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Virginia City, April 27, 1865. 36-88*

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THIS Academy is under the direction of the Sisters of Charity. They will teach to read and write, Grammar and English Composition, Arithmetic, Geography, History, and the French language, if required. Sewing, and whatever is understood under the extensive word of Housewifery. Children must be provided with bed-clothing, two dresses for week days and one for Sundays, half a dozen pocket handkerchiefs, three towels, combs and basin, spoon, fork and knife. They will buy their school books in the Academy. For the sake of uniformity and good order, all the pupils will assist at the religious exercises of the Institution. All letters either sent or received, by the pupils, will be subject to the inspection of the Superiors.—No visitor admitted without a written order of the respective parents or guardians of the pupil.

TERMS.—Cash, and invariable five months in advance. Entrance Fee, $5,00; Board and Tuition, $25,00 per month; Washing and Ironing, $5,00 per year. The annual session will commence on the first of September, and end on the first of June: For further information, address,

Rev. MOTHER MARY, (of the Infant Jesus,) Superioress, or Rev. U. GRASSI, S. J., Sup't St. Ignatius Mission, 36 miles North of Hellgate, Montana Territory. 42-3m*

For the States.

THE Undersigned will leave Fort Benton for St. Joseph, Mo., with a fleet of Six Mackinaw Boats, on the
25th of August, 1865.
The boats will be Sixty Feet long, and most substantially constructed. They will be sided with heavy plank, and decked over so as to be perfectly bullet proof. Passengers will leave Helena City, by Mule train, on the 20th of August.

FARE:

From Helena, ... $50.00
From Fort Benton, ... $45.00

For further particulars enquire of
G. G. HOPKINS, Agent,
City Book Store, Helena.
48-.51 WILLIAM SPENCER.

Estray Notice.

CAME to our Ranche, situated on Meadow Creek, one White Cow, branded with diamond on left side, and E on left hip. One spotted cow, no brands. The owners will please call for them, pay charges, and take them away. J. B. HILTON.
48-51*

Drs. Crepin & Justice.

OFFICE ON WALLACE STREET, Next door to City Drug Store. 47-54*

Estray Notice.

CAME to my Ranche on, or about the 1st of January, at Beaver Head, one red steer. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges.
FRAKER & CO.
50-4t*

$25 *Reward.*

LOST.—Two black mules, on Thursday, July 27th—branded "Y" on left hip; four years old; between fourteen and fifteen hands high. Each had a rope on. Any person giving information of them will receive the above reward. CHAS. LANGE,
50-2* German Bar.

Judge L. E. Munson's Charge to the Grand Jury of the Third Judicial District.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, M. T.,
3D JUDICIAL DISTRICT, July 31st, 1865.

CHARGE.

GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND JURY:—You have been convened from your respective homes in different parts of the District, to diligently inquire after, and due presentment make, of all breaches of the laws of the United States within this District, that shall be brought to your attention by the attorney for the Government. But you are not restricted simply to cases to which he may call your attention; but if any of you have knowledge of any case or cases, which should be speedily brought to trial to prevent a failure of justice, you will make known such case or cases to the attorney, who will assist you in such preliminary steps as may be necessary to bring the accused properly before the Court for trial; but it is not expected that your investigations will take range beyond the cases to which he may call your attention.

Under our Government and judicial system, no man can be put upon trial for crimes alleged against him until a Grand Jury of his countrymen, after impartial investigation, find, from sworn testimony, that the allegations are probably true, and need for their final adjudication and settlement, a trial in open court, before a petit jury impanneled for that purpose.

This provision of law is a humane one, and acts as a double shield and safe-guard, protecting the innocent from unjust suspicions, from false accusations, which idle rumors, hatred or malice, may array against him; and rare is the occasion, that a man, having passed through these separate ordeals, only to find himself resting under the curse of violated law, can complain either of the harshness or unjustness of the verdict.

Your duties in the jury room will be to sift all accusations thoroughly and impartially. You will find, or ignore, all indictments solely as the law and evidence demand; but you should, before indicting any one, be satisfied of the probable truthfulness of the accusation; anything short of this is but a farce and diverts the arm of justice into an instrument of oppression and injustice.

The oath you have just taken sufficiently indicates the nature of your responsibilities—the importance of the trust committed to your charge—the duties you have been set apart to perform, and the spirit with which you are to conduct your deliberations. It enjoins you to present no man from envy, hatred or malice; neither to leave any man unpresented from love, fear or affection, or in hope of reward; but you are to present cases truly, as they come to your knowledge, according to the best of your understanding, and according to law.

The secrets of the cause, your own, and of your fellows, you will duly observe and keep; speaking to no one, except among yourselves, of the matters under your charge; and when you have agreed to hold for trial before the petit jury any man accused of crime, or violation of law, you will endorse upon the indictment, "a true bill;" but if you are not so agreed, you will endorse upon the back of the file, "not a true bill," and return them into court, signed by your foreman, without explanation or comment.

Your investigations will be ex parte, and conducted in secret. The attorney for the Government will render you such assistance as he may judge necessary and proper, furnishing you the names of witnesses whom you will call before you, and have them sworn, and examined as to their knowledge of the matters charged in the information, which oath, under a recent act of Congress, the foreman is authorized to administer; which he will do in due form of law, keeping a list of the names and time when each was sworn, and certify the same to the marshal, that he may properly make up his records and pay each for their attendance. The law which has created and set you apart, so to speak, as an "informing tribunal," has also clothed you with authority, not only to compel the attendance of witnesses, but if they shall attend and refuse to be sworn, or being sworn, shall refuse to be examined, or to answer any proper or pertinent question respecting the matter of inquiry, which you have reason to believe is within their personal knowledge, you will bring the matter to the attention of the Court, that such proceedings may be had against them as will be compatible with the due administration of justice.

You will thus see, gentlemen, the importance of the trust committed to your charge; that while you are the right arm and sword power of the government, you at the same time are the shield of the citizen, to protect him from false accusations, and to see that he does not unjustly suffer from any action of yours. Sift all accusations thoroughly; dismiss the frivolous, and confirm the true; let speedy and certain justice overtake the guilty; but spare the innocent from the odium and burthens of a public trial. Let justice be impartially meted out alike to the rich and the poor—the powerful and the weak. Each alike are entitled to all the protective agencies of the government, and each alike should be held amenable to the penalties of the laws they violated.

The speed and certainty with which offenders are brought to justice and punished for their offences, are the surest preventive of crime, and the best guaranty of security the citizen can have in the enjoyment of his inalienable rights. Let us then bring into requisition and activity all the enginery of the government for the suppression of crime and the protection of virtue, without which no people or community can long prosper. Let us wink at no wrong—palliate no offense—excuse no crime. All wrong doers, whatever their position or their influence, must be speedily brought to justice and punished for their offenses. The law, with its full protective force, must surround every hearth-stone, must vitalize every movement, pervade every interest, sanctify every action. It must protect alike the citizen in the city and the miner in his lone cabin-home upon the mountain side and in the valley, both during the hours of toil by day, and the unconscious hours of repose in the silent watches of the night.

Every person, old or young, rich or poor, white or black, native or foreign, so long as he is a dutiful, law-abiding person, is entitled to the omnipresent, ever sheltering, protection of the law. But when he ceases to acknowledge obedience to the laws, and violates them with impunity, he throws himself out of its protection, and courts and brings upon himself the penalties thereby imposed, and he has no right to complain of the harshness or unjustness of the verdict which brings him to a consciousness of his error. Let it be at once understood that for every offense and violation of law, the offender is not only to be arrested and indicted, but brought to prompt trial and speedy punishment. To-day, for the first time in this District, the Temple of Justice throws open her doors for the trial of civil and criminal causes; and we have to-day inaugurated a system of jurisprudence, which it is hoped will be adequate to meet the exigencies of every case which may arise, and obviate the necessity of any other tribunal doing the work of courts and juries, in order to insure the conviction and punishment of the guilty, or to establish the rights of the oppressed.

It is not necessary to call your attention specifically to all the matters within your jurisdiction, but briefly refer to such topics as may come before you for investigation. The sudden collapse of the rebellion, with its supporting agencies, together with our remoteness from the scenes of conflict, which have deluged a portion of our national domain in blood, relieves you from the consideration of a class of cases, growing out of the disloyal conduct of a portion of the citizens towards our common government, which, in other localities, engage the attention of the grand inquest; but this remoteness does not absolve any from their allegiance to the government, or relieve you from your duties as jurors, to bring to trial any person guilty of any overt act to subvert the Government of the United States, or to violate her laws. The allegiance of all is as obligatory and undoubted here as elsewhere, and your duties as imperative, when impanneled in the courts of Montana, as they would be in the courts of New York.

Passing over, then, this whole class of cases, growing out of, or incidental to, the rebellion, as not likely to be the subject of inquiry here, I briefly refer you to certain other offenses indictable and punishable under the laws of the United States; such as counterfeiting the coin, treasury notes, national bank bills, fractional currency, or any other government obligation or security—passing or attempting to pass, or having in possession with intent to pass, knowing them to be counterfeit, or having in possession plates or dies on which to print, stamp, or manufacture the same; forgery of any government voucher, security or obligation; perjury, committed in any United States Court, before a commissioner, assessor, or other government officer where an oath is, by the laws of the United States required; resisting or obstructing judicial process; robbing the mail, obstructing its passage, opening of any letter or letters addressed to and belonging to another; counterfeiting post-office or internal revenue stamps, or using them over more than once; making false income returns, or neglecting to make returns to the proper United States officers; neglecting or refusing to take out proper licenses for the transaction of the different branches of business carried on by them, or otherwise defrauding the government of its dues under the internal revenue law; violations of the non-intercourse laws, by trade with the different tribes of Indians without a license, or the selling, giving or delivery of whiskey, or other intoxicating, liquors to them, contrary to treaty stipulations, or the laws of the government.

Any violation of these, or any other laws of the United States, punishable here, are the legitimate subject of your inquiry, some of which, I am informed, will come before you for consideration; and I invite you to co-operate with the attorney in his efforts to enforce their various penalties, with full confidence in your discriminating judgment, and your anxiety to discharge faithfully and diligently all the duties resting upon you. It only remains for the Court to add, that you will now retire to your room, under charge of the bailiff, an officer of this Court, and transact the business which may come before you with all convenient despatch, and return the result of your deliberations to the Court, in the way and manner indicated.

Miscellaneous.

We see by the Denver *News* of the 12th ult., that all the Colorado Press are strongly in favor of Colorado becoming a State.

A long article appears in the New York *Tribune* of the 1st inst, on the lines of road to Montana. It advocates the route by California for passengers.

Returns of the General Land Office show that in April over 56,000 acres of land, valued at over seventy-five thousand dollars, were taken up for actual settlement under the homestead law.

The 24th of July, 1865, the 18th anniversary of the entrance of the pioneer settlers into the valley of the Great Salt Lake, was celebrated with the greatest enthusaism all over Utah.

Chas. Wonder, the murderer of Baker, in Egan Canon, was hanged by the citizens' court; but so unscientifically that the rope broke, and all the punishment that he received was a lacerated neck and a lump on the head. They then turned him over to the civil authorities. Had he tried his hand at murder in Montana, he would have been handed over to the grave-digger.

A Madrid paper announces that Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America, is, by the Pope's order, to be added to the saints of the Romish calendar. Like many a great man, he was neglected in life, and the continent which (practically speaking) he discovered, was named after Amerigo Vespucci, who wrote a history of his own subsequent exploration, and claimed the discovery of South America. Columbus, now canonized as a saint, died broken-hearted, in a garret at Seville.

THERE is a long and ably written article, chiefly on Montana Territory, in the Missouri *Republican* of June 30th. Comparing our mines, more especially the Rattlesnake silver lodes, with those of Nevada, it says:

"The new discoveries referred to were in Rattlesnake Hills, a short distance from East Bannack, and are silver lodes, some yielding as high as $3,000 per ton. Previously the only mines of note known there were of gold—or of gold and silver combined. The new silver mines are in crevices varying from two to twelve feet, and are nearly perpendicular, widening as you descend. They are in the side hills and give five hundred feet in depth before reaching the water-line. The most famous silver mines in the Washoe district, Nevada, average less than one hundred dollars per ton; and those in the Reese river district generally average less than three hundred. The latter, however, are in such narrow crevices as to be worked with great difficulty. Comparing the Nevada silver mines with those of Montana, eminent geologists, metallurgists and miners have expressed the opinion that the latter will yield from six to ten times greater profit.

"The new gold lodes at Beaver Head, Prickly Pear, Mill Creek and Deer Lodge, as assayed at the United States Assay office, New York, give, in some instances, $3,000 per ton, and in one, $14,000. New York capitalists have been eagerly at work to secure those mines, and control as many others there as possible."

IN the Missouri *Republican* is a clever and elaborate written article, from the pen of Jay Cooke, the Philadelphia financier, entitled, "How our National Debt may be a National Blessing." The arguments in favor of the position assumed are similar to those which appeared in the POST some weeks back. He says: "Let us accept the public debt as public wealth, as the bond of political and national Union, as the safeguard of industry, as the basis of our banking, as our orphans' and widows' fund. The National Debt, rightly managed, will be the National Blessing."

FROM a letter signed "N. A. Carter," which appears in the Reese River *Reveille* of the 25th ult, we learn that two men were murdered near Fort Bridger, and their bodies found chained together. On one of the corpses was a circular patent cap box, on which was scratched "G. Steele, Jackson County, Mo." It is supposed that they had come with a train to Salt Lake, and on their return had been murdered for their money.

CHRYSTAL HOUSES.—In the vicinity of Surprise Valley is an extensive quarry of gypsum, perfectly crystalized, and as transparent as blocks of ice from the clearest pond. The rock naturally breaks in perfect squares, and without cuttiug, can be used for building purposes. Several houses will soon be erected of this material, and it is thought that no windows will be required, as the crystal blocks of gypsum will admit light.—*Enterprise.*

ADVERTISING A WIFE.—We were handed the advertisement below, with the request (accompanied with a dollar in greenbacks) te publish it in our local column:

On the 26th of June, on the night of Monday,
Eloped from her husband, the wife of John Grundy;
His grief for her absence each day growing deeper,
Should any one find her, he begs them to—keep her.
—*N. Y. Herald.*

A BOTANY BAY anecdote tells of a convict who got on so well on that side of the world (Australia) that he rose to the magistracy, and making some hard reflections on a person before him, whom he fined five shillings, the delinquent retorted: "There's the money; I remember the time in England when I should like much less to meet you with five shillings in my pocket."

Letter from Helena.

HELENA, Aug. 7th, 1865.

ED. POST:—Since friend "Gleaner" has left the banks of Last Chance creek, I have never seen any communication from Helena, and knowing the benefits to be derived from a true representation of the affairs of a mining district, in a paper so widely circulated as the MONTANA POST, being also the only one in the Territory, I have concluded to send you this letter, and, if acceptable, I will continue to do so from time to time.

The town, at the present time, in a commercial point of view, is called rather dull by most business men; but the most sanguine expectations are entertained by all, of a busy time next Fall and Winter, when the miners who are now working in Blackfoot and its vicinity, besides those across the Missouri, in Confederate, White's, Cement, Montana, and several other gulches, will flock to Helena for winter quarters. There is probably no better place in Montana, to winter in, than the vallies of Last Chance, Ten Mile and Prickly Pear creeks, being fifteen hundred feet lower than your quiet metropolis of stone mansions and city government.

Gulch mining in Grizzly Gulch and Last Chance is being vigorously prosecuted, and large runs are being made; it would require an invisible man to get at the exact figures of the amounts taken out; as the miners are either unwilling to let others know what their claims pay, or afraid of attracting the attention of robbers and thieves, of which class we have not a few among us; nevertheless, I know that the last named gulches are paying well.

West of Helena, in all the gulches that are being worked, good runs are made, and the miners there express their certainty of great success next season, when their claims will be in better shape to work than they are this summer.

Confederate and White's gulches, situate across the Missouri river, about forty-five miles from Helena, begin to attract most of the stampeders who have been drifting about over in this section of the country since last Spring, and consequently a very large population, considering the age of this camp, is in that particular vicinity. Reports are constantly arriving of enormous amounts stated to have been taken out of Confederate and White's gulches, and their tributaries, to which, however, I cannot give credence till I see for myself.

Lead mining is now being prosecuted on a better system than it was two months ago. Many ledges on the head of Holmes's, Greenhorn, Oro Fino and Grizzly gulches are being sunk on, to develop them and get out quartz, and I know of no better field of operations for half a dozen quartz mills than Edgerton county, especially at the head of Oro Fino, where, in close proximity to the best of mill-sites, are located the Owyhee, Dr. Bigger, McIntyre, and Union lodes, all of which have been thoroughly tested and found to be enormously rich. The latter now has a shaft 95 feet deep, and abundance of quartz lying ready to be hauled to the first mill that will be put up. I have been astonished that no quartz mill man's eye has been turned in the direction of the above mentioned leads. A fortune awaits the first enterprising machinist who will bring a crusher to this vicinity.

I read in the Reese River *Reveille*, of July 17th, a letter from Virginia, Montana, without any signature, casting reflections on a gentleman formerly from Austin, as to his veracity in giving accounts of his rich quartz ledges. I know not who is the person spoken of as being afflicted with quartz on the brain, and a l—r; but I can assure the anonymous writer who penned the letter from Virginia, that several, if not all, men that have come from Reese River, are doing well, and if the individual who thinks that Montana is over-rated, will come over to Helena, I will show him more good ledges than he ever dreamed of. BUMMER.

THE world was always abundantly supplied with mines; the problem is, how to work them with profit. Thousands of quartz veins known to contain the precious metals, are not worked, for the simple and sufficient reason that they will not pay. And working them to profit and loss is mainly a question of bread and meat. A lode that yields $20 per ton may do very well with corn at $1 per bushel, and bacon $10 per hundred; but put the corn up to $5 and the bacon to $50, and every pound of rock is crushed at a serious loss. As yet, every ton of food and machinery sent up to the Rocky Mountains has cost from $150 to $400 for transportation from the Missouri river, and not one quartz vein in twenty can be profitably worked at such rates. On the other side, the distances from San Francisco are shorter, but the charges quite as high. A railroad in operation would reduce them three-fourths, causing thousands of veins to be worked at a profit which must now be worked at a loss, or not worked at all. With the Pacific Road half built, our annual product of gold and silver may be quickly raised to $500,000,000 per annum, yet produced at a far greater average profit than now. And, with the mines in such activity, it would be difficult for the managers of the railroad to steal enough of its earnings to bring the dividends to its stockholders below ten per cent. per annum.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

THE folks of Colorado are going wild about silver, discovered on Snake River. The Georgetown mines are reported rich. The McClellan Hill furnishes, by assay of Dr. Birdsall, $100,000 from three tons of ore. We clip the following from the Denver *Gazette*: "Everybody is crazy about silver now-a-days. Argentine District—Snake River—assays—smelting—gunny-bags of one—$2,005 per cord—$100 a foot on the High-Flyer lode—and such talk is about all one hears in certain circles. We saw five pennyweights of pure silver in the hands of Dr. Birdsall, who smelted it from four ounces of ore yesterday. The ore was furnished by Attorney-General Brown, who, by the way, thinks he has the world by the heels on a marble quarry on Ralston Creek.

SQUIRES, the murderer of Captain Soule, arrived in this city this forenoon. Quite a crowd gathered at headquarters to get a look at the notorious criminal. The "jewelry" worn by him while in transit here is being replaced by a new and safer set. He has apparently been well fed, and looks calmly and quietly about with an appearance of perfect unconcern. The emotions that no doubt disturb the inner recesses of his crime blackened soul are completely hidden from those around him.—*Denver News, July 11th.*