History of Boston.

This is truly an old city, dating from September 7, (O. S.) 1630, when John Winthrop made a settlement there. Nine years before, the Plymouth pilgrims saw it, and regretted that they had not occupied it. In 1625, an Episcopal clergyman settled here, named Wm. Blackstone, and for five years was the only white person living on the peninsula. He persuaded Winthrop and his associates to remove thither, the excellence of the water and its abundance being the chief inducements held out by him. The Indians called the place "Mushauwomuk," which has been abbreviated into "Shawmut." The meaning of the name was "Free Land." There are two or three bold eminences on the landscape, which caused it to bear the name, "Tri-mountain." Boston is essentially a Puritan capital, but it took its name from a Catholic Saint, Botolph—Boston being a contraction of "Botolph's-town." In 1638, Boston had but twenty houses. Here was the scene of the persecutions of Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson, and here in 1645 were brought negro slaves. In 1651, a writer said it was "quite a town, with its streets filled with children," but in 1654 it was destroyed by a great conflagration. In 1656, a sister of Governor Bellingham, Mrs. Anne Hibbins, a widow, was hanged for witchcraft. In 1658 three Quakers were publicly executed on the Common, for holding to their peculiar religion. Boston was always the headquarters of the opposition to the British Government, and when Goffe and Whalley, the two Regicides, came here, they were received by the inhabitants with demonstrations of joy. In 1671 the town was described as rich and populous, the buildings fair and handsome, some being of stone, and one costing three thousand pounds. The church-going was universal, three meeting-houses not being adequate to their spiritual wants. In 1672 there were 1,500 families here, and not twenty houses containing ten rooms each. In 1675, during "Philip's War," Indian scalps and heads were brought into town, and one Indian was publicly tortured to death. The year previous, liberty was granted to establish a printing press in Boston, "with two ministers as censors," and in 1676 John Foster, a graduate of Harvard University, established a printing office here, and published a history of the Indian wars, written by Hubbard and Mather. In that year a conflagration destroyed forty-six buildings and a church, and in 1679 a still more disastrous fire occurred, sweeping away eighty dwellings and 70 warehouses—over $1,000,000 in value. The Puritans believed those visitations were because of the sins of the town, and such notions still cling to the inhabitants. In 1692 everybody here believed in witchcraft, and this pious old town hung and burnt witches, Quakers and pirates, with evident relish and gusto. In 1695 all the churches were in a terrible stew over the question whether it was lawful for a man to marry the sister of his deceased wife, which was finally decided in the negative; very stringent laws were enacted against such marriages, and I suppose they have never occurred here since. In 1699 an Englishman said the buildings of Boston were, like the women, neat and handsome, and the streets were of pebble like the hearts of the men. In 1708 there were one hundred and ten streets and alleys, bat in 1710 a fire destroyed over one hundred buildings. Here Dr. Boylston first introduced inoculation to prevent the ravages of small pox. From the physicians he encountered a very bitter and savage opposition, but of two hundred and eighty-six cases treated by him, but six died. Here, in the old Common, Whitefield preached his farewell sermon in 1740, to over twenty thousand persons. In 1749 the first Bible was published here, and the next year was enacted the play of the "Orphan," the first of Boston's theatrical performances. In 1755 an earthquake visited the city, and in 1760 a great fire consumed three hundred and forty-nine buildings. The "Boston massacre" happened in 1770, and in 1773 the tea was thrown into the harbor. Since the Revolution the history of Boston has been part and parcel of the history of the nation. In 1709 an attempt was made to have the place incorporated, but it was not made a city till 1822. For two centuries Boston grew slowly. Her highest population during four generations of our existence, was not over 7,000, while in 1792 she had but 18,000. From 25,000 in 1800, she sprang to 180,000 in a little over a half century.

In company with our friend, S. S. McGibbons, we visited Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty," of great historical reputation, built and given to Boston in 1740, by Peter Faneuil. It is adorned with portraits of eminent Americans, and other celebrated paintings, conspicuous among which is the reply of Webster to Hayne, in the United States Senate, also an original portrait of Washington, by Stuart. The market is the finest in the world. The building is of Quincy granite, five hundred and eighty-six feet by fifty, containing one hundred and twenty-eight stalls, and costing upwards of one million of dollars. We visited the Boston Athenæum, a costly building, crowded with paintings, statuary and libraries. We heard the great organ in Music Hall, and were completely captivated. The central hall is one hundred and twenty feet by eighty, and sixty-five feet high, with two tiers of galleries on three sides, containing the largest organ in America, and a magnificent statue of Beethoven, by Crawford.—*Editorial Cor. St. Joseph Herald.*

THE Montana *Republican* of the 6th ult. contains an account of the sentence of James H. Foster, for killing Phillip Mallory, at Diamond City, on the second of August last. He was sentenced to suffer the extreme penalty of the law on the fifth of next month. Foster will be remembered by a number of our citizens as a dissipated man and quarrelsome when in liquor, but we never heard him spoken of as dangerous. Strychnine whiskey has ruined him—as it has many another—and further comment would be useless.—*Col. Mining Journal.*

PACIFIC RAILROAD.—Says the Omaha *Republican* of August 16th: "The Union Pacific Railroad is now receiving the iron for the fourth hundred miles of its track. The first two hundred miles of track are now about laid down, and the third hundred miles of iron now lies at our levee."

LETTER FROM DEER LODGE.

DEER LODGE CITY, Oct. 3.

EDITOR POST: Our town has been the scene of an unusual activity in business circles for the past week, and we are only too happy to notice its beneficial results on our community. It might not be inappropriate to mention in detail some of our enterprising firms and business men. Messrs. Dance, Stuart & Co. have now on hand, in the opinion of your correspondent, one of the largest stocks of merchandise in the Territory, and are doing a business that we think defies competition. The building occupied by these enterprising gentlemen is adobe, built with a stone finish, and in size compares favorably with any business house in Virginia or Helena. Of the gentlemen of the firm, we conceive that they need no puffs from newspaper correspondents, hence we pass on to others equally deserving of enconiums.

D. B. Halderman, late of Leavenworth, Kansas, an old and experienced merchant, has driven his stake in our midst, and intends making our city his home. He opens in a few days a large stock of staple groceries to the patronage of our citizens, and we commend him to the public, with the hope that he will receive a fair share of the trade which belongs to the legitimate merchant. The Deer Lodge Hotel, kept by L. R. Maillet & Co., is one of the institutions of not only the city but the entire western slope, and is presided over by the gentlemanly steward in a style that does credit to him as a caterer to the public appetite, and as a central stage station cannot be equalled in the Territory. Billy Wilson, the energetic and obliging proprietor of the California Bakery, can always be found ready and willing to render to a hungry or dry community all the assistance in his power at remarkably low figures; but Billy wishes it to be distinctly understood that "jawbone is played out." And among the institutions, it is gratifying to notice the drug store just located by Dr. Hunter, of Boise City, I. T., and presided over by our friend Dr. J. Wharton Newton, believing, as we do, that when the drug business will flourish in such an unusually healthy community as this, that no other business should by any possible contingency fail. We are only too happy to hail its advent. Connected with, and in the same building is the office of the popular agent of Oliver & Co., who is ex-officio postmaster general. No person who has come within the radius of Mr. Fay's benign influence, can fail to testify to their high appreciation of this popular official. Our other stores and saloons are all driving a fine trade, and evidences of thrift are to be seen on every hand. We flatter ourselves that our legal firms are in talent equal to any lawyers extant, we care not where they come from. Any persons having legal business to transact, would do well to bring it to Deer Lodge, where, you can promise your readers on the authority of your correspondent, they will get justice even to the pound of flesh; but the profession insist on cash in advance. Our personal list is very light. The only person of note in the city at present from abroad is the irrepressible W. H. Harrison Thatcher, solicitor for the POST, and we grieve to say that his departure southward is announced for the morrow. Our mining items for this week are extremely light, but we note with satisfaction that Highland Gulch is turning out right, notwithstanding the attempt of a certain newspaper correspondent to pronounce it a bilk, for the reason, we presume, that he is one of them himself. However, be that as it may, he should at least be sufficiently familiar with the statistics of the gulch, when giving the runs, to also give the names of the owners of claims correctly and not take rumor for the result. We have been there and speak from experience. Salmon, so report says, is better than Alder Creek, but we have heard that so often that we patiently await the report of reliable men we know are now there; although, we have reason to believe that there has been struck lately in that vicinity a good camp, but we withhold our reasons for something like confirmation. As usual, there is a stampede in that direction, and the very men who have been bilked in Elk and Bear, are sanguine of success in the Salmon country. "Verily, the self-riser is a cuss," and he is on it. I.

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E. F. PHELPS, Secretary.

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