

California Pioneer's Celebration.

The celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the admission of California into the Union took place on Monday last. The procession, numbering some 200, marched from their hall on Montgomery street above Jackson to the Academy of Music. Those in the procession who came to California prior to '49 were designated by red roses, those coming subsequently by a white one. Gen. Halleck wore the red. As these concourse moved along the streets, reflection could not but be directed to a period sixteen years ago, when those thus met together had beheld a far different scene from that then visible to their eyes. Then stretched far and near a barren waste of sand hills, and the waves of the bay, mimicking the fury of the ocean outside, fell upon a beach now almost in the heart of the city. To no other generation has it been granted to see a city whose growth in sixteen years can at all compare with that of San Francisco. The oration delivered on this occasion by Judge Dwinelle was particularly interesting on account of its historical character, and exhibited no small amount of research on the part of the speaker. From it we gather that the location and geography of California appear to have been but little known within a comparatively recent period. Less than a hundred years since, the locality of the Bay of San Francisco was contended as fabulous by the Viceroy of Spain. A map published in Venice in 1553, represents the Colorado river as rising in the mountains of Tibet and, meandering through a course of fifteen or twenty thousand miles, pouring its waters into the Gulf of California. As late as 1671, California was represented as an island, and in 1736 a captain in the English navy announced this portion of the Pacific Coast to be separated from China by the South Sea and the Meschache river—a queer method of spelling Mississippi, for which the appellation is intended. Our own title to California is deduced directly from the Pope of Rome, who first granted it to Spain, from Spain by revolution to Mexico, from Mexico by conquest and treaty to the United States. The acquisition of California by the United States was not an accident owing to the war with Mexico. It was the result of plans long matured and carefully laid by our Government, half a century before their consummation. France, England and Russia entertained similar designs, and it was only by superior skill and promptness that we were the winners. One singular fact in connection with the early history of this territory is, that notwithstanding its geological structure was known to be similar to that of Mexico, then producing largely gold and silver, yet no importance was attached to it as a mineral bearing country. The city of San Francisco was founded in 1776, by a party of soldiers and sailors who came up expressly for the purpose from Monterey, and took formal possession of the Presidio on the 17th of September of that year. Such are a few of the interesting facts mentioned by Judge Dwinelle.—Golden Era, 15th.

ASCERTAINING AGE OF SHEEP.—Although the age of the ram may in some cases be ascertained by the number of rings or knobs on his horns, yet from the large number of hornless sheep, and many other reasons, it is safer and more satisfactory to determine the age by the teeth. The sheep has eight cutting teeth in the front of the lower jaw, and six molar, or grinding teeth, in each jaw above and below. When the lamb is born it sometimes has no cutting teeth, but it generally has two, and before it becomes a month old, the full number, eight, appear in the front or lower jaw. When the sheep is sixteen months old, the two central cutting teeth are shed, and in process of time replaced by others, which attain their full size when the sheep is two years old. Between the age of two and three years, the next two incisors, or cutting teeth, are shed, and slowly replaced by others, which also attain their full size when the animal is three years old. At four years old, the sheep has six full grown cutting teeth, and at five the front teeth are all of an equal size, being fully developed. In the sixth and seventh year the teeth become discolored, as the enamel begins to wear off, and they exhibit symptoms of decay. For this reason ewes should not be kept for breeding after they are seven years old. Sometimes they are kept much longer than this, but it is well known that old ewes seldom produce strong and vigorous lambs. The culling out of old ewes and replacing them with choice well bred young ones, is a very important part of sheep husbandry.—Canada Farmer.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.—To the Editor of the Chicago Republican:—Your St. Louis correspondent under date of August 31, referring to this work, says: "The work on the road beyond Kearney will be suspended during the balance of the year." Important public interests demand that a mistake so material be promptly corrected. Since the 1st of April last, 160 miles of track have been laid on this line, extending thirteen miles west of Fort Kearney, and 200 miles from the Missouri river at Omaha. This rate of progress, under like circumstances, for such a continuous period, has nowhere been equaled. From information received at the company's office in New York, only the day before yesterday, I have every reason to believe the progress will not be slackened for the next 200 miles up the Platte valley, except as the severity of the coming winter shall compel it. I am happy to add that the long needed connecting link through Iowa is now under rapid progress, promising completion to Omaha early next season. Then the locomotive, now running only to the Des Moines valley, may bound forward to the West, bringing railroad transportation, by all routes north of Springfield, some 400 or 500 miles nearer than now to the mining interests of Colorado. The business interests of the country might even now prepare for the great change that will be wrought by this sudden shortening of mule transportation to the mines. J. L. WILLIAMS, One of the Government Directors, Fort Wayne, Sept. 1, 1866.

Dissolution of Partnership. THE partnership heretofore existing between A. K. Boies and John McDonald, at Virginia City, M. T., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs of the firm will be settled by John McDonald, at the old stand of Ohlberg & Co., September 12, 1866. 109-4t

HELENA, Sept. 30, 1866. Editor of the Gazette Insano. You have no doubt heretofore heard of an individual called the editor of the Rocky Mountain Gazette, which for some time past has been the organ of Democrats, road agents, murderers and others. Now it becomes my painful duty to inform you that that selfsame individual has gone mad. For some time past he kept constantly muttering something about "dark lantern society," something that no one but himself knew any thing about; in fact he showed symptoms of partial derangement; but now he has actually gone mad. When last heard from he only spoke in disconnected sentences, such as "dead," "Judge Munson," "entrapment," "REPUBLICAN," "buried," "D. W. Tilton & Co." etc. It is said that this calamity was caused by the cessation of the TRI-WEEKLY REPUBLICAN, which happy event for him was too much for the poor editor's weak nerves. It is thought that a dose of Congress would at this moment place him beyond recovery.

Mining in the Gulches. But to leave the sad theme: Japu 'n a son tour. The miners in this gulch are, at least in the lower part of it, hard at work and taking out good pay, the abundance of water caused by the late rain giving their operations a new impetus. The quartz mills in our suburbs are working good ore with good results, but the gold is not fine enough to justify its passing at \$18 per ounce. I will try and give you more on this subject in a future letter. Gaston & Simpson's mill, at New York Gulch, is expected to make a big clean up within a day or two. Confederate Gulch is played out for this year on account of scarcity of water and numbers are leaving that locality on that account. From Elk and Bear gulches, people are leaving en masse, on account of dull times and fear of winter.

Business. Owing probably to the fine state of the weather here, business has looked up materially, and many of the merchants think prospects fair for a fine fall trade. Salt Lake flour has been sold here within the last week at \$8 50 per sack, and there are no prospects of its going much higher this winter. Mr. C. C. Handy just received 500 sacks upon a contract made last summer, which cost him \$14 per sack, delivered here. Like him, many others have carried the speculation in this staple to a very high extent, will probably ever hereafter not be too anxious to try the experiment again. Today our streets have been exceedingly lively, and a number of drunken cases, a sure index of the state of the pockets, were to be noticed, but no disturbance of the peace has been reported at headquarters. Was there ever a town in California, of the size and population of Helena that could show as clean a Sunday's record? With the exception of the numerous auctioneers, we hear but little noise in the streets, our churches and Sunday schools are well visited, and the day seems to dawn, when our town will vie with any of the older settlements in the advance of civilization and moral improvement. There is not a city, town, or hamlet in the United States, where person and property is in as safe a condition as it is in this place. It is true, order is not so well preserved, on account of want of persons to break it, for God knows there are scores of men here that would, if placed in another community, have little regard for the rules of "mine and thine," but it is the fear of that tribunal that accepts no lawyer to plead, nor "reprieves" its criminals, which keeps the lawless in check, and makes the ruffian feel ticklish about the neck when he attempts to go down for his pistol "in self-defense." Hoping that I have not intruded too much upon your space, nor wearied your readers, I will close. PUEBLO.

TO THE PUBLIC. I TAKE this occasion to inform my numerous friends and customers that the

NEVADA BREWERY 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, in quantities to supply all demands, which will be Sold at Reasonable Rates. ALBERT SCHEFFLER, Nevada City, September 8, 1866. 107-4t

WM. ARMSTRONG'S BOOT & SHOE STORE, AT THE SIGN OF THE "BIG BOOT!" Wallace Street, Virginia City, (Three Doors below the Overland Stage Office.)

WHERE can be found a large stock of BOOTS AND SHOES, which have been manufactured expressly to suit this trade. This establishment employs from three to four hands on custom work. Particular attention paid to the manufacture of Gents' fine boots. All work warranted. 115-*

BULL'S HEAD MEAT MARKET, WALLACE STREET. Two Doors below Pfouts & Russell. GEORGE GOHN begs to inform the public that he has perfected his arrangements for a constant supply of all articles in his line, of the finest quality. BEEF, MUTTON, VEAL, GAME, FISH, SAUSAGES AND FOWLS. No meat of inferior quality sold in this establishment. Orders promptly and carefully filled. 120*

A. H. Foster, J. A. Culver. EAGLE CORRAL, FOSTER & CULVER, Proprietors, Cor. Jackson & Cover Sts., Virginia City. FIRST CLASS LIVERY & FEED STABLES, THREE CATTLE YARDS, On the premises, with plenty of good shelter and water. STOCK FED WITH GRAIN & HAY, AND CAREFULLY ATTENDED. FAST SADDLE HORSES, WELL GROOMED AND APPOINTED.

A comfortable room, with a cooking stove provided for the use of patrons of the establishment. 119*

"Big Horse" Corral! PFOUTENHAUER & KIBLER, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUTCHERS & PURVEYORS. WALLACE ST., VIRGINIA CITY. AT THE Metropolitan Meat Market. In this Market will be found, at all seasons of the year, dressed in the most ARTISTIC STYLE, And of the best quality obtainable for money. BEEF, MUTTON, PORK, LAMB, VEAL, SAUSAGES, POULTRY, FRESH, —And— EVERY ARTICLE IN THEIR LINE. Customers waited upon and their orders promptly executed. Young persons sent to this establishment will be especially attended to. A BRANCH MARKET At the old Stand of H. M. Beauregard, near the POSTOFFICE, ON WALLACE STREET. 109*

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA. LARGE AND COMMODIOUS Feed and Sale Stables! THE CONSTANT RESORT OF STOCKBUYERS A SPLENDID AND SPACIOUS CORRAL, At the rear of the premises, extending from Wallace to Idaho streets. Saddle Horses! WELL FACED AND APPOINTED. BUGGIES and SLEIGHS, Of the best construction, with teams that can draw them. TO LET! A SAFE AND STYLISH TURNOUT GUARANTEED. PLENTY OF PRIME HAY and well cleaned CRAIN ALWAYS ON HAND. A NEAT AND WELL FURNISHED HEARSE! (The Only one in Town.) TO BE HAD AT SHORT NOTICE. 122*

MONTEE'S CORRAL. MONTANA BREWERY. JOHN MANNHEIM, Proprietor. Lager Beer, of Superior Quality, Delivered to all parts of the Territory. Connected with my Brewery I have a DISTILLERY for the manufacture of Malt Whiskey. I solicit the patronage of the public for a home manufactured article. 91*

A. Griffith, John Mahan. GRIFFITH & MAHAN, Wallace Street, - - - Virginia City, M. T., (Opposite the El Sol Billiard Hall) DEALERS IN Tobacco, Cigars, PIPES AND SNUFF, Which they will sell at Wholesale and Retail, 111-4t TO PURCHASERS.

THE LAST CHANCE FOR OMAHA! The Yellowstone Boat Company's MAMMOTH FLEET OF BOATS, Will leave the Yellowstone about Twenty-fifth of September, For the States! LEAVE VIRGINIA CITY ON THE Twentieth day of September. Fare from Virginia City to Omaha, - - \$25. One hundred pounds of baggage will be allowed. Secure your tickets of DAVIS, HOUSEL & CO., opposite the Post-Office. KISENBRENT & TOMLINSON. Another Fleet will leave Virginia City on the 1st of October. Fare, \$25, through. 108*

LEON BOUCHER, Wholesale Grocer, (Kiskadden's Stone Building) No. 78 Wallace St., Virginia City, DEALER in Liquors, Groceries, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps. We have also Varrah, Lead and Colors, which we will sell for cash. Consumers and Dealers will find it to their advantage to examine our stock before buying elsewhere. 104-4t

F. F. STONE, (Successor to Brendlinger & Co.) DEALER IN Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, Snuff, —And— FANCY GOODS, Three Doors Below Kiskadden's Block, Virginia City, M. T. 116*

PLANTER'S HOUSE, Corner of Idaho and Jackson Streets, VIRGINIA CITY, M. T., J. B. CHAPIN, - - - Proprietor. THIS well-known Hotel has been thoroughly repaired and renovated in all its departments. A FIRST-CLASS TABLE will be maintained, regardless of expense, and will be furnished with the choicest viands the market affords. The comfort and convenience of boarders and visitors will be carefully attended to. Careful and trustworthy waiters in constant attendance on the guests. 110*

REFER TO Judge J. Tufts, New York City; Chatham Bank, New York City; Clark & Upson Mining Co., Hartford, Conn.; Trow H. A. Ward, Rochester, New York; John G. Coppin, St. Louis; Erfurt & Petring, St. Louis; And to business men generally of Virginia City, M. T. 107*

JOHN S. ROCKFELLOW, WHOLESALE GROCER —AND— Commission Merchant! No. 5 Jackson Street, Virginia City, - - - Montana. Fire-Proof Warehouses, For the Storage of goods. Cash Advances Made on Com- signments. PROMPT ATTENTION GIVEN TO ALL THE INQUIRIES OF CONSIGNERS. ALL MERCHANDISE Shipped to me by River will be received at Fort Benton, or the place of landing, by my agents, and re-shipped to me without delay. I am prepared to make contracts for the transportation of any amount of goods or freight, from Fort Benton to any City or Mining Camp in the Interior of the Territory. FOR SALE: 500 sacks of Salt Lake Flour, 150 sacks assorted Sugars, 20 sacks Rio Coffee, 60 chests choice Teas, 10,000 pounds new Bacon, 2,000 pounds Lard, 6,000 pounds Salt, 8,000 pounds dried Salt Lake ponches, 2,000 pounds dried Apples, 500 pounds Zante Currants, 100 cases Field's Oysters, 200 cases assorted Fruits, 200 boxes Candles, 50 boxes Tobacco, 100 boxes assorted sizes, Glass, 100 kegs White Lead, 250 gallons Linseed Oil, 1,000 gallons Coal Oil, 150 Kegs Golden Syrup, 10 casks Sorghum, 10,000 pounds Potatoes, 200 kegs nails, 500 pounds Cream Tartar. And a complete assortment of Family and Fancy Groceries. 85-110*

FRANK'S CONFECTIONERY, WALLACE STREET, Virginia City - - - Montana. CAKES, PIES, BREAD, Cookies Canned Fruits, FLAVORING EXTRACTS Kept constantly on hand. We have on hand and will receive such goods as CAKE ORNAMENTS, SUGAR FLOWERS, PANORAMA EGGS, BASKETS, FANCY HEARTS, And Candy Toys of all kinds. Gum Drops, Cream Fondats, Honey " French Kisses, Cream " Bon Bons, Cordial " Canded Fruits, Brandy " Chewing Gum, And all kinds of large and small STICK CANDY, Shelled Almonds, Seedless Raisins, Figs, Dates, Citron, Nuts, Chocolate, Maple Sugar, Raisins, Jellies, etc., etc. A fine lot of Foreign and Domestic WINES AND CORDIALS, Anchores, Holland Herring, Swiss and Limburg Cheese, Canned Chicken, Turkey, and Preserved Fruits. An endless variety of Playing Toys, Fireworks and Crackers. For getting up Ball and Wedding Suppers, we are prepared to compete with any firm in the Territory. FRANK FETCHNER. 105*

GRIFFITH & THOMPSON, CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS, Office, Corner Idaho and Van Buren Streets, VIRGINIA CITY, - - - MONTANA. ALL kinds of Mill Work, and Stone, Brick or Frame Building done to order, or on contract on the shortest notice. Particular attention paid to the building of Quartz Mills. All work warranted to give satisfaction. 107*

WALLA WALLA RESTAURANT, —OPEN— DAY and NIGHT, Main St., Helena. JOS. APFELGON, Proprietor. THE best Market affords and the season furnishes, dishes up to guests at ALL HOURS during day or night. 117-4t

M. HELLMAN & CO., (NEXT DOOR TO THE STONEWALL) READY MADE GENTS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, Hats, Boots, and Shoes, ETC., ETC., ETC. To be sold at the very lowest rates. 97-100# H. HELLMAN & CO. GEO. H. HANNA, Wallace Street, Virginia City, M. T. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS —AND— COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Have on hand and for sale a complete assortment of GROCERIES, Consisting in part of SUGAR, COFFEE, TEAS, DRIED FRUITS OF ALL KINDS, CAN FRUITS OF ALL KINDS, OYSTERS, SARDINES, etc., etc., Hops, Nails and Sledges of all sizes, Hardware of all kinds, OATS, BARLEY, POTATOES, RANCHE BUTTER AND EGGS, NO. 1 CALIFORNIA LIQUORS, ALWAYS ON HAND. 106*

CITY DRUG STORE, DR. L. DAKES, Proprietor, WALLACE ST., VIRGINIA CITY. A LARGE WELL SELECTED AND GENUINE assortment of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Perfumery, and Toilet Articles. —ALSO— FINE WINES AND LIQUORS, PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUND, And attendance for this purpose at all hours, day and night. A choice stock of Paints, Oils, Brushes, Turpentine, ETC., ETC., ETC. Sheriff's Sale at Fort Benton. NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of a special execution issued out of the District Court of the First Judicial District of the Territory of Montana, in the case of John J. Roe, et al., vs. Jos. La Barge, et al., and to me directed, I shall expose for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, at Fort La Barge, in the county of Chouteau, Montana Territory, on the TENTH OCTOBER, A. D. 1866, at 12 o'clock, at noon of said day, the following property, to-wit: the buildings known as Ft. LaBarge; consisting of one store room, (adobe) one dining-room, (adobe) one blacksmith shop, one carpenter shop, one dwelling room, one steam saw mill and grist mill attached, one office, eleven log cabins, more or less, one ice house, seventeen ox chains, ten halters, eighty-two frying pans, large size; one hundred and sixteen tin pans, medium size, forty-five tin pans, small size, twenty-nine tin pans, large size, four camp kettles, two rolls leather belting, fifteen flet, assorted size; one bolt white flannel (cut), seven pair blankets, six hand axes, one lot old harness, six Indian lodges, one coil lead pipe, one box lead pipe, forty-four cast iron tea-pots, one lot horse shoes, one second-hand stove and cooking utensils, one platform scale, one sewing machine, one peator stove, one copying press, one lot stove pipe, one draw knife, one augur, three chisels, two files, one cross cut saw, one bar 1 1/2 inch R iron, one safe and contents, ten freight wagons, one lot broken wagons, twelve ox yokes, four tarpaulins, one pair gold scales, one cross-cut saw, one lot doors, two grind stones, one lathe and one set of blacksmith's tools, twenty-eight axe handles, ten broad axe handles, three hammer handles, one bell, four scythes and mathes, five wedges, one cannon and three ammunition boxes, one screw plate with taps and dies, ten hay rakes, one stove, one keg bar lead, one roll lead pipe, four iron pots, five sacks shot, six sacks shot, part full, one set large hinges, one box locks, &c., one pitchfork, two beaver traps, four cases powder, one box lamps, two boxes beads, open, four stoves, second-hand, and five pieces stove pipe. Attached and taken as the property of John B. La Barge, James Harkness, Joseph La Barge and Eugene Jaccard. Terms cash on day of sale. WILLIAM HAMILTON, Sheriff of Chouteau County, Benton, M. T., Sept. 17, 1866.

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