

**Letter from Prickly Pear.**  
 Prickly Pear City, M. T., July 6th.  
 Ed. Post.—Since my last visit, this place seems to be on the gain. A number of families have taken up their residence here, which gives the place more of a lively tone. By the Missouri river per steamer Goldfinch, arrived for this locality. Mrs. Frank Wells and daughter, Mrs. H. M. Hills and daughter, A. H. Moulton and family, and Dr. Harion, and family. In witnessing the pleasure of the reunited families, we could but feel home-sick, as we thought of loved and loving ones at home, and could scarce refrain from envying them their happiness.

The Doctor was a visitor in this Territory during the summer of 1864, and returned east, but, like many others, the mountains possessed such fascinations that he returned, bringing with him his family. The Doctor is a skillful practitioner and intends to follow his profession, we believe, in Helena.

The two companies that have been engaged in sinking shafts on this creek, have been reduced.

The water has been very high, rendering the sinking of shafts in the gulches, a matter of impossibility. One company backed down, but the other, Mr. William Alexander's, are still at work, and are much encouraged by the prospects obtained. Mr. A. is determined not to give it up till bed-rock is reached and the creek thoroughly prospected.

Good prospects have been obtained on the bars, on which the city is built, and a company of enterprising Germans, have taken up the ground and have commenced the building of a large flume across the creek, through which, the water from the ditch, on the east side, will be brought on to the bars. Our friends of the city charter will have to look out, or they will find the original terra firma on which the city was located, far down towards the Mo.

The saw-mill on this creek, two and a half miles south of this place, owned by Messrs. C. and H. Lee, is now doing a thriving business. The finest quality of lumber, is now furnished at the mill, at five cents per foot.

Reports of a stampede to a dry gulch, near Blackfoot, is rife. Madam rumor hath it, that the fortunate discoverer panned out in one day, the sum of seventy-two ounces of the precious metal. That ought to raise a stampede of the tallest kind.

The driver of Holladay's coach from Helena, to Virginia city, on Saturday last, met with a serious accident. In going down the long hill, from the head of Prickly Pear, to Boulder, one of the mules became unruly, and running the coach against a large boulder, the driver lost his balance and was precipitated to the ground, the wheels of the coach passing over his body. A gentleman sitting on the outside, attempted to seize the lines, when he, too, lost his balance, and fell, out without sustaining any serious injury. The team continued their course, at a break neck speed, arriving safely at the foot of the hill, and up the next rise, when the driver of Oliver's express, which was ahead discovered the absence of the driver, and the horses were stopped. The driver was picked up and sent to Helena. What is stranger than all, is that the inside passengers, seven in number, knew nothing of the accident. How ever the coach kept from turning over, coming at such a speed down that narrow dug-way, was certainly a miracle.

Gentrics' mule train of ten wagons, overland from St. Louis, loaded with Herman & Co.'s mill arrived at its destination, Pipestone, on Saturday, all safe and sound.

A man belonging with Gentrics' train, shot himself, inflicting a serious wound, while carelessly handling a loaded revolver, at Parson's ferry, on the 12th inst. It seems that he had been handling his revolver, and giving it a throw into the wagon, one of the barrels were discharged, the ball hitting him in the leg, below the knee, and lodging in his ankle. People should learn to be more cautious. NEWTON.

**A CURIOUS BUT DOUBTFUL STORY.**—The following is from the Norfolk (Va.) correspondence of the Tribune: A curious statement was made to me in private conversation a few days since by an ex-rebel officer of Stonewall Jackson's command. Speaking of Jackson, he said that if Jackson had been in command of the rebel army after the battle of Antietam, the war would have been brought to a close. This statement I was anxious to know the reason of.

"Jackson proposed to Lee and other officers that McClellan should be delicately approached with a proposition to place him (McClellan) in command of both the Union and rebel armies, and then dictate to the Administration satisfactory terms of peace, which at that time would have been the dep. sing of Mr. Lincoln." But Jeff Davis got wind of it and it fell through. "We thought that the United States Government had become aware of such a plan, and that was the way we accounted for the fact of McClellan being relieved from the command of the army."

This seemed so curious an arrangement that I made further inquiries and discovered that such a plan was certainly proposed, and thought to be a feasible one.

GEN. Grant's father is postmaster at Covington, Ky.

**FROM PAHRANAGAT.**—A private letter from Pahrangat to Governor Blasdel, of Nevada, now in this city, announces that the Indians in the vicinity having stolen some horses, a party of six men, under command of Captain Quin, followed the trail of the stolen stock for some distance, and discovered an Indian camp not far from it. This camp they attacked at sunrise on the 10th of June. Captain Quin ordered the men to reserve their fire till they got near, and then fire low and deliberately. His orders were well obeyed. Two of the men were armed with Henry's repeating rifles. The engagement lasted seven or eight minutes, and in that time twelve male Indians, all in the camp, were killed, save one, who was badly wounded. One of the slain was an infant, and two squaws were wounded, but it was by accident. A buck ran in among the squaws, and the bullet that killed him passed through, killed the child and wounded its mother. The other squaw was wounded by a bullet intended for a buck. A horse hide, a mule hide, and the leg of a horse with a shoe on, were found in the camp. The writer says that the life of one good white man is worth more than that of all the Indians from Silver Peak to the Colorado, and he begs Governor Blasdel to tell General Halleck to send a company of cavalry to protect the people of Pahrangat.—Salt Lake Ex.

**THE PRESIDENT'S SOBRIETY.**—We have always contended against the assertions of the enemies of the President, that he was addicted to excessive intemperance and asserted the contrary, that he was most strictly temperate. In that we have the corroboration of Dr. Henry W. Bellows, the celebrated divine and Sanitary Agent, who, in a lecture delivered in New York on the Moral Aspects of the Capital, said "that his visit to Washington had strengthened his confidence and released his worst fears."

But that fear was based upon the suspicion that the President was a bad, a weak, a capricious man, whose body and spirit were both intoxicated with his elevation to power, and who, having disappointed and betrayed his party, was capable of any worse thing. I rejoice in being able to say that abundant opportunities were given me to dissipate that fear; that I believe nothing of the indecent rumors touching the President's sobriety; that I think him a very able, a very earnest, and a very patriotic man, honest in his opinions and prejudices."

**THE past fall, as a lady, modestly attired, was on her way to the city of New York, on board one of the Hudson river night boats, she sat quietly reading in the lady's cabin, when flashily dressed dame, mistaking her for a servant, rather rudely accosted her with:**  
 "Do you know this cabin is for the ladies?"  
 "Certainly I do," was the answer; and have been wondering for some time why you are here?"

**A NICE LITTLE BAGGAGE.**—The Providence Journal of May 17th relates the following:  
 As the midday Worcester train was about leaving the depot yesterday, a man of the Johnsonian style of manners entered one of the cars and gruffly requested that two young ladies occupying separate seats should sit together, that he and a friend might enjoy a *te-te-te* on the other seat. "But," said one of the damsels, blushing, "this seat is engaged."  
 "Engaged, is it?" "A young man," said the conscientious maiden. "A young man, eh? where's his baggage?" persisted Ursula Major. "In his baggage," Old Hatfield, replied the demure damsel pursing her rosy lips into the prettiest pout. "Old Hatfield," subsided; the young man came in and extended his arm protectingly, almost caressingly, around his baggage, and Conductor Capron stared the train.

**W. M. FULLER** recently made a public test of his lead machine in Chicago. Eighteen hundred pounds of North Carolina tailings were run through it in fifteen minutes, and a very responsible committee appointed to take charge of the refuse that came from the machine and have it assayed to see how much if any bullion remained in it. The result has not yet transpired, but an assay from stuff run privately a short time previous showed only a trace of gold, according to J. V. Z. Blaney, professor of chemistry in the Rush Medical College, who assayed it.

A very sentimental poet, seeing the gambols of an ass's foal in the field, vowed that he should like to send the little things as a present to his dearest Matilda. "D," replied one of his companions "and tie a piece of paper round its neck, bearing this motto: 'When this you see remember me.'"

**VERGING ON.**—An ancient maiden in Newark, after reading in a newspaper that a man in that city had cruelly beaten his wife, exclaimed: "Thank God! I am still a virgin!" Her brother's wife a woman of 22, overheard the remark, and replied: "Oh, yes, 'a virgin' on 40, I think."

**THE Cairo Democrat** ruthlessly unearths the record of that small-bore politician and professional patriot, I. N. Haynie, of Illinois, and proves him to have been opposed to the Legislature of Illinois granting one dollar to "aid in equipping troops to be sent out of the State for the purpose of prosecuting the unnecessary war inaugurated by the present (meaning the Lincoln) administration." Haynie now trains with that pair of blackguards known and execrated as Logan and Oglesby.

**A REPUBLICAN caucus** of the Connecticut Legislature has nominated Lemman W. Cutler for Comptroller, George A. Paine for School Fund Commissioner, Samuel Fitch for Railroad Commissioner, and J. R. Beaumont for Bank Commissioner.

**DR. J. B. Irving,** late of Charleston, S. C., has been elected secretary of the American Jockey club, of which August Belmont, Esq., is the president.

It is said that Rev. J. T. Headley has found a congenial work in the biography of Gen. L. C. (detective) Baker.

**HENRY J. Raymond** desires a reelection to Congress. James Brooks, of the Express, will also be a candidate for the seat from which he was unrighteously expelled.

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**SUMMONS.**  
 MONTANA TERRITORY, District Court, First MADISON COUNTY. }  
 Lizzie Frishmuth, Plaintiff, }  
 vs. }  
 Edmund H. Frishmuth, Defendant. }  
 The said defendant is hereby notified that the said plaintiff, on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1866, filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court, her petition for a divorce, claiming that said defendant had been guilty of extreme cruelty, adultery and abandonment. And the said defendant is further notified that unless he appear at the October term of said Court, to be holden on the first Monday of October, 1866, and plead answer or demur to said petition, that the master and things therein contained will be taken as confessed.  
 J. A. HOSMER, Clerk.  
 DAVIS & THORNGHAM,  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff. 97-109

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