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LETER FROM BANNACK.

Bannack, Aug. 20th, 1866.

EDITOR POST:—Since the last "Bannack Letter" our people have been pursuing the even tenor of their way, and we were quite unprepared for the stampede that set in yesterday for the Lemhi Valley—the tide still rushes on, and unless there is a counter current in a few days, our streets will be almost deserted. The valley in which the new placer diggings have been discovered is very extensive, and it is said, that it resembles the Boise basin. The diggings are shallow and the first prospects evenly, from seven to thirty cents to the pan on the bed rock. What the result will be, we cannot tell, but it is certain that the excitement is great, and the faith of the stampeders strong. But still Bannack moves on. The New York mill puffs away—here and there miners are raising the rich quartz to the light of day—extensive preparations are being made for the erection of furnaces and mills, and progress and improvement are visible on whatsoever side we turn our eyes.

The Montana Mineral Land Mining Company are employing a score of men sinking shafts, building foundation for a twenty stamp mill, getting out timbers and other material for a mill and three sets of furnaces. The building for the mill will be 100 by 30 feet, and put up in the most substantial manner.

We are indebted to Mr. Herman Clarke for the formation of this company. Mr. Clarke is one of our earliest citizens, and perhaps the first quartz miner in the Territory, having built the first mill, and owned and run the old water mill for a long time. Many thousands of dollars worth of quartz has been crushed under his supervision, and hence, no man in this district knows better how to select paying property than he does, and his work proves his faith in the entire success of his company. He has bought about $30,000 worth of quartz property since his return from New York.

Mr. Kirby, the Superintendent of the Company, we know but little about; but he is a man well versed in business and heavy contracts. To him the Government at Washington entrusted the filling of the contract of the revenue cutters for Lake Erie. We believe that the Company have the right men in the right place, and some of the best quartz property in the Territory. The Mademoiselle, one claim of which would furnish enough quartz for a hundred stamp mill. There is a vein of pure rich quartz, four feet wide, besides ten feet of iron. They are also sinking on the discovery claim of the Pocotah lode, and on number four. Also on the Arizona, one of the best silver leads in the Blue Wing district, all of which look as well as one could wish. They intend also commencing, in a few days, to develope some of their property at Rattlesnake. In connection with Professor Eaton, they are also manufacturing fire-brick successfully.

We write thus particularly of these companies and their managers, in order that the public may know what progress is making at Bannack, and to bring forth all the elements of success that are in persons and property, and to stay false impressions abroad. We do not boast of gambling houses, saloons, women and dance-houses, as elements of success; no do we ever expect to point to these as *evidences* of our prosperity. But it is a fact, that all who have come here have found employment, and there is still a demand for miners and mechanics. It is probable that the new diggings on Salmon river may do us much damage for a year; but we hope enough will come in to fill the places of those who have "stampeded." Of course it will be a god-send to many a poor miner, who has toiled for years in vain, if the new placer mines are rich and extensive. We hope that they are, for we wish to see every honest, hard working miner prosperous, and laying up enough at least for old age.

Do not let the public be deceived, nor merchants overrun us with goods—we have enough here of most things to do us a year. It is not good for a community for any one business to fatten on another; but an even balance between trade and labor is best for any people, and will lead to the prosperity of all classes. This now is the condition of things at Bannack, and we hope to see her attain the highest degree of prosperity and civilization. S. F. D.

RECENT experiments, reported to a scientific Congress at Strasburg, show that very few of the sudden deaths said to arise from heart disease in reality can be attributed to that cause. Out of sixty-six cases of sudden deaths that were made the subject of a thorough post mortem examination, but two occurred from disease of the heart, although they were attributed to it. Nine died from apoplexy, and forty-five from congestion of the lungs—that is, the lungs were so full of blood that they could not work, there not being room enough for a sufficient quantity of air to enter to support life. Among the chief causes of congestion of the lungs are cold feet, tight clothing, sudden cooling after being warmed by labor, a sudden change from a warm room to the cold air, and very depressing news, which operates on the blood. By avoiding these imprudences, many cases of sudden death popularly attributed to heart disease might be prevented.

DU CHAILLU, the great African traveler, sends to the London *Times* some interesting notes on a tribe of pigmies which he discovered in Western Africa. They resemble the gipsies somewhat in their habits, and gain their livelihood by trapping game, which they sell in the villages. They average about four feet six inches in hight, and are known as the Obongo.

BEN. HOLLADAY.

The St. Louis *Democrat* of June 27th, contains the following in regard to Ben. Holladay's Overland Mail Line, styling it a "monstrous abuse," etc. As far as Montana Territory is concerned, Mr. *Democrat*, she will speak for herself, and in doing so, will say that she has no reason to complain of Holladay's Overland Line. Our mails have been received regularly by this line since the first settlement of Montana. Idaho does not complain. The California papers have not had anything to say about the "monstrous abuse," nor has that State, or any of the Territories mentioned, asked for a reform in the service. We take it that the Editor of that paper is a "monstrous" busy-body and a "monstrous" fool:

"The people of St. Louis and the whole west are interested in this subject, and their representatives should co-operate with the Pacific coast members in moving for a thorough reform. For many years to come, the Overland Mail stages will fill the gap between the two ends of the Pacific Railroad now building from Missouri westward and from California eastward. It is of the highest importance to the thousands of our former citizens living in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Montana Territories, and in California and Oregon, that this service shall be efficiently and regularly performed. The terms of the contract should be enforced, and if Holladay is unable to fill it, there are other parties ready and willing to step into his shoes and take the contract off his hands. The Government pays an enormous sum yearly for the service, and it is but truth to say that the time by this shortest route across the country to California is worse than it was formerly, when the mails were carried between this city and San Francisco by what is called the Oxbow route via Fort Smith and El Paso. There was regularity as well as speed in the service on that line, and with a full thousand miles less of travel and a comparatively settled country at regular intervals on the route, an energetic effort to make time and carry the mail daily must meet with success. Under the present arrangement, the attempts to carry the mails to and from California by the overland route is a wretched farce. A reform is demanded, and we call upon the Missouri delegation in Congress to lend a helping hand in effecting that much desired event.

Road to Montana.

Major Cullen, who arrived this spring from Minnesota, informs us that it is the intention of the Minnesota Stage Company to put on a northern line of coaches from Minnesota to Montana, as early as the first of April of next year. The cars are now running to St. Cloud, seventy-five miles above St. Paul, and a line of stages runs west from the former point, a distance of three hundred miles, to Fort Abercrombie. We already have stages running to Fort Benton, so that the only new line to be opened would be from the latter place to Abercrombie, a distance of not over seven hundred miles. It is proposed to place stations upon this route at the distance of ten miles apart, and this may be easily done, not only because wood, water and grass are plentiful at all points, but because General Grant has promised full protection to the road. It is thought that the distance from Helena to St. Cloud can be made in eleven days, and through to New York in just two weeks. Many of the stages of the Minnesota Company have been thrown out of employment by the introduction of railroads, and we believe they can find no better opening for the display of their enterprise, than that of which they propose to take advantage.—*Helena Republican.*

THE generals of the regular army now rank in the order of their names in the following list: General, U. S. Grant; Lieutenant-General, Wm. T. Sherman; Major-Generals, Henry W. Halleck, Geo. G. Meade, Philip H. Sheridan, Geo. H. Thomas, Winfield S. Hancock; Brigadier-Generals, Irwin McDowell, William S. Rosecrans, Philip St. Geo. Cooke, John Pope, Joseph Hooker, John M. Schofield, Oliver O. Howard, Alfred H. Terry, E. O. C. Ord. Of all these, General Terry, the brilliant captor of Fort Fisher and faithful commander in Virginia, is the only officer drawn from civil life. All the others were educated at West Point; but Grant, Sherman, Hooker, Howard and Halleck were in civil life when the war broke out, having resigned from the army after the Mexican war.—*New York Post.*

A DANGER TO IRON-PLATED VESSELS.—A Toulon letter says: "The steam ram Taureau has just entered the port to be placed in dry-dock and have her bottom cleaned. The operation has been commenced none too soon; after being eight months in commission, this vessel had an immense mass of vegetation adhering to her plates; even coral had already acquired there a certain dimension. What is more serious is the holes of from a third to a half an inch in depth, which have been bored by worms just along the water-line, the most vulnerable part of the ship, and which menace to become a serious danger to iron-clad ships, if means are not adopted to protect them."

The Richmond *Examiner* says of the Fourth of July: "This day brings with it a strange mingling of emotions to the Southern heart. It is the anniversary of the fall of Vicksburg—a disaster that gave our short-lived Confederacy its mortal hurt. Shall we rejoice, or shall we be sad? Wherefore should we be glad? The rights which it gave us are taken away from us, and the blessing that it conferred have been changed to evils.

HOW HE TURNED IT OFF.—The New York *Ledger* thus relates an exploit of Mr. Hind, the actor:

He was playing in a piece, somewhere out West, where a brigand, confined in prison, files off his fetters with a tool supplied to him by an accomplice; climbs to the top of a wall, gets one leg over, and is then shot by three dreadful soldiers, who run in just as his escape seems certain.

The scene is very exciting. As the brigand works at his fetters the audience begin to sympathize with him, and when he gets them off and painfully mounts the wall, they think it a pity that he should not secure his liberty when he has so nearly obtained it.

One night Hind was appearing, as I said, in this part. He filed his fetters to slow music; he climbed the wall; he threw one leg over it; then he waited for the soldiers to shoot him, as any respectable brigand would have done under the circumstances.

The soldiers rushed on, aimed their muskets at the ceiling, as soliers usually do, and pulled triggers, but the guns would not fire.

Hind sat patiently until the prompter had supplied the soldiers with another set of guns. But it was of no use. The guns would not shoot. A third set were procured, but with no better result. The prompter's boy had neglected to load the muskets.

Hind, like our Adams, decided that something must be done. Paying no further attention to the soldiers, he stiffened himself, and fell heavily from the wall, rolled over to the footlights, raised himself upon his elbow, stared at the audience, choked a little, and then exclaimed:

"Good heavens! I have swallowed the file."

After this sublime exclamation, all that remained for him to do was to give the usual kicks and lurches, die in the good, old legitimate style, and so end the piece, and receive the congratulations of his friends.

I never looked at Hind without thinking of this story. It ought to have made him immortal. An actor who could furnish such a finale is capable of anything.

FROM BENTON.—On the 15th inst., a portion of the train from Minnesota was at Benton. Gold had been discovered in paying quantities, in the Bear's Paw Mountains, and a part of the Minnesotians had stopped there with the intention of wintering. The contract for furnishing beef to the Montana troops was secured by Captain Pope, at eighteen dollars per hundred pounds. The next bid to that of Captain Pope's was about nineteen dollars. Some time since, Mr. Majors employed Mr. Fox to go over the Yellowstone to Helena for the purpose of selecting a suitable route for a wagon road, provided such a route should be practicable. Mr. Fox and his companions succeeded until they reached a point above the mouth of Powder river, where the Indians found them and turned them back. The river is falling rapidly. Parties went down below the coal banks for the purpose of sounding it, and found that the depth of water was so rapidly diminishing that it would be inexpedient for the steamer Luella to attempt to remain at Benton until the 1st of September. She accordingly left on the 16th inst., and will stop for passengers and treasure at Cow Island. Mackinaws provided by the steamboat company will leave Benton on the 1st proximo, to connect with the Luella. It is still confidently expected that the steamer Miner will be able to reach the head of navigation, as she draws only fourteen inches of water. She left St. Louis some time since, and will not lose a minute upon the way. Taylor, Thompson & Co., of Helena, have been appointed the Miner's agents. If the boat is unable to reach Benton, Mackinaws will be built to meet her.—*Helena Republican, 21st inst.*

A JUST COMMENTARY.—The Sacramento *Union*, referring to the call of Copperheads of that State for a Convention to be held at Carson on the 12th September next, says:

"Under the invitation of old Democrats, who had not courage enough to leave the Pacific coast and fight in the armies of the rebellion, rebels of all kinds, re-constructed and other fishy Union men of the Doolittle and Thurlow Weed stamp can cordially participate in political love-feast. It will indeed be a motley assemblage. In the Convention there will be all sorts of conditions of men, like those who met with David at Abdullam, viz: "Every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented." It will be an interesting sight when these men meet in council, to witness their political shades and complexions. Their schemes will come to naught, however, for the Union organization in Nevada is too firm and compact to be shaken by mere place seekers."

QUEEN VICTORIA'S HUMANITY.—A London correspondent of the New York *Tribune* relates the following incident:

"An interesting anecdote of the Queen's humanity and attachment to her army has just come to my knowledge. You may have noticed in the news from Ireland the trial of a Sergeant Darrah for Fenianism, of which he was found guilty and sentenced to be shot. When the warrant was brought to the Queen for her signature, her consent was urgently solicited on the ground of the necessity of making an example, and at length obtained, though she burst into tears in the act of according it. Within an hour afterwards she sent for the warrant again and tore it in pieces—and God bless her for it! The act will effect more towards extirpating Fenianism in the ranks, if it exist there, than all the constables, spies, lawyers, judges and hangmen within the four seas of Britain could do."