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(From the Cleveland Herald.)

LETTER FROM JULIUS BLISS, OF DAKOTA.

YANKTON, DAKOTA TERRITORY, December 5, 1861.

EDS. HERALD: I notice in the New York Tribune a very interesting history of the Pacific Telegraph, and my present object is to call attention to a route comparatively unknown, which was not, but should have been, taken by the enterprising company that have linked the Lakes to the Pacific. I take it, the shortest feasible route between two points is the best, if the main object is to connect those points; and I will show that the shortest and best route from the great Lake country to the South Pass, and hence to the Pacific, is not by the Kansas or Platte river, but much further north. Your Telegraph Company will, when their line is completed, have started from Chicago, thence to Fort Des Moines, to Omaha, to Fort Kearney, Fort Laramie, and the Great Pass. I will there leave them, as I design to go no further west. Chicago seems to be indebted to the Missouri rebellion for her direct connection with the line; but as that city is destined to be the New York of the Lakes, all plans of crossing the continent, whether by telegraph or railroad, will, I suppose, have reference to that point.

Now turn to your maps and observe that the South Pass is a little north of due west from Chicago, so that every mile of southing, after leaving Chicago, must be retraversed before entering the Pass, and a route running southwesterly from Chicago, must be as much further than one directly west, or towards the Pass, as the two shorter sides of a triangle are longer than the one side. No unnecessary variation from a due west course should be permitted, except to bear sufficiently north to strike the Pass. That a greater variation is made will appear when we consider that Fort Des Moines is south of Chicago, Omaha still further south, Fort Kearney further still, compelling the necessity of crossing the Platte, whence the line bears northwesterly to Fort Laramie, and thence east by north to the South Pass. The precise distance I cannot estimate from maps, both from want of perfect accuracy in the maps themselves, and want of knowledge of the necessary divergencies to suit the face of the country, and I have no other means before me of knowing the actual distance between the points indicated. But of the route of which I speak I know more.

From Chicago to Dubuque by railroad is about 200 miles. Sioux City is directly west from Dubuque, upon the same range of townships. The distance by the ranges of township lines is 292 miles, and by feasible road it is not over 320. Upon this route the Dubuque and Pacific Railroad have surveyed their road, have a rich grant of lands, and have completed about 100 miles to Cedar Falls. In going from Chicago to Dubuque, the greatest deflection is made from due west that occurs upon the whole route, making about 40 miles northing to latitude 42 deg. 30 min., about 15 min. north of Fort Laramie, and still less north of the South Pass. If the Pass is approached by the upper Platte, the usual route, I believe, taken by travelers, it will be necessary to go almost as high as the 43d parallel, or some thirty miles north of Dubuque and Sioux City, so that Dubuque is still south of the approach to the Pass. The Dubuque and Pacific Railroad, as laid, approaches Sioux City from the N. E. by the Floyd river valley, and a western connection about 20 miles above, would bring the traveler across the Big Sioux into Dakota Territory, and on a line with the general course of the Missouri to the mouth of the Niobrarah, as soon as he would reach Sioux City, so I will place the Big Sioux 320 miles from Dubuque. It is twelve townships, or 72 miles west by township lines from the Big Sioux to the mouth of the Niobrarah, and the traveled distance to a suitable crossing place over the Missouri above cannot be one hundred miles. This part of the route is the best possible, and doubtless the best between Chicago and the Pacific. The valley of the Mississippi upon its northern bank, from the mouth of the Niobrarah or Running Water to the Big Sioux is the richest I have ever seen, whether you take the river bottom or the table land above. Fortunate will be the town that shall command the future trade of this valley and of the great country above!

Fort Randall is considerably above where the crossing should be, probably twenty or twenty-five miles, but it is at present an important point, and is usually made by travelers. I have before me the journal of two parties between Fort Randall and Fort Laramie, both made since Lieut. Warren's trip in 1857—one by a private party, and one by Lieut. C. D. Anderson, of the army, in command of 350 men, and twenty-five wagons heavily loaded. They both took different routes from that taken by Lieut. Warren, and different from each other. The former made the distance 358 miles, and the latter 347. Actual measurement might vary these estimates of distance. The scale upon Warren's map makes it much less, and men of the most knowledge of this country believe it not over 300 miles. Now, Randall and Laramie are both out of the true route, the former being too far north and the latter too far south; but, as I have not the distance beyond Laramie, I will estimate only to that point. We have, then, the whole distance from Dubuque to Laramie within 800 miles, and this estimate is doubtless from 30 to 100 miles too much.

Do not suppose my object to be to criticise the action of your telegraph company, for starting as they did, no other route could be taken, and the present settlement below, would of itself invite them there. But for a railroad, an emigrant wagon or telegraph route, the one I have indicated, from Dubuque, is greatly superior to the one below. Distance is not the only advantage. There is more wood, more water, more grass and less snow upon this than upon any other route to the Rocky mountains. The telegraph report speaks of transporting poles 240 miles! There is timber almost in sight upon the whole Dubuque route, the most destitute portion being probably N. W. Iowa. There is not a mile upon the route where grass is not rich and abundant, and if the poor cattle and mules left by the telegraph company to perish in the mountains could have been driven to the islands and such of the bottoms of the Missouri and its tributaries in Dakota as are protected from fires, they would have come out in the Spring recruited for another year's service.

With regard to snow, there is one peculiarity in this climate I do not understand. All bear testimony to the fact that there is more snow one hundred miles further south than here. As yet, there has been none in Randall and Yankton, a very little in Sioux City, while there have been some very respectable flurries in Omaha and further south. I firmly believe, from all the means of knowledge I possess, that a railroad from Dubuque to the South Pass, by lower Dakota, would be less obstructed by snow than any other route north of Texas.

But I have written more than I at first intended. I only desired to call your attention to the great central route, and not to explain all its advantages. The Great Lake country, neglected as it always has been by the Government, is destined to be the centre of the wealth, the intelligence, I hope, the virtue of the continent. It is in the latitude of all the Powers of the old continent, and with the Saxon and Scandinavian is sending forward its sons to link it with the Pacific. Railroads have become a necessity of empire, and if you would not wean us from our natural embrace, by continuing our eyes to St. Louis for all our wants, you will use all your energies to enable us to obtain our supplies from your marts.

Yours, &c. P. BLISS.

Order from Gen. Halleck Regarding Slaves and Other Property of Rebels.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23, 1862.

The following order has just been issued by Maj. Gen. Halleck:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, Feb. 23, 1862.

The Major General commanding the department desires to impress upon all officers the importance of preserving good order and discipline among their troops, and as the armies of the West advance into Tennessee and the Southern States, let us show to our fellow-citizens of these States that we come merely to crush out the rebellion, and restore to them the peace and benefits of the Constitution and the Union, of which they have been deprived by selfish and unprincipled leaders.

They have been told that we come to oppress and plunder. By our acts we will undeceive. We will prove to them that we come to restore, not to violate, the Constitution and the laws. In restoring to them the glorious flag of the Union we will assure them that they shall enjoy under its folds the same protection of life and property as in former days.

Soldiers! let no excess on your part tarnish the glory of our arms.

The orders heretofore issued from this department in regard to pillaging, marauding, and the destruction of private property and stealing, and the concealment of slaves, must be strictly enforced. It does not belong to the military to decide upon the relation of master and slave. Such questions must be settled by the civil courts. No fugitive slave will, therefore, be admitted within our lines or camps, except when specially ordered by the General Commanding. Women and children, merchants, mechanics and all persons not in arms are regarded as non-combatants, and are not to be molested, either in their persons or property. If, however, they assist and aid the enemy, they become belligerents, and will be treated as such. As they violate the laws of war they will be made to suffer the penalties of such violation.

Military stores and public property of the enemy must be surrendered, and any attempt to conceal such property by fraudulent transfer or otherwise, will be punished, but no private property will be touched, unless by order of the General Commanding.

Whenever it becomes necessary, forced contributions, for supplies and subsistence for our troops will be made. Such levies will be made as lightly as possible, and be so distributed as to produce no distress among the people. All property so taken must be receipted fully, and accounted for as heretofore directed.

These orders will be read at the head of every regiment, and all officers are commanded to strictly enforce them.

By command of MAJOR GENERAL HALLECK.

W. H. McLEAN, Adjutant General.

PENSION OFFICE, JAN. 6, 1862. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Application having been made under the act of 22d June, 1860, for the reissue of the land Warrants described herein, which are alleged to have been lost or destroyed, notice is hereby given that, at the date following the description of each warrant, a new certificate of like tenor will be issued, if no valid objection should then appear.

No. 14,922, for 80 acres, issued under the act of September, 1850, in the name of John Denny, and was granted September 27, 1851—March 1, 1862.

No. 103,317, for 40 acres, issued under the act of September, 1850, in the name of John Barton, and was granted March 17, 1855—March 15, 1862.

No. 7,193, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of George W. Warren, and was granted October 3, 1855—March 15, 1862.

No. 95,136, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Barnabas Cook, and was granted September 22, 1860—March 15, 1862.

No. 81,825, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Thomas Johnson, and was granted June 22, 1858—March 15, 1862.

No. 56,605, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Ab gail, widow of Jonathan Beard, and was granted August 7, 1856—March 25, 1862.

No. 68,571, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Isaiah Tasker, minor child of Elijah Tasker, deceased, and was granted September 20th, 1856—March 22d, 1862.

No. 46,589, for 120 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Rufus P. Woodford, and was granted January 25, 1856—March 22, 1862.

No. 81,450, for 120 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Jordan Hunt, and was granted August 7, 1856—March 22, 1862.

No. 68,275, for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Hezekiah Smith, and was granted June 26, 1857—April 5, 1862.

No. 37,534 for 160 acres, issued under the act of March, 1855, in the name of Jacob Brader, and was granted August 19, 1856—May 3, 1862.

JOSEPH H. RAYMOND, Commissioner.

SOLDIERS, ATTEND TO YOUR TEETH. DR. PEABODY, DENTIST, Will visit Ball's Cross Roads, on the 17th instant, and remain until the 24th, for the purpose of practicing his profession. Dr. Peabody informs his city patrons that he can hereafter be found at his office, No. 276 Pa. avenue, during business hours, any day between the 1st and 15th of each month and will be pleased to have them call. feb 14—12t*

A NEW DAILY LINE, between Washington and Matawoman Creek, Maryland, to Generals Hooker and Sickles' Division, touching at Nye's Wharf each way.

The U. S. Mail steamer ARGO, Captain E. W. Davidson, will run as follows: Leaving Riley's Wharf, foot of 14th street, at 9½ a. m., returning same day, leaving at 1½ o'clock p. m. Fare $1 for each way; round trip, $2.50. Refreshments on board. Freight taken at reasonable rates. For further particulars apply to the captain, on board. feb 26—1w*

JUST RECEIVED AT GREEN & WILLIAMS'S House Furnishing Warerooms, a large assortment of Walnut Extension Tables, all sizes, viz: 8, 10, 12, 16, and 18 feet, which will be sold low. Also, 15 of the newest styles Cottage Setts. Call and examine for yourselves. For private sale only. GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auction and Commission Merchants, Seventh and D streets, No. 526. feb 26—3t

COKE REDUCED. On account of the condition of the streets, the price of Coke is reduced to eight cents per bushel. J. F. BROWN, In charge Gas Light Company. feb 26—3t