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THE GALLATIN TROUBLES.

The following proceedings show the feelings existing in the Gallatin valley before the recent murder of Col. Bozeman, or the rumors regarding the Blackfeet. These latter have fanned the embers of anticipated danger into a flame, and from credible parties we are assured that a fearful panic prevails that will depopulate the valley in a few days, unless something is done immediately.

GALLATIN VALLEY, M. T., Morse's Store, April 29, 1867.

The delegates of the different precincts met pursuant to previous call and organized by appointing Judge Gallaher to the chair and Geo. D. Thomas, Secretary.

The object of this meeting was to make suitable arrangements for picketing our frontier, and the means of paying said pickets, and the consideration of signals to be used by said pickets, and to memorialize the Governor for aid.

Major Graham was called upon to give his views upon the subject to the meeting, which he did to the general satisfaction of all present. The Major insisted that it was the duty of our Governor to furnish the requisite protection, and that if he (the Governor) did furnish aid that the general government would assume and pay the expense of the same, as has been done in many instances to which the Major referred.

W. P. Parsons, of East Gallatin precinct, made a speech urging the necessity of a thorough organization of the people and that necessary preparations should be made for defense. Jas. McCormack also gave the meeting his views and sentiments upon the subject.

A motion prevailed that the chair appoint a committee of three to draw up resolutions expressing the views of the meeting.

W. P. Parsons, chairman of the committee, reported a preamble and resolutions, which were read by the Secretary and adopted by the meeting.

Dr. Lamme, Judge Gallaher, T. W. Cover and Horace Salter were appointed a committee to wait on the Governor and lay before him the petition of the people and the resolutions adopted by this meeting.

A motion prevailed that the passes be distrusted as follows, to-wit: Bozeman and Bridger's Passes to form the first district, and guarded by Bozeman and Noble's precincts; Flathead and Ross's Passes to form the second district, and to be guarded by the East and West Gallatin precincts; Sixteen Mile Creek Pass to form the third district, and to be guarded by Gallatin City and Jefferson precincts.

A motion prevailed that each district furnish four men as pickets, and that each district pay its own pickets, and said pickets be on duty by the first of May next.

A motion prevailed that the resolutions adopted by this meeting be published in two or more newspapers, and the committee appointed to wait on the Governor attend to the same. Also that each precinct appoint one man to examine the range from Bozeman City to Sixteen Mile creek, and make necessary arrangements for picketing the same, and to decide on the signals to be used by said pickets. Adjourned sine die.

JUDGE J. GALLAHER, Chairman. GEO. D. THOMAS, Secretary.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS. Whereas, The settlers of the Gallatin Valley now occupy the most exposed point of our Territory to the attacks of the hostile Indians, and that they are in danger of being surprised and murdered at any moment; and, Whereas, Many of the settlers, and especially those who have families are leaving and preparing to leave the valley to go to places of greater safety and security to their lives and property, and as our business pursuits are exclusively agricultural, upon which we are entirely dependent for our support, and the seed time is at hand which will require the attention and labor of all the settlers, and if

they are compelled to neglect or abandon their pursuits at this time, it will cut short the only means of supply the settlers have for their future support, and immense suffering will be the inevitable consequence; and, Whereas, We feel it to be the imperative duty of the Territory and General Government to foster and protect the agricultural pursuits of their citizens, as these are the principal sources whence each and every other branch of business derives its support, either directly or indirectly; and, Whereas, We are still in our infancy in the development of our agricultural resources and few in numbers yet, we ask a sufficient protection that we may again turn to our peaceable pursuits without fear or dread of being surprised and butchered by the hostile Indians after the toll of each day is over and our weary bodies invite an invigorating repose; therefore be it

Resolved, That we feel that the lives of the settlers of the Gallatin Valley are in extreme danger, and that the emergency demands that they should take immediate action for the better protection of their lives and property from their anticipated invasion by the hostile Indians.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every citizen of this valley to join an organized company in this precinct, for the better protection and defense of the lives and property of settlers of this Valley against the threatened attacks of the hostile Indians, and that each man arm and equip himself in the best possible manner under the circumstances.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of our fellow citizens in the different precincts in the organization of companies for mutual protection, and further recommend that they solicit every male citizen in their respective precincts to join said organization, and when said enrollment be completed, they elect their company officers and make other necessary arrangements for the mutual protection of the settlers.

Resolved, That we feel it to be the duty of our Governor to raise a sufficient number of men to guard the frontier of our settlement until the General Government can provide for the same, and we hereby request our Acting-Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher, to petition and to use his influence in our behalf, asking the Federal Government to protect our frontier as early as possible.

Resolved, That we petition the Governor for aid, and that the said petition be numerously signed by the people, and that this meeting appoint suitable men to lay the same before his Excellency Thomas Francis Meagher, our Acting-Governor.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee: W. P. PARSONS, East Gallatin Precinct; GEO. D. THOMAS, West " " JAS. MCCORMACK, Noble's Precinct.

FROM MISSOULA.

Pistols and Coffee—Mysterious Disappearance of Four Men Suspected—Missoula, Quartz-Indian Agent Arrived—Agricultural. EDITOR POST: At last cold winter has left, and merry spring come. The weather for the past ten days has been warm and fine, and the snow is fast disappearing from the valley and surrounding foot-hills. Our farmers are busy in getting ready for their spring work; some have commenced plowing. Our flouring mills are in operation, and business begins to look up. For the past few days, we have been expecting a duel to take place. The parties are an ex-Captain and an ex-Colonel of the late war. It seems the Colonel was under the impression that the Captain had reported to the Governor that the Colonel had been guilty of misconduct in the discharge of his duties as United States Indian Agent. The parties met; the Colonel charged the Captain with having reported him, using insulting language and flourishing a revolver. The Captain not being armed, retired, first informing the Colonel that he should hear from him. After much search, the Captain procured the services of a professional gentleman to act as his second; a challenge was written, and on the Colonel coming into town, a day or two after, it was presented to him. After reading it, the Colonel said he might have been mistaken; that he was excited at the time; no doubt he used bad language, and was willing to make the *amende honorable*, and apologize. This being deemed satisfactory, the affair ended, greatly to the disappointment of all, as it was thought by many that the Colonel would not stand firm.

Considerable excitement exists in the valley regarding the mysterious disappearance of Archie Rogers, who, during the past summer, worked in the vicinity of Fort Owen. The facts, as near as I can ascertain, are as follows: Some time in September last, Rogers was charged with having made improper advances to a lady residing in the vicinity of the Fort. Certain parties took the matter in hand, waited upon Rogers and notified him to leave the valley within a certain time. One of the parties having a grudge against Rogers, assaulted him. Rogers owned two or three horses, and various persons were owing him money. The horses fell into the possession of some of the party. They also compelled him to sign an order on a Mr. Freeman, for about one hundred dollars that Freeman was owing him. This order was presented to Mr. Freeman by one of the party Freeman refused to pay it, claiming that it was obtained by fraud. Since that time nothing has been heard of Rogers, and many believe that he has been murdered. If he left the valley, it is most likely someone would have seen him, as he was well known. There is certainly a great mystery attending the case, and if Rogers is alive, as is claimed by the said parties, he ought to communicate with some one in the valley, in order to relieve the parties from the charge of foul play. I understand the matter is to be investigated.

People continue to pass through this place, bound for Thompson's river. If the weather continues as fine as it is at present, they will be able to get into the reported mines in a few days, and should they prove as good as reported, I look for a large mining camp there this summer. These mines are in the vicinity where rich gold and silver quartz was discovered, and located last year, some of which is reported to assay as high as from \$1,600 to \$1,700 per ton. I am satisfied that Missoula county is rich in both gold and silver.

J. X. Beidler and A. H. Barrett arrived in town a few days since. After resting a day or two they left for the Flathead Agency, an important business. "X." says this is the roughest trip he has ever taken. Mr. J. D. Wells, the newly appointed Indian Agent, arrived at the Cabinet landing during last week. He will probably reach the Agency in a day or two.

Our farmers are beginning to come in with their wheat and other produce. Business begins to look up, and we anticipate a good season, provided the crickets and grasshoppers let us alone. Yours, truly, UNION.

SOUTHERN BARBARISM.—Senator Wilson reviewed the list of Southern murderers of Union men and freedmen in a speech the other day, with the following enumeration: In Virginia, eighteen murders and one hundred and eight burglaries are reported; in South Carolina, twenty-nine murders and sixty-four outrages; in North Carolina, fifteen murders and eighty-six outrages; in Georgia, seventy-nine murders; in Mississippi, thirty-four murders; in Kentucky, nineteen murders, and in Texas, seventy-four murders and ten cases of mortally wounding; making in all since the passage of the civil rights bill, three hundred and seventy-five murders and five hundred and fifty-six outrages of Union disciples. In the case of Texas, Mr. Wilson gave in detail the names of the victims, and those of the perpetrators, where the latter were known; also, places and months in which the crimes were committed. In most cases no action was taken by the civil authorities.

CAPTURED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY IN THE SOUTH.—An official report to Congress, by the Secretary of the Treasury, shows that the gross proceeds of the sales of captured cotton amounted to nearly \$29,500,000, and the gross proceeds of the sale of miscellaneous property, \$1,785,561; the amount of rents of abandoned property is nearly half a million; other receipts, \$2,306,000—making the total receipts \$34,053,000. The total disbursements were \$9,310,787—making a net profit to the United States of nearly \$25,000,000. The receipts in coin were \$6,000,000, and the remainder in currency. In most of the agencies the property collected was principally shipped to Simon Draper, cotton agent at New York, for sale. The number of bales of cotton collected as abandoned was 11,180 and the number of bales released, 1,907. The number of bales of cotton sold was 9,273; number of bales collected as captured, 151,845.

ARTEMUS WARD probably never wrote a more appreciated paragraph than the following, which would furnish a comic artist with ideas for several funny cartoons: "There was many affectin' ties," he once wrote, when speaking of his courtship, "which made me hanker arter Betsy Jane. Her father's farm jined ours; their cows and ours squeach't their thirst at the same stream; our old mares had stars on their foreheads; the measles broke out in both families at nearly the same period; our parents (Betsy's and mine) slept regularly, every Sunday, in the same meetin' house, and the nabers used to observe, 'How thick the Wards and Peasleys air!' It was a sublime sight in the spring of the year to see our several mothers (Betsy's and mine) with their gowns pinned up so they couldn't sile 'em, affectionately bilin' soap together and abusin' their nabers."

The Paris correspondent of the New York Times writes as follows: "Not long ago, when the Emperor was ill, some one asked the Prince Napoleon what would take place if the Emperor should die. The Prince replied, 'The Empress and the Imperial Prince would be kicked out of France and the republic established.' This opinion prevails all through the Bonaparte family, and it is quite reasonable, therefore, to predict that we are to see France, before two years, enjoying under Napoleon III all the liberties enjoyed by the surrounding States. It is altogether in the *esprit* of the Bonaparte family to tend toward liberalism. It is in this direction that the Emperor tends this moment, and it is by this channel that he will save, if it be saved at all, his dynasty."

NEW PULVERIZER.—On Monday afternoon, a number of persons, principally those interested in mining, assembled at the Pacific Foundry to witness the working of a new quartz pulverizer. It is termed, "James and Condit's Steam Stamping Mill." The upper end of the stamp shaft is the piston of the cylinder and the stamp does not fall on the rock but is struck down upon it. This "striking down" process is not original, but the great secret of the machine is the exhausting steam reservoir, which, as soon as the stamp falls, lifts it up. Under the piston is a cushion of steam. Those present expressed themselves satisfied with the working of the machine. It is two feet square and five feet high, including stamps, mortar and cylinder, weighing about fifteen hundred pounds. —S. F. Examiner, 28th.

GREAT SAYINGS.—The Gold Hill Notes of the 29th compile the following sayings of great men: Woman, thy name is Frailty.—Shakespeare. Man is frail.—R. D. Ferguson. I would rather be right than be President.—Henry Clay. There is no use being right, unless you can be successful.—D. W. Welty. In a truly Republican form of government, all citizens are equal in the possession of civil rights and privileges.—John Milton. I hold that every constituency has a right to be represented by its citizens.—J. W. Haines.

THE Democrats of Connecticut selected for their prominent candidates this spring, men who could afford to pay tolerably heavy electioneering expenses. The wealth of five of these candidates, State and Congressional, is estimated as follows: James E. English, \$1,000,000; Edward B. Mosley, \$300,000; Julius Hotchkiss, \$200,000; William H. Barnum \$200,000; Richard D. Hubbard, \$250,000; Total, \$3,850,000. Messrs. English, Hotchkiss and Barnum are large manufacturers; Mr. Mosley is a retired merchant, and Mr. Hubbard is a lawyer.

FLAKE'S Galveston Bulletin says: "It is informed that, since Christmas, about 16,000 freedmen have gone back to Louisiana from the northern counties of this State. The allegation is that Louisiana laws are more just and equitable for freedmen than those of Texas; that the labor laws of this State and the sentiment by which they are interpreted and administered, is such that the blacks gladly seek a home in Louisiana."

A little six year old urchin, away up in Maine, being unable to drive an obstinate cow out of the barn, set it on fire. "She run then," so the boy told his mother.

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