

Rates Reasonable.

KEEP THE UPPER HAND.

Fear your burdens manfully, Whatsoever they be; Never let them over you Gain ascendancy.

ON SILVER MOUNTAIN.

By F. L. STEALEY.

Heavy snows had fallen that season, adding to the never-melted accumulations in the gulches that gashed the northern slope of Silver Mountain. Huge, unulating drifts, too, projected along the icy crest, threatening to break away, and start the annihilating avalanche.

From the dingy log'd ns below, the miners read these stout signs with experienced eyes. Stout hearts had those seekers for silver, but apprehension of the snow-slide could shake even them. But from two ice-chimneys, placed one above the other in a clump of giant pines well up on the mountain side, smoke still arose at the morning and evening, and from the ragged mouths of two tunnels that were being driven in the slope above, they came daily the silvery clink of hammer striking drill, intermitted by a muffled roar, as giant powder shattered the mountain's breast.

In the upper of these shanties lived Uncle Jimmy. To him, with his son, young Jimmy, in the lower, "old man Trail," with his son Sam. These were rival claimants to the same lead, to which old man Trail gave the significant name of "The Last Chance," and which Uncle Jimmy, in more cheerful spirit, called "The Blue Bird," harbinger of the spring of hope in the winter of his life.

Many were the complications involving intricate points of miners' law about this disputed claim, and which claimed had the right thereof no man could tell. The listener to Uncle Jimmy's wrongs would be firmly convinced that he must be right, until he heard old man Trail expatiate on the equity of "first discovery," marking each "pin" with a hard forefinger in a heavy palm, to the utter confusion of all present.

Each indignantly rejected all attempts at arbitration; and, as, fortunately for themselves, both were too poor for the expensive luxury of litigation, it only remained, as Uncle Jimmy declared, "to sit tight that until the other side gives up." Uncle Jimmy, with his round body and red face set in a casing of close-cut gray whisker, was one of the easiest-going of men, the energetic and determined air with which he made this declaration was indicative of a protracted "set" on the part of the Blue Bird.

As for old man Trail, one look in his cavernous eyes, as he ran his hand slowly over the tangled hairs of his beard, would suffice to show that there was as little value about him as about one of the granite crags that guarded the entrance to the Last Chance tunnel. Jimmy, who was, in fact, his father's own expression of "light completed," stood a clear ten inches above the head of his house; strong, too, of arm and shoulder from swing of hammer, and every whit as stout of heart.

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lying between the Roanoke and Monerrn rivers, embracing the three counties of Hertford, Northampton and Bertie.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Eastern and Middle States. SEVEN persons were injured by a collision on the Elevated Railroad in Brooklyn. A GREAT stringency in the money market has created considerable excitement in Wall Street, followed by quite a drop in prices of stocks.

PAYING PENSIONS.

THE METHODS ADOPTED BY SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES. Points of Interest From Commissioner Black's Annual Report.

The most original feature in the current annual report of Commissioner Black is its description of the pension systems of foreign countries. The facts for this purpose, however, are somewhat meagre.

RAILROAD DISASTERS.

Four accidents with fatal results on Monday, occurred on Monday. Two miles north of Duluth, Ia., two passenger trains collided on the curve, and the two engines and one train were instantly killed.

TEXAS TRAIN ROBBERS.

AN EXPRESS TRAIN STOPPED BY FOUR MEN. The Express and Mail Cars Riddled of their Valuables.

The east-bound Texas and Pacific train was robbed the other night near Brook, Texas, at the trestle over Mary's Creek, where the same train was robbed in June.

South and West.

A PART of a freight train broke loose near Colton, Idaho, and ran down a grade until it was stopped by a passenger train. Five persons were killed and eight cars completely demolished.

Washington.

GOVERNOR ROSS, of New Mexico, says in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior that the coal lands of that Territory during the past few years will result in a production of 20,000,000 tons.

Foreign.

KING WILLIAM has opened the States General, or Parliament of Holland. An advertised foot-race at Lilloo, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, on the 26th inst., attracted a large number of spectators.

Abducted Women.

Theodore Hornblower, of New Jersey, came within an ace of making a martyr of his young and lovely wife. The stern expression upon the judge's face relaxed as he looked upon the pleading face of the woman.

Beheaded by a Wheel.

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ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

CLAUS SPICKELS, the San Francisco sugar king, is said to be worth over thirty millions. JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG is collecting material for a history of the civil life of General Grant.

SEWING GIRLS TROUBLES.

How German Seamstresses Suffer from Great Competition. Consul Jos. Faltenbach, of Bremen, has transmitted to the Department of State, a translation of an official report to the Imperial Diet of Germany upon the conditions of the sewing girls in Germany.

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BRUTAL ASSAULT.

THE richest man in Vermont is Colonel Essey, of Burlington. He is worth as much as the money of the country, all made in real estate. He never speculated a dollar in any of the pet stocks or bonds.

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THE richest man in Indiana is Samuel Morrison of Indianapolis. He was born in 1788 in that State, and his faculties are clear and strong. He is a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Indiana.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

ONLY \$15,000 is asked for the release of Ramsey and Koris, the Louisville battery. ONLY fourteen out of the twenty-four League pitchers have won more games than the last season's champion.

THE old man stepped in, drew his

sheath-knife, and was about to part the plug, when the attention of both was attracted by a sound, loud and strange among the many noises of the mountain, coming from above.

"We must get out and git to the shanties somehow. Let's take the shovel and cut steps in a snow-bank," said Sam, pointing to a new snow-bank with its handle slipped through the many turns of rope that held the pack on the saddle of his pack.

"Both brightened at the prospect of first and Jimmy clamoring after, they stood looking upward.

"The dark green trees were gone. Some, torn up by the roots, had been carried bodily down; while here and there the stump of some broken giant stuck up its yellow splinters from the snow.

Both looked above, but the view was limited by the snow, driven by the furious wind, which, as they stepped from the crack, struck them with full power and forced them back.