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THOS. M. ISETT, (late of Isett & Brewster, Muscatine, Iowa); W. B. FARR, (late of Scott, Kerr & Co., Salt Lake City); JOHN KERR, (of Scott, Kerr & Co., Leavenworth, Kansas).
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Is now in full blast and that I am manufacturing a superior article of
LAGER BEER,
And in quantities to meet the increasing demands of my business.
Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to me, I solicit a continuance of the same.
I am also manufacturing a superior article of
Malt Whisky,
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Sold at Reasonable Rates.
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Nevada City, September 8, 1866. 107-4f

CALL AND SEE
The City Meat Market, Deer Lodge City, M. T.
WILLIAM H. MILLER, Proprietor, who begs leave to inform the public that he has constantly on hand a full supply of Beef, Mutton, Pork, Veal, Sausages and Game of all kinds. Orders promptly filled and carefully attended to.
Deer Lodge City, Sept. 11, 1866.—108-5f

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

PINE LUMBER is growing scarce, and the price increases every year, so that parties are already looking for other materials that will be suitable for building purposes. The great market from which the present supply is drawn, is the valley of the Ottawa, in Canada. The forests of the United States, which are available, have been nearly exhausted. The region in Canada embraces an area of about seventy-five thousand square miles, which is covered with a dense pine forest. It is estimated that this may last a century. The government is taking steps to plant trees upon the prairies of the West, in order that the necessity may be met and the wants of future generations provided for.

PROFESSOR WOOD, who has recently made a botanical exploration of Oregon, stood on the 20th of last August upon the summit of Mount Hood. The ascent is eleven miles, and the angles vary from 15 to 45 degrees. At times the journey was exceedingly difficult, and the masses of snow which had been softened by the heat of summer were dangerous obstacles to surmount. Volumes of sulphurous smoke issue from an open abyss on the west side of the ancient crater. The intense heat has depressed the snow near this spot about one thousand feet. It is 17,000 feet in height, and is the loftiest land in the United States, if not in the North American continent.

MUCH amusement is caused to the people who live near Mariposa grove, by the attempts of visitors to bestow upon the "big trees" of California names that will endure for ages. The so-called "Duke Gwin," formerly of the Senate of the United States, contracted with an iron founder and placed his name upon a tablet, which was affixed to one of the largest giants of the forest. This was torn down by the admirers of Horace Greeley, Lincoln, Grant, Seward and other well known characters were remembered by the "Burlingame party." "A daughter of the South" erased them and substituted in their place Lee, Davis, Stonewall Jackson, etc. In the meanwhile the trees continue to flourish, and the temporary christenings which they receive do not affect them. Scientific men compute their ages at not less than two thousand, and some consider four thousand years, a correct estimate.

H. A. CLEM, of New York, claims that he can foretell the approach of storms by means of his invention, termed the "Aeoloscope." It is the result of twenty-one years of study, and if accurate in its predictions will benefit the people and put a large fortune in the purse of the inventor.

THE remarkable progress made during the last war by American inventors continues to astonish Europe. The maritime powers are counting up the sums which they have wasted in their efforts to create a powerful and invincible navy. Great Britain, which once assumed the proud title of "mistress of the seas," has spent a hundred millions in the last ten years and cannot produce one sea going iron clad. Sir John Parkington recently observed in the House of Commons that the "Admiralty have great difficulty in finding relief for the ships that return from foreign service." After reading this startling assertion, we need not be surprised at the neutral course which the ministry pursue when the demon of war appears upon the soil of the continent. Peace is the gentle goddess that now presides over the destinies of the once savage and belligerent John Bull.

ENGLISH and French engineers are considering the practicability of constructing a tunnel between their respective countries under the English channel. Many suggestions have been made, and one writer proposes to suspend, by means of buoys, an iron tube through which railway trains can pass. The London Railway News states that Mr. Henshaw is "occupied with his investigations in the channel," for the purpose of selecting a site for the proposed work. The word impossible will soon disappear from our vocabularies.

THE Colonist has a leader upon the importance of developing the quartz leads of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. Discoveries of rock have been made at Cariboo and Big Bend, which seems to be as rich as that of California or Montana. Companies are organizing for the purpose of testing their value, and there seems to be a good reason for assuming that a region, which has been favored with alluvial deposits that bestowed wealth upon their owners, possesses the sources from which the gold flowed in the original streams.

EVERY labor that is performed by man at the present day is represented by his champions. Trials of every description are held every week, and the newspapers contain accounts of rowing, spading, printing, running, fighting, and a thousand other varieties of matches. Two parties, recently, had a contest for the golden key, which has been awarded to the best writer in the Morse telegraph alphabet in New England. A Mr. Burns "sent" two hundred and fifty words in five minutes and fifty-one seconds. Mr. Kettle performed the same task in better time by one second. The prize was awarded to the first-named gentleman because the writing was plainer.

BANNACK LETTER.

BANNACK, Oct. 24, '66.
EDITOR POST: Having noticed the most important companies and mining operations in this and Blue Wing districts, we will now continue our notice of mining affairs in Rattlesnake District. The distance from Bannack to Montana city is about fifteen miles; the road is a good one, of easy grades, and will soon be unsurpassed by any road in the Territory. A good deal of work has been done in grading by voluntary subscriptions, and more is being done by the enterprising people and companies of Montana city. It is a credit to Beaver Head county that the road is a free one, especially when every other part of the Territory is overlapped with toll-roads, bridges and ferries. The citizens of Montana city have also made six miles of good road to the Virginia road, making it the best route for coaches and freighters between Bannack and that place. Nor is this all, the roads leading to the various leads now being worked are graded and in fine condition. Montana city is situated just below the mouth of the canyon, on the south bank of Rattlesnake, one of the purest streams of water in the world. Nature has made this location expressly for a town site; for a great city; and for advantages and variety of delightful scenery, it is unsurpassed. No one can visit the place without being impressed with the idea that not many years hence, a great and wealthy city will be built on this site, especially after visiting the rich leads of silver ore that abound on every hill-side for several miles square on the north side of the creek. Perhaps the richest of these is the Legal Tender, discovered by A. M. Esler, now superintendent of the Esler and Bender company. Mr. Esler is sinking on this lead, and is down over one hundred feet. The ore is a galena, and the average assay in silver is \$500 to the ton. Mr. Esler has a contract with the St. Louis Montana Mining Company to smelt 200 tons of the ore, which is now being worked at the rate of fifteen tons per day. The ore is all ready, and over 100 tons at the furnace. About sixty men are being employed by this company besides those mining for Mr. Esler.

Prof. Augustus Styte, superintendent of the St. Louis company, began about the middle of July to put up the building over his furnaces. Almost impassable difficulties met him at the outset, in the way of suitable rock, sand, brick, etc., but he has been remarkably successful in all his undertakings. His building is probably 120 by 50 feet, besides another building about half as large, for offices. The apparatus consists of blast, cupelling and roasting furnaces, scotch hearths and Frigeburg plan, by which, in Germany, where the mines are several thousand feet deep, ore worth four dollars to the ton gives profitable returns. Now, we are confident of the success of these operations, that Mr. Esler will have a handsome return for his company, and the St. Louis Company will make a large profit above expenses. Mr. Esler will have over one hundred tons of lead after the silver has been cupelled, which will certainly pay all the expenses; now any one can calculate the profit. The result will astonish the world. Besides the ore from the Legal Tender, the company is working the Stapleton lode, which is yielding any amount of rich ore from the surface down. The shaft is now about thirty feet deep, and the vein of ore about five feet in width.

There are a score or more of other leads just as good, no doubt, as the Legal Tender and Stapleton, if they were opened. The White Cloud, Dictator, New World, Banner, Prize, Godfrey and others would furnish ores by hundreds of cords, if worked. Now we see no good reason why a score of furnaces are not now in full blast, instead of one. If a company means to do anything, why spend a hundred thousand dollars and lose two or three years' labor and accomplish nothing. If anything is to be done, let it be pushed forward at once, and the test will be the sooner made up and with less cost.

From this time the course of Montana City is upward and onward. Two years ago, only a few laborious and care worn prospectors might be seen here and there with pick and shovel, walking over the hills, some of them poor indeed, living in mere hovels and caves, but we trust, yes, we believe that their fondest hopes and fanciful dreams will yet be more than realized.

Montana now has her stores and shops, boarding and public houses, and the weary traveler can find good "round meals" for himself and horse at Frank Esler's, whose lady knows how to make the wayfarer man feel at home. In passing that way give them a call, visit Professor Styte's furnaces and the leads, and you will find all that we have written is the truth, the natural and only conclusion. S. F. D.
P. S.—No Post came tonight. It is reported that it fell out by the wayside. Why not put the package in the mail bag?
There will be a great mining camp on Salmon river. The diggings are on Napoleon's creek. The gold is fine, and thousands of dollars are being laid out for goods in Bannack every week.
Smith & Greater and Captain Wall are doing well. They took out over \$1,300 last week in Dry Gulch, a half mile west of Bannack, and their ground is improving. Prof. Eaton is about ready to start his furnace. Clark & Kirby have their mill inclosed, and are driving business before them. Prof. McComb is testing his powerful hydraulic on Zeller's bar, which is mostly boulders and cobble stones. It works admirably. He intends to move it to Horse Prairie mine where he has bought a large interesting ground that pays \$10 per day to the hand by common sluicing. The professor may well expect good returns. S. L. D.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HELENA, Sept. 29, 1866.
EDITOR POST:—Helena is dull. Andy Johnson, beloved of the "Pikes," were he to arrive here with his great show, could not command such an audience as ere while assembled to witness an impromptu dog fight. The mackinaws have depleted the place, and the desire of seeing home and friends once more has overcome fear of Indians, and the dread of attempting the perilous navigation of the Upper Missouri. There are so few, comparatively, on the streets now, that were a man to fall down in a fit, I do not think he would be suffered to remain there as long as the poor fellow Gleason did, who met a violent death last week. Under these circumstances it was positively unkind in the proprietors of the REPUBLICAN to remove that paper from us. All feel that an indignity has been put upon us, and undeservedly; for with all our late misfortunes Helena is still quite a place compared with your city.

DOUBLING UP.
As a result of the great movement to the States, many of our legal and medical firms are split up, especially the former, and the odd oxen are yoking together. For instance, Burson & Vinton and Lawrence & Hedges, by cancelling Burson, from the first, and Hedges from the last, become Vinton & Lawrence. Some excitement was caused among the present houseless lawyers by the report that Joe & Frank were about to let the upper story of their building for a billiard saloon. But this turns out a false report, and the place will soon be occupied chiefly by its old tenements, devotees of Themis.

THE OLD COURT HOUSE.
On Main street, is desolate indeed. The judge has gone, the clerk of the court, and the U. S. Collector, have removed their offices, leaving what was once the best tenanted building in town, absolutely empty.

A QUEER HORSE CASE.
It is not often that a lawsuit in which this noble animal is the subject of dispute, has any interest for the public. Perhaps the following may prove an exception. A Californian arriving here some three months ago left a fine black Morgan colt who could do his mile in 2:40, or thereabouts, with one of our corral keepers to be cared for. Upon calling for his property a few days ago, a "cayuse" was tendered him instead of his own proud animal. This is his story. The other party says that his horse had improved so much under their care that the owner did not know him. A lawsuit was the result, which was tried to day before Judge McCarty and a jury. The result was a verdict for the defendant, the stable keepers thus showing that in the opinion of the jury the plaintiff didn't know his own horse.

MISDEMEANORS.
Are frequent enough, so Judge McCarty says, and it seems he don't hear of them all in his official capacity, if we may judge from the case of Kate Silvers, who having brought from "Confederate," where she has been doing business this summer, the lawless manners of that bad place, drew a Derringer on the keeper of the Free Concert, Thursday night, but who, probably, in consideration of her youth and beauty, was not arrested. Miss Silvers is a rather brassy one.

NOT ALL DEAD YET.
An old man of over sixty years, who has spent the last fifteen years of his life among the mining camps of California, Nevada and Idaho, was two or three evenings ago taken in at the ten dice game to the tune of \$120, and his watch, and then came to a friend to borrow money to continue the contest. He is probably glad now that his friend didn't have any money to lend for that purpose.

A COMIC PAPER.
Has been started in Helena. It is called the Rocky Mountain Gazette. Perhaps your correspondent is the first one to discover the fact, but such is the case nevertheless. Its two editorials, one entitled "Slander Refuted," and the other on the "Southern Unionist Convention," place it on a par, if not with Punch and Charivari, at least with those great "buff" and "blue" organs of Mr. Pickwick's day—the *Estonsville Independent* and *Estonsville Gazette*. The editor of the late REPUBLICAN made a great mistake in treating these articles as seriously intended. The *Gazette's* allusion to Cromwell as a blockhead is as laughable as President Johnson's reference to the beheading of James II. Some more of these good jokes I may at some future time reiterate for the amusement of your readers. HAL.

OUR MINISTER AT FRANKFORT.—By the subjoined paragraph, which we find in a London paper, it will be seen that the American eagle has flapped his wings at least once during the war in Europe: "A letter from Frankfort to the *Presse* of Vienna, tells the following story of the Prussian occupation of Frankfort. Mr. Murphy, the American Minister to the Diet, was informed by Gen. de Manteuffel that he and his countrymen could not be relieved from the charge of billeting soldiers on their houses. Mr. Murphy put on his hat, and simply replying, 'General, pray observe that our feet is on the Baltic,' took his leave. The Americans have had no soldiers to provide lodging for."

IN California, decomposed auriferous quartz yielding from \$6 to \$8 per ton has for some time been worked with profit; less than that, it has heretofore been held, would not pay until the price of labor decreased.

PIPESTONE PARK.

PIPESTONE PARK, Oct. 1, '66.
EDITOR POST: In this section, at the present time, stampedes are the order of the day. The latest one in which your humble servant participated, was to what is known as "Home-stake Gulch," a branch of the Big Pipestone, lying between the Little Pipestone creek and Pipestone Park. It is some seven miles in length, and has a good sluice head of water. The depth to bed-rock averages about five feet. Prospects are obtained from the grass-roots down, varying from a half-cent near the surface, to five cents on the bed-rock, with plenty of fall to ground-sluice. The gold is coarse and of good quality. Water can be brought into this gulch without much difficulty. The prospects thus far are favorable for a paying gulch. A number of other gulches that promise well are being prospected, and we are on the watch for another rush. The great event of this section has been the settlement of the suit between Charles Pancost and McCurdy, Boyer, Flynn and others, concerning the ownership of the Geneva alias Bully Boy Lode. This case came off in Helena, before Judge Munson, on Sept. 17. The defendants refusing to appear to defend their title, the case went against them, and in addition to the costs and the loss of the lode, a judgment of \$1,000 damage was added. This lode was properly opened by Pancost and recorded. During his absence to the States last winter, these parties, although holding claims on the same, and having sold their ground, took possession of the discovery claim, calling it by the name of "Bully Boy," and again sold the ground at good figures, besides furnishing rock to the mill to crush and pocketing the proceeds. After the refusal to defend the suit, which they knew they could not do, Mr. Pancost was attacked, and had not been for the interference of other parties, would undoubtedly have been killed. This matter was allowed to drop, nor would publicity have been given at this time, had it not been for the disgraceful conduct of some of the defendants named. Even the witnesses of Pancost's bond were obliged to carry weapons for self-defense. It would have taken for one time but a single vote more for the citizens to have taken the matter in their own hands, and dealt out summary justice in the shape of a hangman's knot. Mr. Pancost has acted in a gentlemanly manner, offering to pay his own costs, and not to enforce the payment of the judgment, if they would only give him peaceable possession of what is legally his own. We have been compelled to give publicity to these facts that the public may see who are the parties to blame, and also to warn the gentlemen in question to be a little cautious.

An immense lode has been lately discovered near this place which goes ahead of anything yet discovered, of which we have heard. It is over two hundred feet in width, and has been opened for a distance of five miles. The wall rock has been found on both sides of this lode. The lode itself looks well, having hundreds of cords of rock on the surface. The quartz is of a dark bluish color. Arrangements are being made by experienced quartz men to sink a shaft on this lode the coming winter, and then by tunneling across, ascertain its true value. The fortunate owners are very much elated with it, and think that it is a "big thing." We sincerely wish it may, but can hardly comprehend that it will prove good. Among the names recorded we notice that of D. W. Tilton & Co.

The quartz mill of McKinstry & Co., is making some good runs from the Clipper lode. Herman & Co.'s mill is not yet fairly started, having been delayed by the lack of rock, building of roads, and other items incidental to the starting of a new mill.

Highland Gulch is evidently a paying institution, despite the croakings of horse-back prospectors, but no second Alder Gulch, as reported, is there, nor do we believe its equal will ever be found. JUSTICE.

GLACIAL ACTION.—A number of practical gentlemen, who have done considerable exploring in the upper part of the county this summer, informs us that they have discovered the undoubted marks of a glacier in Bear valley. The mountains on each side of the valley rise to the height of seven or eight hundred feet, being about a mile apart, and along the sides are parallel grooves cut in the solid rock, which answers the description of the glacial action. The belief now is that the valley was formed by the action of a huge glacier, requiring, perhaps, centuries of time, and by its great weight plowing the deep gap in the mountains. The valley is between four and five thousand feet above the level of the ocean, and at about the altitude at which, according to the theory of Agassiz we might expect to find the most certain traces of glaciers. Lower down in the valley, where the ice was nearly a mile in depth, its weight was so enormous that the rocks were ground to powder, and as the ice melted away the evidences of its action was obliterated; while at higher altitudes the marks of the glaciers would be left in the gorges cut in the solid rock. We should think Bear valley would be an interesting locality for examination by scientific men.—*Nevada Gazette*.

JOHN BRIGHT said in his great Birmingham speech: "If you go to those great and glorious colonies of this country—the United States of America—there you will find the people exhibiting all the virtues which belong to the greatest nations on the face of the earth; three you will find a people passing through a tremendous war, a tremendous revolution, with a conduct and a success, with a generosity and a magnanimity which have roused and attracted the admiration of the world."