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Correspondence.

DEER LODGE, Dec. 2, 1866. Mr. EDITOR: Since writing our last, time has been pregnant with events, and our community witnessed two deaths. On Wednesday of last week the career of Mr. Richard Friend was suddenly terminated in death, by an attack of the heart disease. We learn that until a few hours prior to his being stricken down, he had been in the enjoyment of unusual good health, and that he was removed from our midst with comparatively no warning at all. Mr. Friend was, we believe, one of Captain John Mullen's employees in the construction of his celebrated road from the headwaters of the Columbia to those of the Missouri in 1862. Also, that he was a good prospector, and that through his energy and industry some very good mineral developments have taken place. We consider it our unpleasant duty to record the fact that no minister of the gospel could be found to perform the burial service over the remains of the deceased, there being none in the city but Father de Ricary of the Catholic persuasion, and it was stated by him that the rules of his church forbade the services to any save those of the faith. We think it a rather singular religion, and that their rules should in this particular be amended. An Episcopal prayer book was procured, and the burial service read by one of our citizens. About the same period the departure to his happy hunting grounds of an Indian, long and favorably known here among the old settlers, took place caused by inflammation of the lungs. He was very well to do in this world's goods, and, we are told, had large herds of horses and cattle, leaving a full grown family of boys and girls to mourn this "bad break." A few days since a drawing match took place between a team owned by an Israelite and one belonging to a Frenchman from Erin. The stakes were the teams, and concluded by the descendant of the persecutors of Christ handing over his team and rig to the impromptu Frenchman, and his leaving town on foot with his budget on his back, evidently a "sadder but a wiser man." The scenes of the week were concluded by a dog fight in the forenoon of Saturday, in which a large brown dog won over a small black half-breed bull-terrier, contrary, we learn, to the intentions of the backers of both dogs, who designed to make a throw-off fight. To secure this, the small dog was thoroughly anointed around the neck, head and shoulders with cayenne pepper, and the usual formula of each man testing the other man's dog was dispensed with, the design being to take in the pilgrims. But old brown won, cayenne fouls and all discouragements to the contrary notwithstanding, and the tender-foot came out ahead. The entertainment closed up with one of those dances we have mentioned in the evening. The fairest flowers were in bloom, and everything went off as "merry as a marriage bell." Since the above, the Ricker City clopement and the Deer Lodge wedding, have been the topics of discussion, the particulars of which are as nearly as we can give: Two persons in Ricker, believing that destiny had decreed that the path of the one through life should be the highway of the other, resolved that through the agency of the law or the gospel, they would become "bone of one bone" and "flesh of one flesh."

"Two souls with but a single thought, Two cabbages heads in one." "The course of true love never does run smooth," thus, in this case, the swain was frequently annoyed by the obstacles thrown in his way in visiting "the lass he loved so well," by the "uncharitable parents of the latter, and in the dire extremity an elopement was planned and carried into effect. Sunday evening the loving pair drove into our city in a not very handsome lumber wagon, and a team that looked to us for all the world as we imagine Don Quixote and Sancha Pausas' chargers would have appeared in equally as good harness. Immediately on arrival they summoned Judge C. E. Irvine, and were happy in the successful consummation of all their schemes. We presume that they had not retired long ere the delightful strains of the "Deer Lodge string band" floated to their ears. It might be well to state that the band on this occasion was composed of a common violin, two triangles, one dinner bell, a kerosene oil can for a kettle drum, and a large shot-gun. Amidst the lively airs of the serenading party, the bride and groom were repeatedly called for, when the latter appeared, ordering wine to be unbottled and transferred to other quarters, which was speedily accomplished by the assistance of Thos. Cunningham, bar-keep for the Western Hotel. It was requested of the groom that the bride appear and grace the festive occasion. The happy spouse went for her, and she complied. Standing in the door of the bar-room, in a glass of wine, she drank "her opinion of all of them" and retired. The boys drank wine with the groom all night, and went home in the morning a little the worse for the wear. This winds up the items for Deer Lodge this week, and at present "all is quiet on the river."

Consolidation of Express and Stage Lines.

Negotiations which have been going on several months for the reorganization and consolidation of the stage and express lines between the Missouri river and the Pacific Ocean, have been completed within the last few days. For years the Wells, Fargo Company has transacted the entire express, and much of the banking business, on the Pacific coast, controlled the leading stage lines, and transported the express and fast freight packages between San Francisco and the Atlantic coast, by way of the Isthmus. Last year it carried two million four hundred thousand letters, and delivered in San Francisco, from the mining regions of the Pacific coast, more than \$49,000,000 in bullion. It has been the best organized and best managed of all our great express companies; but by the former agreements its "territory" did not extend east of Salt Lake. The old Wells, Fargo Company is now dissolved, its assets returned to the stockholders, and a new organization formed bearing the same name, with a capital of \$10,000,000. In the new company are merged the chief interests of the old, with those of the Pioneer Stage Company (from Virginia, Nevada, to California), the Overland Mail Company, (from Salt Lake to Virginia, Nevada,) the Holladay Express and Stage Company, (from the Missouri to Salt Lake, Montana and Idaho,) and all the lines of the American and the United States Express Companies west of the Missouri. The Adams Express declines to give up its "territory" west of the Mississippi and south of the State of Missouri, but with this exception, the new company has entire control of all the stage and express business between the Missouri and the Pacific. The transportation of treasure alone is an enormous item. This year our gold and silver mines yield fully \$100,000,000, and the amount will increase annually until it reaches four or five times the present product. The stage lines of the new company amount in the aggregate to over four thousand miles, and the rapid progress of the great Pacific Railroad, at both ends, is increasing enormously the travel across the plains. Next season the pleasure seekers alone, from the East to the Rocky Mountains and California, will be very numerous, and the summer of 1870 will doubtless see twenty daily coaches plying each way over the short gap in the trans-continental railway which will then remain open. Louis McLane, for the last ten years manager of the Wells, Fargo Express, and more than any other man the cause of its great success, was on Saturday elected President of the new organization. Whether the consolidation will work good or ill for the heavy interests of the vast territory it covers, remains to be seen. If the business be transacted as well as it has been done in California, the improvement for Utah, Montana and Colorado will be very great. But it is the tendency of all our leading express and telegraph companies to combine into vast monopolies; and the instances are very rare in which monopolies do not become oppressive. We trust this may prove one of the exceptions.—V. F. Tribune.

YIELD OF MINES ON THE COMSTOCK. The yield of ten mines on the Comstock ledge, Virginia City—the Yellow Jacket, Savage, Gould & Curry, Hale & Norcross, Crown Point, Imperial, Chollar-Potosi, Empire, Confidence and Ophir—for the four months of July, August, September and October, was \$4,122,584.45.—R. R. Revell.

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