach, if it does not exceed, \$240,000,000," so that the two estimates are very close to each other regarding this interesting matter. This shows that the product of 1897 is \$29,000,-000 in excess of that of 1896. The four leading producers are now Australia and Russian Siberia. This country is credited with \$55,000,000 of the total, Transvaal with just about the same amount, Austra-Ha with \$50,000,000 and Russian Siberia with \$32,500,000. These four divisions produce considerably more than three-fourths of the entire yields of the world. Next to these four divisions come British India, with a production of \$7,000,000; with \$6,-800,000, and Canada, with about \$6,000,000, which is claimed to be a "rough estimate." From Central and South 'America, Europe and all Asia and lAfrica, after deducting the product of Transvaal, comes about \$30,-000,000 of the remainder.

The regions which have gained in the product of 1897 over that of the previous year are the United States, about \$3,000,-000; Canada (including the Klondike), a little over that amount, although this is said to be "largely guess-work"; Russian Siberia, \$1,500,000; India, something over \$1,000,000; Mexico approximately about the same: Australia, \$7,000,000, and the Transvaal nearly \$12,000,000. All other countries combined not enumerated gained less than \$1,000,000 over last year's output. The increased product of Transvaal is something marvelous, as the entire country has an area about equal to that of Texas, while 90 per cent. of her gold product is from the small portion known as the Witwatersrand.

In this country California, which has long been the banner gold-producing state in the Union, has had to yield first place to Colorado, the largest yield of the Cripple Creek region having been enough to force the state to the first place as a gold-pro-

In silver the product of this country is put at 56,117,000 fine ounces, which is a falling off of about 3,000,000 ounces from last year. There was a gain, however, of 6,000,000 ounces in the amount of silver produced from foreign ores and bullion Both Mexico and British Columbia increased their outputs of silver. In 1896 The value of silver mined in the United States last year was about \$33,000,000.

TOPICS OF TODAY.

Experiments with a view to raising cotton are to be made in the arid and semiarid regions of eastern Oregon and eastern Washington. Tobacco raising is also to be introduced east of the Cascade mountains and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says the agricultural products of Alaska may be made to exceed the mines of the Klondike

The Newburg Daily Register says: "Just watch the point on the horizon where the sun rises from morning to morning after about the 20th of January, and you will soon see a marked difference." The "marked difference" in the cases of most folk will be seen in their time of getting up. The best place to observe sunrise is gallery. Early to bed and early to rise makes a man stupid and have red eyes .-

Nobody put Senator Fair down for less than \$30,000,000 and the prevailing idea lamp, a bell and an automatic brake is also was that he was worth \$50,000,000. Yet the most diligent efforts of his executors result in finding only 7 cents above \$12,228, 998. Jay Gould was said to be worth \$125,-000,000 and as a matter of fact he had merely \$70,000,000. The late Mr. Pullman and he really had less than a third of that sum. The list might be enlarged by the estate has been inventoried in the last

this kind is much needed in North Saroli- fill out with 8,000 to 10,000 bales of cot-

na. Plenty of money is spent in the coun- ton. This cargo, will be delivered at Yonent improvements, but except in a few considerable cotton has gone from Texas counties-in Mecklenburg for instance- to Japan by rable to San Francisco, and this money is practically squandered in thence by steamer. This is a new deparwork that bears no permanent results. To- ture, the beginning, it is hoped, of a large

summer, are in desperate condition. It re- THE MYSTERY OF THE BLUE RIDGE. We have received from the publishers, empty wagon half a dozen miles through the Robert Lewis Weed Company, New the deep mud that covers them. Our had York, "The Blue Ridge Mystery," a novel roads are the greatest hindrances to the by Caroline Martin. The scene of the story development of Buncombe county, and the alternates between a little village in the need is very pressing for an intelligent ef- Blue Ridge region and Charleston, S. C. fort to be made to overcome this impedi- The time covered includes the civil war The plot is full of incident, and there are some pictures of mountaineer character and surroundings that are evidently drawn It seems that the "mother lode" of gold from life, and which give a certain local

Speaking of the Blue Ridge the author have been but a yarn sprung by a miner makes one of her characters say, "I have rate of 15 cents a week for whatever time to tickle the fancy of credulous listeners— never seen the Alps, but I believe I should among the crowds of fortune hunters who not enjoy the sight of them so much as are awaiting their turn to take steamer that of our own Blue Ridge. I should passage for the north at Seattle. But fancy the ruggedness of the Alps would that there are vast quantities of gold in the soon become forbidding. The Blue Ridge Klondike region-perhaps more than in any scenery is formed on softer lines and easier territory of the world yet discovered-is curves. Old men, simple-minded and free unquestioned, and that the development of from any conjured-up sentiment, who have the field next summer may yield some lived here from childhood, tell me they startling results seems more than likely, never tire of looking at these mountains. The very conservative Engineer and Min- Scientists say there is a physiological reaing Journal in its current issue contains son for this; the eye becomes fatigued in an estimate of the production of gold for looking for some time at geometrical figthe year 1897, that is interesting as show- ures brocaded by straight lines, but never

The book is handsomely printed and disturbing element is the Klondike region, bound in an artistic cover. The chief critwhich is put at only \$2,000,000, although icism to be made of the story is that the the reports circulated from that locality author's style is rather too much of a mixture of the sentimentality of Ouida and the commonplaceness of Mary Jane Hilmes.

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