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Branch Office, on or about the 1st of March, one old bay California mare, both ears split; near on right hip; no trammel. J. W. PARSONS & CO. T. Point of Rocks, Beaver Head, M. T. August 6th, 1865. 51-47

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Washington, July 30. It is understood that the rebel General Stoneman is in the service of our Government, but will not at present be brought to the United States, for fear of the yellow fever, prevalent at Havana, where she lies. The State Department has received advice from the United States Consul at Palermo, dated July 24th, relative to the Asiatic cholera, as prevalent in that vicinity. He represents that, owing to the prevalence of the cholera in Alexandria, and some cases having happened at Malta, the Director-General of the health office has ordered the expulsion of all Davis' children in this city yesterday, to develop a panic in Palermo and Messina. There have been no cases of cholera, except in Messina, of a person from the steamer from Alexandria, who died at the Lazaretto.

Cincinnati, July 31. A riot occurred in Cumminsville, Ohio, in which three men were shot, and a large amount of property destroyed.

New York, July 31. A fire in Williamsburg, this forenoon, destroyed 14 dwellings on Sanford street.

Further Point, July 31. Per the Hibernia, from Liverpool on the 20th inst., we learn that the cholera has broken out in the city of Birmingham, and large numbers of the poor had been attacked.

An earthquake occurred in the district of California, in Spain. Several lives were lost, and great damage done to property.

New York, August 1. A Washington special to the Post contains a report of the proceedings of a private meeting of the friends of Mr. Davis, held in this city yesterday, to devise ways and means for the defence of Davis and his associates, which was held at the rooms of Mr. Carlos Butterfield.

It is understood that the rebel Gen. Dick Taylor has obtained permission to hold an interview with Davis, and has gone to Fort Monroe for that purpose.

The Damascus, which left Liverpool on the 27th, brings news that the Great Eastern had paid out 5,000 miles of the cable. Everything was auspicious and the weather fine.

New York, Aug. 4. An ovation was given to Gen. Ortega, the 7th regimental band serenaded him. A large assemblage was present. A letter adverse to Maximilian was read from Gen. Sherman, which was enthusiastically received.

New York, Aug. 6. The Times' London correspondent says that Gen. Breckinridge was expected in London on the 28th, on his way to Paris. He is accompanied by several Confederate officers, who, it is supposed, will volunteer for Mexico.

New York, Aug. 8. The Tribune's special Richmond correspondent says that in that city all the young men citizens yesterday and assault every negro they meet, while the older citizens universally adopt the plan of fighting our allies, the strongest orders issued by Gen. Terry, the commandant, being inadequate to stop the growing abuse.

Washington, Aug. 6. The General Commanding Department of Texas is required to forbear from any intervention between the France and the sovereign power, of which Juarez continues to be recognized as chief.

Further Point, Aug. 13. Per the Moravian from Londonderry, on the 3d. The latest dispatch from the Great Eastern was received on the 2d inst., which reported all going well, and 1,200 miles of the cable paid out. On the day following, the signals became unintelligible, and communication has been had since. Cause unknown.

Hart's Continent, Aug. 14. The schooner First Fruit, from Cardiff, reports that she saw the Great Eastern and the British ship of war Terrible, August 6th, and they reported that the cable had been cut on the 2d, and was buoyed up in lat. 51.40, long. 39.

From Blackfoot.

BLACKFOOT CITY, Aug. 21, 1865. EN. POST.—As this embryo metropolis is now distinguished by the rival names of Blackfoot and Ophir, I think the preference should be given to the former for the two-fold reason that the country in which the city is located bears that title, and that we already have an Ophir in another part of the Territory. What say you, Mr. Editor, shall it not be Blackfoot City?

We, who are living in this Switzerland of America, and are in daily contact with nature's finest and grandest works, cannot fully appreciate their intrinsic beauty and magnificence. Novelty, like distance, "lends enchantment to the view," while familiarity robs it of its fairest charms; and perhaps this is the reason why so little is said of the surpassing grandeur and beauty of the scenery of this part of Montana.

A few days since, a couple of friends and myself went tramping down Little Blackfoot. As we were rambling about over the country, they, as well as myself were really enchanted.

Along the Little Blackfoot, Nature seems to have exhausted her resources for the creation of the beautiful. A broad, undulating expanse, occasionally rising into bold, abrupt hills, crowned with a growth of beautiful pines, is spread out in its usual robe before you. At frequent intervals, the low ridges expand into broad valleys rich alluvial bottom, which are clothed with a luxuriant growth of wild clover and nutritious grasses. Cold, pellucid streams on every hand, come dancing and laughing from their mountain sources to the subjunct valleys, through which their meanders are traced by a narrow fringe of willow and cottonwood. To the east and south, the heavy, gray clouds, here and there flecked by its gauzy robe, enhance the natural empyrean loveliness of the scene.

The valleys here are unlike those of the Gallatin, the Jefferson, and others that I have seen on the eastern slope. They are more fertile, the soil is more rich and vigorous, and we note with relief the entire absence of the prickly pear—the plant so highly prized in the East as a formal ornament. The black loam of the ridges and plateaus, and the rich alluvium of the bottoms, remind one very much of the prairie lands of the West. We are not far from the mouth of no more desirable locality on the continent for a permanent home. But its great altitude and consequent lowness of temperature, I fear will render it measurably worthless for purposes of agriculture. The large snow banks that still hang about the brows of the adjacent mountains, are suggestive of anything but perennial spring. But for summer pasturage, I think it no exaggeration to say that Blackfoot is unequalled anywhere on the continent.

In respect to the mines of this section, I believe that next year this will be the best mining camp in the Territory, or, indeed, in the West. The diggings have not been very productive this summer, for the simple reason that they have not been worked. The general mania for stampeding has, until recently, engrossed the attention of the miners, to the exclusion of all thought of earnest labor in the mines alluded