

## Thunder Mountain Paper

The first newspaper to be established in Thunder Mountain will be the Thunder Mountain Miner, of which George J. Lewis, former secretary of state, is manager. In his prospectus he says:

The Thunder Mountain Miner, an up-to-date newspaper that will begin as a five column four to eight page weekly, and thereafter be published oftener, to meet the requirements of the new Eldorado, will appear at the earliest possible date. The Miner outfit, consisting of several thousand pounds of type and machinery specially ordered for pack mule delivery, is now en route to the gold fields over the snow, and will be established at Thunder Mountain long before any competitors, regardless of cost. The advance guard of the packers having the contract to deliver this material is "bucking" eight feet of snow within a few miles of the goal at this time, and pushing ahead with all the spirit and energy of an invincible determination.

Something of the magnitude of this task may be understood from the fact that the cost of transporting the Miner outfit will cost from 25 to 40 cents per pound, according to the date of delivery.—Lewiston Tribune.

### Drug Store Coming.

W. J. Sheehy arrived in the city last evening to assist in buying a stock for Smith & Sheehy, who will soon open a drug store at Pierce. The opening stock of the firm was purchased from Ray & Osmer, of this city. Mr. C. P. Smith, of the new firm, came to this point three years ago from Ontario, Canada, and for the past two years has been an employe at the Owl drug store. Mr. Sheehy was formerly a resident of Omemee, North Dakota, and for the past six months has been connected with the M. A. Means store at Orofino. Both are active, enterprising young men and will be valuable additions to the business interests of the Pierce region.—Lewiston Tribune.

W. J. Carey was in from Poorman Monday. Mr. Carey reports that the placer miners there all at work.

John Swanson and William Snider are opening up Cow creek. It is their intention to put in a bedrock flume.

**Better Done in Germany.**  
"The whole cab-service of Germany is regulated in a way to make the American envious of German institutions," writes Ray Stannard Baker, in "Seen in Germany." In most cities a large proportion of the cabs are provided with "taximeters"—little dials placed in front of the seat and so arranged that they indicate just how much the passenger owes at any given time. For instance, when you take a cab in Berlin the indicator shows a charge of 50 pfennigs (12 cents) as soon as you take your seat, and as you drive the figures change, 40 pfennigs at a time, and when you are ready to stop you pay the sum indicated by the dial, no more, no less. Thus there is no chance for extortion on the part of the cabman, and no disagreement as to charges, a feature of disagreeable prominence in London and Paris. And it may be said in passing that the charges are generally very low compared with those in American cities.

### INSTRUCTION BY PHONOGRAPH

#### Correspondence Schools Now Use It to Teach Various Languages to Students.

Correspondence schools which undertake to teach languages by mail have found a useful adjunct in their system in the phonograph. In addition to the usual instruction papers, which give the student a reading knowledge of a language, a speaking knowledge may be gained by the exchange of record cylinders between instructor and pupil. It is claimed that by this means the student may acquire perfect pronunciation, since he can repeat the phonograph lesson as often as he finds necessary, and thus impress upon his memory every detail of pronunciation and inflection.

If the student can avoid acquiring the Punch and Judy tone of the phonograph, says the New York Times, there would seem to be no reason why this method should not be an extremely good one. One can imagine that the temptation to imitate its peculiar squeak, especially in French, would be almost irresistible. The idea constitutes one of the most practical uses yet made of the phonograph.

### THE AMERICAN FARMER.

#### This Writer Calls Him a Reader, an Observer, a Politician and a Power.

When farming was conducted on a small scale, limited to the mere efficiency of the farmer and his sons, its interests were narrow and its circumstances mean, writes Frank M. Todd in Ainslee's. His rewards were so meager that the "hired hand" was often better off at the year's end than the man who owned the land, took the chances and worried away his digestion over the mortgage. The generous moods of nature were examples too expensive to be imitated, and close-fisted parsimony was exalted as the chief of the virtues.

To-day that is changed over a large area of the country. On the great bonanza farms of the west a man with 10,000 acres under his care, and hundreds of men in his employ, is a figure of importance. His intimate concern with the world's affairs makes him a reader, an observer, often a politician and a power. Even 10,000 acres is too small for him to confine himself to. His great business demands that he travel. He must go to Duluth, to Minneapolis, to Chicago, to Buffalo and to New York. A small mistake, a failure to sell at the right time, or to discard an old machine and adopt a new one, may cost him thousands. He is working his brain as hard as he can, and calling on his faculties for all they will do. He is bringing himself and his business more and more into touch with the modern spirit, and through combination with his neighbors is making agriculture more and more a power in the land.

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