MONTANA POST.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 9.

FROM GALLATIN.

The Suicide--His Farewell Letter--Arrest of his Partner---The Trial in Progress---Bozeman Surveyed---Reported Discoveries--Supplies for Fort Smith.

EDITOR POST: Considerable excitement prevails at present in regard to the suicide of Wiley and the causes leading to it. Mr. Wiley, hitherto regarded as a man of fine sensibilities, possessed of an unimpeachable moral character, and above suspicion of any deed of crime or low repute, seemed to have been under the insane impression, ever since the murder of Davidson, that there were parties laboring to implicate him and his partner in the crime, by taking papers and effects from the house or secreting something in the house where they might afterwards be discovered as circumstantial evidence against them. The following is a copy of his last letter written to his partner, Mr. Leonard, on the day of his suicide:

"HUGH: I cannot stand my agony any longer, as some one has destroyed us. My mind is entirely gone. Those men, God forgive them, have placed two alternatives before me, death or madness. I cannot stand it any longer—to live crazy is more than I can do. Hugh, sell all that I have, pay my debts and send the balance home after burying me decently. I have loved you like a brother. Send my love to those at home, tell them that crime had no resting place in my bosom. Farewell.

TOM."

Other papers have been found written at different dates, and addressed, "All to whom it may concern," in which he endeavors to explain his feelings and the causes which led to them. They reveal some very strange things. Yet taking into consideration the mysteriousness of the Davidson murder—the terrible shock it gave to the community, and the liability of suspicions being aroused from slight causes, it is not so unnaccountable to one so morbidly sensitive and of such a nervous temperament as he. However, upon these grounds Mr. Leonard has been arrested as an accessory to the murder, and is now under examination before Judge Street. The examination has been held two days and is likely to hold that much longer. When it is closed Wiley's papers can be made public. Those best acquainted with Mr. Leonard have the utmost confidence in his innocence. We wait further developments.

Business in Bozeman is still "looking up." The town lots were surveyed yesterday, and several buildings are in process of erection, among others, a town Hall and a billiard saloon. The news of mines being struck on Stillwater is bringing in a few stampeders. Prospects have been gotten weighing ten and twenty cents.

Cover & Story, contractors for supplies at Fort Smith, have just rolled out for that post with thirty-six wagons, loaded with 250,000 pounds of chopped feed and vegetables. D. W.

FROM STERLING.

Sterling Prospects--Perforations--Mill Matters--Sale of Quartz.

EDITOR POST:—Having been engaged during the summer in operations of a somewhat belligerent character—that is to say if the raid down the Yellowstone can be so classified—I therefore hasten to inform you that I am now following pursuits of a more peaceable nature, being at present in the employ of the farfamed Midas company.

Life in all its multiplied forms is manifesting itself quite significantly in and around Sterling at present. A large number of buildings of every shape and size, for store houses and residences, are being erected in every direction, so that there is not the slightest doubt that in a year hence Sterling will rank among the first towns of the Territory.

Take Sterling as a center and Meadow Creek as a radius, describe a circle, and anywhere inside the circumference it would be dangerous, I assure you, to venture out any distance during a dark night without running a risk of losing one's position on this mundane sphere by falling into some one of the numerous perforations which have been made during the past season in pursuit of the precious metal. All these improvements and developments are owing in a great measure to the energy displayed by Professor Ward, Superintendent of the Midas Company, who erected during the past summer a fifteen-stamp mill, which I can safely say, without fear of contradiction, is the best in Montana Territory, at least. The lighter portion of the machinery, such as screens, concentrating pans, &c., are all of latest California improvements, and the Professor displayed good judgment in going to a little extra expense in order to have everything connected with his mill on the most improved plan. Mr. Pratt, of the New York & Montana Mining Co., having come to the conclusion that water as a motive power in these hyperborean regions will not do, is adding a new wing to his present building, in which he has placed a large engine, by means of which he can run his mill all the year round.

Buying and selling feet is the order of the day. Quite a sale was effected on Saturday last between Mr. Hyde of Sterling and Mr. Watson of the Boaz Co., the latter selling out to the former for the sum of $4,500. More anon.

Yours, &c., H. H. S.

Sterling, Nov. 4, 1867.

HENRY WARD BEECHER tells a great many truths in the course of his sermons. Recently he said that "some men will not shave on Sunday, and yet they spend all the week in shaving their fellow men; and many folks think it very wicked to black their boots on Sunday morning, yet they do not hesitate to black their neighbor's reputation on week days."

DuBois's Mill.

The more we examine into the matter the more we regret the unfortunate destruction of DuBois's mill by fire. There is no doubt that, with the assistance of Prof. Adolph Behr, Mr. DuBois had made the Keith Process comparatively successful. For two months prior to the burning of the mill he was paying 85 per cent. of the assay value of ores, in currency. His apparatus throughout was so nearly complete that he was enabled to reduce 20 tons of ore per day at a cost of no more than $80. For crushing, he had vastly improved on the Blake stonebreaker, so that a machine of half the weight and cost and so constructed that if anything *had* to break, as is often the case with stone breakers, as for instance when drill or gad points get in with the ore, it should be a bolt and not the main casting. One of these with large ball-grinder—42 inches long by 48 in diameter—is equal to the pulverizing of 20 tons a day. The wrought iron staves which line the grinder wear eight months, and the balls about four. It is the opinion of nearly everybody that this was the most economical apparatus for dry crushing, considering both original cost and wear and tear, ever in use in the Territory, beating stamps as employed in Europe and on the Pacific coast, clear out of sight. The rest of the machinery and the manipulation are familiar to our readers. It has thus far seemed impossible to use it successfully without bringing into requisition, constantly or occasionally, the great chemical knowledge and experience of Prof. Behr. Mr. Dubois has the promise of this for the future. This morning he goes east on affairs in connection with the rebuilding of the mill. Meanwhile Walker and Waller are furnishing the lumber, and Woodsbury & Co. are putting up a new mill, trusting to its success for their pay. This is but a fair illustration of the confidence felt in the process and in Messrs. Dubois & Behr by the Black Hawk people. The one is a prudent, careful manager, a machinist by trade; the other is a thorough theoretical and practical chemist, and knows all that is known about manipulating ores by the process, he being one of the patentees and having devoted his time to its perfection and successful working since the beginning of 1863. It is to be hoped on every account that Mr. DuBois will succeed in getting whatever assistance he may need, in New York. Many miners are only waiting on him to commence mining on their own hook. With a new mill, we confidently expect to see him reduce ores at a cost of not more than $5 a ton, getting perhaps as large a percentage of their value as any of the so-called improved processes.—*Colorado Register.*

Do Metals Grow.

The question as to whether metals are now in process of formation has long been mooted, but never satisfactorily determined. Many hold to the theory that gold, silver, copper and other metals are growing at the present time, or perhaps more properly, are being collected from minutely fine particles existing in the atmosphere or in the earth, in a manner to render them available; and if the facts bearing on the subject were gathered up and presented in a proper shape they would go far to establish the theory. The copper mines of Lake Surlior were worked quite extensively by a race now extinct. In the recent opening of some of these mines, it is said that copper ore, and even masses of native copper, have been found in such positions as to lead to the conclusion that the ore or metal had grown or formed subsequent to the ancient working of the mines.

Among the silver mines of Mexico and Peru, there are traditions of the finding of native silver and ores that had formed subsequent to the opening and working of the mines by the aborigines.

Some time ago, in reopening a silver mine in the Hartz mountains that had been closed for several centuries, the timbers used by the former workers were found incrusted with silver ore.

In a gravel claim in Australia, masses of iron pyrites, containing gold in sufficient quantities to pay for extracting, have been found imbedded in the cavities of petrified trees, showing the formation of the pyrites and collection of gold therein to have been subsequent to the growth of the wood.

The fact that we are ignorant of the process by which metals are collected in certain localities is no argument against the theory. We know that plants are formed of material existing in the atmosphere, and metals may be formed in a manner somewhat analogous, though their growth is much slower.—*Grass Valley Union.*

Questions for Shaksperian Scholars.

Can the "native hue of resolution" be imitated with paint?

Would a "dorg" look well with a twice-told tale?

When "grim-visaged war smoothed his wrinkled front," did he iron his shirt bosom?

When "churchyards yawn," are they sleepy?

Was there ever an animal with a "round unvarnished tale?"

Was the "fruitful river in the eye" ever geographically described?

Was butter ever made from the "milk of human kindness?"

Does "blow wind come wrack" apply to the first of May?

Is the "tide in the affairs of men" affected by the moon?

Are the "tender leaves of hope" green?

Can the character of Wolsey be called "heavy" because his "high-blown pride broke under him?"

Can a man fly with a pair of "wings as swift as meditation?"

If there is "no virtue like necessity," does it always follow that necessity is a virtue? G. H. Y. M.

THE following figures show the rapid growth of Prussia within a period of two centuries: Under the Elector Frederick I, Prussia consisted of 424 square miles of territory, inhabited by a population of 138,300; under King Frederick I, of 1,881 square miles of territory and a population of 1,731,000; under Frederick II, of 3,476 square miles of territory and 5,659,000 inhabitants; under Frederick William IV, of 5,103 square miles of territory and 16,550,000 inhabitants; and it now has 6,892 square miles of territory and 24,000,000 inhabitants.

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