Printing of the Montana Statutes.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, M. T.,
VIRGINIA CITY, Nov. 9, 1866.

To Edward B. Nealley, Esq., Assistant U. S. Attorney, etc.:

DEAR SIR: Since the middle of June last I have been absent from here, having had to visit different, and remote parts, of the Territory principally on official business. I returned here about a fortnight ago. On my return, was handed your several letters, respecting the printing of the laws, &c.

Had these laws been sent by Steam-Boat from St Louis, they would have reached their destination long ago, and there would have been no delay in their delivery on account of Storage, &c. As it is, they are still in Denvir city, Colorado Territory, and I have no means to extricate them.

I considered the cheque, for $3,000, which I sent you long ago, ample for all the expenses incidental to the printing and forwarding of the Laws in question.

You ask me, in your letter of the 7th of September, to make a requisition on the Comptroller of the Treasury at Washington for $6,000 on the above account. *I do not feel myself justified in doing so.*

I consider $3,000 fully sufficient for all such expenses, including your own, for superintending and indexing the publication. It is not necessary, of course, to remind you, that long before I gave these Laws into your charge, and that you undertook to see them properly arranged and printed, you had made your arrangements to go to the States, and that you would have left the Territory, whether you had received any commission from me or not.

Consequently, I do not consider you entitled to any compensation, beyond that for the time and care you bestowed upon the supervision &c of the work.

As for the printing &c I hold that $3,000 is an ample amount. Ample enough indeed to have placed our Laws here, in this very office, in the best order and with reasonable promptitude, early in the summer.

Such being my conviction, and not having as yet received from you a single line setting forth expenses either estimated or incurred, I respectfully decline to forward to the Comptroller of the Treasury a requisition for more than the $3,000—a cheque for which, as I have already said, has been in your possession several months, and which, a letter from you in March last, informed me would be cashed by the Treasury the moment my Bonds were filed in that Department. These Bonds having been filed there the latter end of that month, I do not see what prevented your cheque for $3,000 being cashed long before this.

I enclose, however, a requisition to the Comptroller for the payment of the $3,000 cheque—and upon your rendering me a statement of expenses for the printing, supervision, indexing &c of the Laws referred to, I shall favorably consider the propriety of my sending you an additional sum, but not till then.

As for my getting the printed Laws, now blockaded in Denvir city up here, I don't see how I can possibly contrive their release, until the Government places some funds or other at my disposal.

I am very respectfully yours,
THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER,
Secretary Territory of Montana.

BATH, Me., Oct. 13, 1866.

EDITOR POST: Will you allow me a few words in reply to the severe strictures in your paper of Sept. 15th.

In reply to the charge of "absence from my post of duty," etc., it is sufficient to say that many months' since, upon the expiration of my leave of absence, finding that I should be unable to return to Montana this season, I sent in my resignation to the President, (advising Marshal Pinney of the fact) and have since then received no compensation from the office. The "glowing description of Montana in the Atlantic Monthly," are only an attempt to give the public through a magazine of large circulation a reliable account of the growth of our Territory, and its vast mineral and agricultural resources. The constant misrepresentation of interested parties from other points as to the wealth of Montana, make such accounts from its friends of great value in the East, and I hardly expected to be reprimanded in a Montana journal for my labors.

As to the item charging delay in the publication of the laws, I can only say that only a portion of them was ready on my departure from Virginia, and that I was compelled to await the greater part until the 13th of March last. At once upon their receipt, they were put in the hands of the State Printer of Maine, and their publication hastened to the utmost with the whole force of a first class establishment. The volume consists of 770 pages, and it was simply impossible to have it completed at an earlier date, or in time for any steamer to Ft. Benton. Not one cent has ever been paid to the printer or any one else upon them, and great loss has resulted in consequence. This, however, is not the fault of Gov. Meagher, who promptly forwarded me his draft; but by reason of some informality or lack of funds it has never been paid. Express bills upon the copies for publication to this point, and freight bills upon the printed statutes as far as Atchison, Kansas, have been paid from my own pocket. Under these circumstances, I cannot believe that the people of Montana, whose good opinion I should be very loth to lose, will hold me censurable. I have hurried the publication of the laws with the utmost dispatch, and immediately upon their completion, partly at my own personal expense, shipped them by the only train which I could find at Atchison going in the direction of Montana, directed to Gov. Meagher, in care of W. S. Godbe, Salt Lake, and at once advised Gov. Meagher accordingly.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
EDW. B. NEALLEY,
Late U. S. District Attorney.

—In San Francisco, on the 1st inst., in the case of Charles P. Duans, charged with murder, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty." A *nolle prosequi* was entered in the case of his brother John Duane, charged with being accessory.

NEVADA ELECTION.—Returns from Nevada give the following Union majorities: Story county 200, Ormsby 150, Douglas 130, Esmeralda 100.

County Officials.

You will perceive by the abstract of the Auditor's report, transmitted herewith, that the counties of Meagher and Beaverhead have also failed to make their returns to that office.—*Gov. Smith's message.*

We hope that the citizens of the above named counties will remember this censurable remark when their clerks are candidates for re-election. There can be no excuse for the negligence that has been so justly pointed out by the Executive. We are informed that the Treasurer of Beaverhead has not performed his duty, and as this is a matter in which not only the people of that locality, but all tax payers in the Territory, are interested, the fact is published for the general good. In Meagher county, which was created by the last Legislature, the old officers of Gallatin caused considerable trouble by their interference in the assessment of taxes. All matters are moving along harmoniously at this time, and the Treasurer has made a return of $800 to John S. Rockefellow, Esq., Territorial Treasurer, since the message of the Governor appeared in the POST, making a total of $1,300. This sum, taking into consideration all the circumstances, is a result which is highly creditable to that official. In this connection we will add that Mr. Rea, of Edgerton, has collected nearly double the amount of revenue in one month (since his shortcomings were exposed by the POST,) that he previously gathered in two months.

THE MINNEAPOLIS SUICIDE—SOMETHING ABOUT THE PARTIES TO THE TRAGEDY.—Mrs. Erwin had arrived at the Nicollet House in January, in company with a Mr. Blizzard and his wife, passing as the sister of the latter. This lady is at present living in Chicago, and her husband is in Indiana. She was there joined by Louis Cohen, and with him she departed for St. Paul, where they lived together up to about two weeks since. And trouble arose in consequence, as well it might. Mr. Cohen was employed as a traveling salesman for the firm of Rothchild & Alder, wholesale tobacconists, 69 South Water street. He had a wife and daughter living on Fourth Avenue, whom he had left almost destitute. His wife, who is considerably his senior in years, he being about 34, and she at least ten years older, was possessed, when he married her, of considerable property. No sooner did he manage to control this, than he entered on a course of reckless dissipation, by which it was rapidly squandered. One liason followed another, and at last his own family was about altogether forsaken. He had only been in this city a short time when he became acquainted with Mrs. J. G. Erwin, and he deliberately set himself to accomplish her ruin. He succeeded in persuading her to leave her home and her friends, and accompany him. He soon tired of his too confiding victim, and without the slightest compunction, he determined to cast her aside.

Perhaps, for the first time after leaving her home, she realized her true position when she returned from St. Paul to Minneapolis and was refused admittance at the Nicollet House. He had ascertained that the friends of his injured wife were upon his track, and resolved to punish him for the misery he had caused her. He had consequently resolved to betake himself to another field of operations, and scrawled her a hurried note, telling her that "there was trouble," and that he meant to see her no more. This note was the last drop necessary to cause the cup of bitterness and anguish to overflow. The unhappy woman could see no solitary gleam of hope around all her darkened horizon. She had been deceived, ruined and betrayed, and now she saw herself heartlessly deserted and cast away like a worthless toy. One way only was open for her. She could fly for refuge from the world to the quietness of the grave. She left letters to her father, sisters and brother, and one to the villain who had driven her to her death. A brief, tragic note it was; three short passionate sentences, the last dictates of a broken heart.

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