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PEN AND SCISSORS.

The West.

The Denver News of Nov. 18th says: We had the pleasure this morning of a call from Dr. O. D. Cases, who spent the past season in Montana, from where he has just returned. He reports business rather dull in that region—not so good as in '66. He started home on the 12th of September. Went to Fort Benton to take the Imperial. She had dropped down the river two hundred miles, whither he followed in an open yawl. They found the steamer hard aground, with three hundred passengers aboard, and entirely out of provisions, except such game as they could kill on the banks of the river. She had left Benton with only eight days' supplies. He remained on the Imperial sixteen days and left her not far from the mouth of Milk river, going aboard Sam. How's steamer, the Gallatin, which had been aground and was lightened by cutting away her cabins. Whilst he was on the Imperial one man was killed by the Indians while hunting within sight of the boat. Another man had his leg broken, and the doctor had to turn surgeon and amputate it. There was much suffering, especially among the families on board, because of the scarcity of provisions. He thinks the Imperial will not get out, but most of the passengers were leaving her. At Sioux City, he struck across the country to the railroad, which is within fifty-five miles of that place, and will be finished early in the spring. Thence he came around through eastern Iowa and by the Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads.

The Arizona Miner says that five years ago there was not a white man residing in Central Arizona. To-day, after scores of valuable lives have been sacrificed, thousands of animals stolen, houses burned and whole crops carried away by the merciless savage, this country had a population of nearly two thousand whites, who manage to make an honest living without any great amount of aid from Government. There are eight or nine quartz mills in the county, one flouring mill, and any number of water wheels and arastras. Besides this, there are in the region of country around Prescott, hundreds of gulches, ravines and creeks, that contain enough gold to make it an object to work them, and they will be worked so soon as we get the upper hand of the Indians.

THE REGULAR ARMY.—The total complement of the Regular Army of the United States, under the Act of Congress approved July 28, 1866, is as follows: Ten regiments, one battery, and one company of artillery; forty-five regiments and one company of infantry; one battalion and one company of engineers. The aggregate of the entire force, exclusive of officers above the rank of Col. with their staffs, and also exclusive of surgeons, is—cavalry, 12,502; artillery, 9,425; infantry, 55,592; engineers, 1,533; total, 79,022. Add to these Quartermasters, Paymasters, etc., and the number will be swelled to full 80,000. There are the Army one General, one Lieutenant General, five Major-Generals, and eighteen Brigadier-Generals. The pay and allowances of these star officers amount to over \$120,000 per annum.

The Idaho Statesman has the following: Most theatre-goers will remember John S. Potter and Caroline Chapman both of whom were long connected with the stage in San Francisco and Portland. Through a gentleman recently from the States we learn that the former died at Julesburg, a few months since from the rupture of a blood vessel of the lungs. The latter committed suicide by poisoning, at Council Bluffs. She was the wife of a man named Nichols, but had deserted him and was living with a prize fighter.

The Territorial Enterprise says that Carrie's parents had a letter from her a few days ago, at the date of which she was in good health and spirits. The Enterprise says Carrie was drowned also some time back, in the papers.

A. M. Maybridge, of San Francisco, is taking photographs of Yosemite Valley. In his presentation about the valley, he discovered a crevice, between the Sentinel and Cathedral Rock, one thousand feet deep, and less than a yard wide.

The Idaho World of the 16th says: By persons from Granite Creek and Placerville, who visited town during the week, we learn that the clean-up at Classen's twenty-five stamp Pioneer mill last Saturday, gave a product of twenty-three hundred ounces of amalgam! The mill is now at work again, working every stamp, and gangs of men are incessantly employed, day and night, both in the tunnel and the mill. The ore is developing richer and richer as the ledge is penetrated.

It is reported that G. W. Cox an old resident of El Dorado, Calaveras county, Cal., has discovered a veritable diamond mine near that place. The stones are very beautiful and peculiar, for one of which he was offered the sum of one hundred dollars. He had his pockets full of them and says he can find bushels of the same kind. He intends testing them, to ascertain if they really are diamonds.

The Virginia (Nev.) Tresspass, of Nov. 18th, says: We are informed that the Central Pacific Company is to give the public a pleasure excursion on Tuesday, 26th—a week from to-morrow—up from Sacramento, by Cisco, through the summit tunnel of the road. This will probably be the only occasion before Spring, which the public will have of passing through this splendid tunnel. The road will not be operated this winter, this side of Cisco, except by construction trains.

The Reveille, in answer to an inquiry, says the Comstock lode was discovered by James Phinney, or Fenimore, in 1858. His was the first claim located, was on the north and of the original Ophir property. Phinney shortly after sold to Henry Comstock, who in turn soon disposed of it for a few thousand dollars.

It is said that not less than a thousand persons from the vicinity of Denver have gone to the Cimeron mines, on the northern borders of New Mexico. The Transcript thinks if they go on at this rate the Cherry Creek settlement will be deserted before long.

The San Francisco Call says: There is a solid block of cinnamon, weighing one hundred and eighty-five pounds, at Schloen's cigar store, San Jose. It is estimated that the rock will yield \$150 worth of quick-silver. It was taken from Chapman's new mines.

The local of the Nebraska City News says: "Most people think editing a paper is as easy as making love. A half day's experience will explode the pleasant fiction. We had rather make love to a dozen women than edit one paper."

The Allison Ranch mine (Cal.) has suspended operations on account of difficulties among owners. The Transcript thinks there will be a compromise and a resumption in the spring.

The United States Land-Office at San Francisco sold 7,117 acres of land in the month of October, and received therefor \$9,091.

The Salt Lake Vedette says: It is very rich on the streets, to-day that very rich gold placer diggings have been recently discovered on Hams Fork, about 25 or 30 miles above Granger's store and ranch.

The Denver Tribune says: Private intelligence from the South informs us that James Pickens, who shot and killed Mr. Jennison, recently fled to Mexico, for fear of retaliation by interested parties.

Mr. James Scrimgeour, Superintendent of the Plymouth Co's. property at Lander Hill, Nevada, was badly injured on the 24th of November. While ascending by the buckets from the bottom of the shaft he fell out. His injuries are severe, but not considered dangerous.

The Reese River Reveille says: We are pleased to learn of the promotion of our old friend, Wm. G. Grandall, from local state agent at Virginia, to the position of General Superintendent of the Donner Lake route.

The Virginia Tresspass says that the aggregate dividends of the mines on the Comstock lode within the last ten months, amount to the sum of three million, nine hundred and ninety-five thousand, seven hundred and six dollars.

Anthony McBride, held for trial for killing a Chinaman on the Payette last summer, escaped from Boise City a few days since, says the Statesman. Sheriff Duval offers one hundred dollars reward for him.

The Portland Herald of Nov. 3d says \$108,000 in treasure came down from Idaho and Eastern Oregon, by boat, the evening before.

Denver is discussing the project of a branch line to the nearest point on the U. P. R. R.

Dr. Blatchley, who has been in Utah collecting statistics for J. Ross Browne's report, left Salt Lake for the States Nov. 23d.

The Salt Lake Telegraph says: H. H. McLean, the murderer of Elder Parley P. Pratt, died in New Orleans on the 23d of Oct.

The Colorado Register says: During the past year, the Black Hawk, Smith & Parmelee, Sensesender, and Ophir Companies have produced \$75,000 worth of gold.

George Francis Train has been reciting his vagaries before the people of Denver and Cheyenne. The speeches occupy several columns each, of the papers.

A San Francisco telegram of the 19th says: Theodore Hylton, editor of the Mazonia publication, is being tried for libel upon Harriet Fisk.

Miss Bowers cut Margaret Bray in the arm at a house on Pacific street, last night.

P. H. Sibley, of Placer, California, has applied for the benefit of the bankrupt law. Debts, \$6,818—assets, \$800.

Governor Low has appointed James C. Roley, of Red Bluff, Brigadier General of the Fifth Brigade, California State Militia, vice General Bidwell, resigned.

MONTANA LEGISLATURE.

FOURTH SESSION.

COUNCIL.—Morning. Rand, Judiciary, reported C B No 46 H B No 28 and 15 favorably. Reports received and adopted. Rand, Judiciary, asked further time to report on C B No 30. H B No 32, Read and referred to Incorporations. H B No 35, Read and referred to Judiciary.

C B No 3, Funding bill, Taken up and House amendments to Section 8 concurred in. Ayes 5, nays 2. H B No 7, taken up and made special order for 3 p. m. C B No 41, taken up and House amendments not concurred in. Ayes 3, nays 4. In Committee of the Whole. Resumed. Recess until 2 p. m. Afternoon. Corum, Committee of the Whole, reported C B No 40, with amendments. Adopted. Rand, offered amendments to C B No 40, which were adopted. Cullen, Incorporations, offered minority report on H B's 16 and 32. Laid on table. Vote on amendments to C B 21, reconsidered on motion of Cullen—and concurred in. Ayes 6, nays 1. H B's No 36 and 37, Read and referred to special committee—Cullen, Davis and Watson.

H B No 28—Final passage—Ayes 5, nays 2. Passed. C B No 46—Final passage—Ayes 4, nays 3. Passed. H B No 15—Final passage—Ayes 7, nays 0. Passed. 3 P. M. The time having arrived at which H B No 7, entitled "an act to amend act to locate the seat of government of the Territory of Montana" was made the special order. The Council proceeded to reconsider the bill.

Mr. Corum in the chair. On motion of Rand, the Council proceeded to reconsider said bill by the said bill by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs Corum, Cullen, Rand, Mr. President—4. Nays—Davis, Orr, Watson—3.

The question being, "shall this bill pass, the Governor's objections notwithstanding" it was discussed at length by Messrs Cullen, Orr and President Bagg. On motion of Rand, the bill was laid over and made the special order for Tuesday evening at 7 p. m., by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs Corum, Cullen, Orr, Rand, Watson, Mr. President. Nay—Mr. Davis. On motion of Orr, the Council adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock.

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Gallagher, Agriculture, reported C B No 43, favorably. Bill read for information, amended and on final passage, Ayes 11, nays 0. Passed. Adjourned until 10 a. m., Monday, Dec. 2.

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