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WE HAVE IN OUR LUMBER YARD ON THE corner of Idaho and Broadway streets, Virginia City a complete assortment of WHITE PINE, and other lumber, and can supply customers on the shortest notice. Orders may be left at the Lumber Yard and will be promptly filled. We have the only mill in the Territory which runs winter and summer, and can fill orders at all seasons.

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February 24th, 1865. 3m—27*

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Virginia City, April 27, 1865. 36—tf

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THE UNDERSIGNED has now completed his large and commodious building, first floor 96 x 18, second floor 18 x 32, and is now prepared to accommodate all who will give him a call. The table will be furnished with as good as the market affords, and the prices to suit the times.

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DANCE & STUART'S. 21—tf

[From the Pittsburg Evening Chronicle.]

Marching with Sherman in Georgia.

O, friend, I have little of worldly store;
Of dollars, I'm certain, not half a score;
And my coat is faded and tattered, too,
Though made of the best of "Army Blue."
Three fingers went off with a passing shell;
'Tis a "Minnie" that caused this foot to swell;
A bayonet wound at Kenesaw
Made that ugly scratch on my cheek and jaw;
And this ear was spoiled by a sabre-cut
From the hand of a mounted "Butternut."
The boys that turn in the street and stare,
As I pass along, make me feel aware
That I do not much resemble the man
That in sixty-one left Michigan,
But my heart's content, if it is not gay—
I have marched with Sherman through Georgia.

I have seen hard service for Uncle Sam,
Made of our fellows both train and ram,
To carry the Union from town to town,
And battle the gates of rebellion down,
And over the mountains and through the pines,
By deadly marshes and railway lines,
Our roaring cannon and rifles true
Preached "law and order" to Davis's crew;
The darkies come rushing the Flag to see,
Shouting "here am de Yankees an' jubilee,"
While the dauntless "Chivalry," poor and rich,
Went off in search of another ditch,
And when McAllister's fight was done,
We planted the colors on what we won,
And the winds from the ocean came to say:
"You have marched with Sherman through Georgia."

I have a wife in the great Northwest,
One of the bravest and the best;
She has waited for me three lonely years,
With a few sweet hopes and a thousand fears;
Her letters breathed of her heart's unrest,
But she wrote me still, "What you did was best."
For she thinks a traitor to flag and land
Is one that beareth the fiend's own brand;
Her love for me is all right, I'm sure,
And shall welcome me back though maimed and poor.
And should any mourn that her lot is cast
With one whose vigor of manhood's past,
I can see the fire that in her eyes
The words will kindle as she replies:
"I gave my country his life's best day
When he marched with Sherman through Georgia."

THE TERRITORY OF WYOMING.—Previous to the adjournment of Congress a bill was introduced in the House for the organization of a new Territory, to be called Wyoming. The bill did not pass, but as it will doubtless become a law at the next session, we will give the proposed boundaries of the new Territory. They are as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the twenty-fifth degree of longitude west from Washington with the forty-first degree of north latitude, thence west to the thirty-third degree of longitude and north to the crest of the Rocky Mountains, and running northwesterly along this crest to the intersection of the thirty-third degree of longitude with forty-four degrees thirty minutes north latitude; thence due west to the thirty-fourth degree of longitude; thence due north to the forty-fifth degree of latitude, and thence due east to the 25th degree of longitude, running south to the place of beginning. In other words, Wyoming is to be bounded on the north by Idaho and Dacotah; on the south by Colorado and Utah; on the east by Nebraska; on the west by Utah and Idaho. It is to be carved out of Idaho, Dacotah and Nebraska; Idaho losing a part of its southeasterly territory, Dacotah its southwesterly portion, and Nebraska a slice of its western half. Wyoming will form the tenth territory, the others being Arizona, Colorado, Dacotah, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah and Washington. Here are ten new States in process of formation, all of which will in a few years take their place in the Union. —*Territorial Enterprise.*

OVERLAND MAIL.—But few of our readers are aware of the vastness of the enterprise connecting Virginia with the Missouri river by a continuous line of commodious and comfortable carriages. The first grand depot east of Virginia—the head of the route—is at Austin, Lander county; the second, Salt Lake City; and the terminus, Atchison, on the Missouri river. Between Virginia and Austin the company have thirteen stations; run fifteen mud wagons and coaches, employing seventy-eight horses and drivers. The distance is one hundred and eighty miles, and is passed daily by the several coaches. Between Austin and Salt Lake City there are thirty-six stations; sixty wagons are in continuous service, employing one hundred and ninety horses and twenty-two drivers. The distance between Virginia and Salt Lake City is five hundred and fifty miles. The above is what is termed the western route, and is owned and managed by the Overland Mail and Stage company, represented through Louis McLane, Esq. The distance from Salt Lake City to the Missouri terminus is twelve hundred and twenty miles, and is daily traversed by the stages of the Overland Company—with branches to Denver, Idaho, Montana and New Mexico—employing more than one thousand horses, two hundred coaches and three hundred men. The eastern part of the line is owned by the New York company, represented and directed by Ben. Holladay, Esq.—*Salt Lake Telegraph.*

The Territorial *Enterprise* of Virginia, Nevada Territory, describes a most splendid and imposing funeral procession in honor of the memory of President Lincoln. Every public body of importance turned out. The celebration of the obsequies was on the 19th inst.

MINING DIVIDENDS.—The Yellow Jacket and Imperial Mining companies have each declared a dividend on the 1st of April. It is rumored in San Francisco that the former company's dividend is $100 per foot. The Imperial pays $10 per share.—*Sacramento Union.*

An Augusta paper says that Sherman's proclamation and orders are "an affront to the whole people of Georgia." Gentleman, if Sherman has *affronted you, confront him.—Louisville Journal.*

MAY-DAY in California! Heigh ho! Poor we! All the flowers that we can gather today are "flowery locals and sage brush."—*Vedette.*

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Fort Monroe, 27.

A steamer from Morehead City brings advices from Newbern, that Gen. Grant had effectually put an end to the armistice agreed upon between Sherman and Johnston. Grant had given Johnston until six o'clock on Wednesday morning to surrender his army; the conditions are unknown. Gen. Grant announced that after that hour hostilities would at once be resumed.

To this Gen. Johnston is said to have replied that if Jefferson Davis and the leading general officers of the Confederacy were pardoned and permitted to leave the country, he would be authorized to accept the terms proposed.

A dispatch from Grant, Raleigh 10 p. m., 26th, states that Johnston has surrendered the forces in his command, embracing all from here to Chattahoochie, on the basis agreed upon by Lee and myself for the army of Northern Virginia.

(Signed) STANTON.

New York, 28.

The Commercial's special says, the vaults of the Farmer's Bank at Richmond have been opened. The contents were found undisturbed.

The Cabinet meeting to-day considered the international questions likely to arise from the conspiracy, which is alleged to have extensive ramifications.

Booth's body has been placed where it will never be seen by mortal eye again.

Secretary Seward and son are doing well.

Chicago, 28.

A New Madrid telegram says the steamer Sultana exploded and sank yesterday morning between there and Memphis. Two thousand exchanged Union soldiers from Vicksburg were on board, with about 1,000 civilians. It is said that not more than 700 were saved. No particulars have been received.

St. Louis, 26.

Reports prevail that a force of 6,000 to 12,000 rebels, comprising the remnants of Jeff. Thompson and Joe Shelby's brigade, are at Pocahontas, Ark., preparing to invade Missouri. Large numbers are leaving the southwestern portion of the State, in consequence of three regiments having been sent down the river.

The Herald's Washington special says, a post mortem examination of Booth's body showed that the ball did not touch his brain, but striking the spinal column, produced immediate paralysis. The opinion of the surgeon is that he must have died a horrible death, the brain being active and consciousness complete up to the very moment of dissolution.

Nearly all the parties directly implicated are now in custody. Paine, the Seward assassin, is brother of one of the St. Alban's raiders. There are six brothers in all, reckless and daring. Two were with Walker in Nicaragua.

Edwin Booth arrived here to-day to ask for his brother's body, but the request will not be granted.

Cleveland, 28.

All along the route from Buffalo to this city, which we reached this morning, the usual demonstrations of sorrow were witnessed. The remains were escorted by a large military and civic procession to a beautifully constructed temple, prepared to receive them, and soon thereafter the face of the honored dead was open to the gaze of thousands of spectators, who, in admirable order, entered and retired from the enclosure. The entire population of the city are seemingly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion.

Springfield, Ill., 28.

The time for the funeral of the late President is changed from Saturday the 6th to Thursday, May 4th.

Cincinnati, 28.

Late Georgia papers give a full account of Wilson's great raid. After defeating the forces at Selma, and destroying the arsenals and manufactories there, Wilson moved eastward, capturing Montgomery, West Point, Columbus and Macon, scattering the militia in all directions, ruining the only remaining railroad, and breaking up all the machinery shops, destroying the military stores, and thus rendering the manufacture of materials for a future campaign impossible.

Chicago, 29.

In deference to the feelings of many Christians relative to Ascension day, President Johnston has issued a proclamation appointing June 1st a day of humiliation and prayer instead of May 25th.

New York, 29.

Newbern advices state that Johnston attempted to obtain terms from Grant which would provide for the protection of Jeff. Davis and other leading insurrectionary conspirators, but the Lieut.-General would listen to nothing of the kind and Johnston was satisfied with the conditions granted to Lee.

The Herald's Washington special says: Information has reached Washington that the rebel steam ram Olinda alias Stonewall, arrived at Teneriffe, in the Canary Islands, on the 31st of March, three days from Lisbon. She was allowed coal and provisions and was ordered to leave port in 24 hours. She left on the 1st inst., steaming rapidly southward, but her destination was not made public. The navy department, in anticipation of the appearance of the Stonewall in some of our harbors, is making a proper distribution of suitable vessels along the Atlantic sea-board.

Intelligence of the arrival of Jeff. Davis and accompanying fugitives as far south as South Carolina, has been received in Washington. It is thought that he will be intercepted before reaching the Mississippi river.

The Herald's Selma, Ala., dispatch says: Among the prisoners captured here are 150 officers, Lieut. Dick Taylor made his escape on a steamer; N. B. Forrest, Dan Adams, Roddy, Armstrong and Crosland, under cover of the darkness, reached the swamp east of the city and eluded capture. The officers comprising the staffs were taken. Forrest's ordnance officer, Capt. Bond, reports Forrest as wounded in two places in the arms.

Croxton and McCook attacked Jackson in front and rear at Fryon, but having traveled by widely different roads, their attacks were not simultaneous, else he must have been destroyed.

The destruction of the Centerville bridge over the Catawaba and Croxton's movements towards Tuscalona, rendered it utterly impossible for Forrest to carry out his plans. Catawaba capitulated yesterday.

About 7,000 of our prisoners, who had been confined for a long time, were released. They had been well treated.

Items from Deer Lodge County.

SILVER BOW CITY, May 5, 1865.

ED. POST:—On Sunday night Maj. Alberta, of histrionic fame, delivered a lecture to a highly appreciative and delighted audience. His subject was leads, "blowouts," etc. He also sang a couple of songs, in which he was loudly, if not ably, assisted by some of the congregation, and altogether it was a jolly, if not an instructive, season.

Monday last was representation day. Dire was the confusion, and the meeting of miners convened for the occasion broke up in a row—the President (Maj. Conner) pitching into the Deputy Sheriff, (John Bigler), though without any serious damage on either side. The only action of any importance that was had by the meeting was to adjourn to Saturday next.

Mining progresses rather slowly here, on account of the scarcity of men, money and provisions. Of flour there is none in the market. Many miners are living on "straight beef and coffee," consequently they don't like to pitch into the work as though they were living on full rations.

Silver Bow City is located on both sides of the stream of that name. The portion occupying the south bank of the stream contains forty-eight finished and one hundred and thirty-three unfinished buildings, and that on the north side shows sixty finished and twelve unfinished structures, making an aggregate of two hundred and five.

The weather is delightful. The snow on the mountains is melting rapidly, and the frost is nearly all out of the ground in the gulch. The lack of fall at this place will be very detrimental to mining here, making it very difficult to drain the claims.

Claims are being offered and sold at various prices—*i. e.* from a mere nominal value to $2,200. The half of No. 83 was sold a day or two ago for $1,100.

Central City, in German Gulch, contains some forty houses. Endowed with a rich streak of pay dirt, a large amount of fall, a fair supply of water, and an energetic set of miners, who are very confident that they have a "good thing," this gulch bids fair to become one of the richest and most prosperous mining camps in the country. Several claims are already open and sluices running thereon, and before ten days elapse there will be a great number in operation. A ditch two hundred feet in length will drain the ground to the depth of twenty-four feet; so you can see that it is not a summer's job to get a claim opened. It is thought that within a week some rich leads will be discovered, as parties are now prospecting therefor with a fair prospect of success.

Some persons arrived here from Ophir last night, and report the upper part of that gulch to be very rich. Two districts have been organized, and Gov. Pollinger is Recorder in one, and Lew. Robinson in the other. Many are on the road for that place from here to-day, and more are going tomorrow. Reports are seven feet to bedrock; eighteen cents in the grass roots and ninety-two cents on the bed-rock.

I give you the prices of staples: Flour, none; beef, 18 and 22 cents; bacon, 70 cents; potatoes scarce, 35 cents; coffee, $1; sugar, 75 cents; rice, 75 cents.

Yours, WASHTADO.

FROM THE UPPER COUNTRY.—The Walla Walla *Statesman* of March 10th says:

A party arrived in town from the Kootenai mines this week. They left Fisherville on the 1st of February, and say that prospectors were returning from the upper Columbia and reporting that the Columbia diggings were a humbug. This party confirm the former reports in regard to the hill diggings.

The pack trains that started for the Kootenai mines a week ago from this city, have been compelled to lay by on the Touchet and Snake rivers, on account of cold and stormy weather.

C. D. Smith took the oath and entered upon the duties of his office as Secretary and Acting Governor of Idaho at Lewiston, on the 4th inst. The seal and archives were delivered into his possession. Smith seems to have created quite an impression in his favor.

Kyger & Reese have purchased a lot of ground of E. H. Barron, a short distance below town, and intend to commence at once the erection of a large distillery thereon.

Snow has been falling almost continually on the mountains for the past twelve days. Nearly two feet fell during one day last week. It varies now from six to ten feet in depth, according to altitude, on the different roads across the mountains.

At Burnt river, on Friday last, the mercury stood at 34 degrees below zero. In Grand Round Valley, same day, it stood at 32 degrees below zero.

GOVERNMENT SALUTE.—General Wright received an order yesterday from General McDowell to fire a salute of one hundred guns in this city, at meridian to-day, in honor of the capture of Richmond. General Wright has requested the Sacramento Light Artillery to fire this salute, which request will probably be complied with.—*Sacramento Union.*