

REPORTED FOR THE POST.

Montana Legislature

Bills Passed and Lost.

Mint Memorial Recommended.

Homestead Bill Amendment.

Geological Survey - Mint - Indian War - Appeals.

Incorporation Act Amendment.

The Extra Compensation.

Special dispatch to the MONTANA POST.

Virginia City, Dec. 24.—C. B. No. 20, an act declaring the Mullan road a public highway, was passed.

C. B. No. 19, repealing an act to provide extra compensation for the Secretary of Montana, was indefinitely postponed.

H. B. No. 9, concerning stallions, was passed.

C. B. No. 5, an act concerning licenses, was passed.

C. B. No. 22, an act concerning swine, was passed.

Reynolds offered C. J. R. No. 5, relative to fugitives from justice.

C. B. No. 2 was made the special order for Monday, at 11 o'clock.

Watson, Chairman of the Committee on Mines and Minerals, introduced H. B. No. 1, relative to a Branch Mint, with amendments, and recommended its passage.

H. C. R., relative to examination of Auditor and Treasurer's books, was amended so as to examine them back to the commencement of the organization of the Territory, and to pass it.

Adjourned till Saturday.

House.—The Committee of the Whole made a report on C. B. No. 3, an act providing for the collection of the revenue, and recommended the passage of the bill with several amendments. It strikes out section 2 and substitutes the following: "That the provisions of this act shall only apply to married men and heads of families."

Reynolds introduced H. B. 24, an act providing for the collection of the revenue. Read and referred.

H. B. No. 3, an act for the relief of the Masonic Fraternity of Virginia City. Passed.

H. B. 25, an act in relation to costs. Passed. House adjourned till Saturday.

Virginia City, Dec. 26.—Council, A. M.—Mr. Bagg from the Committee on Federal relations recommended the passage of C. J. M., to provide for a geological survey of Montana.

H. J. M. No. 1, relative to a branch mint passed.

The Council substitute to H. J. M. No. 2, relative to the volunteer appropriation passed.

House.—Mr. Westworth introduced H. J. R. No. 4, to extinguish the Indian title to Custer Root valley. It referred.

C. B. No. 24. An act eating certain offenses.

Mr. Mayhew introduced H. B. 36, relative to appeals from Probate courts, which was ordered printed.

The report of Mr. Ellis on the petition of citizens of Gallatin county asking to be attached to Jefferson county, etc., was very long. It is a decided, able and elaborate review of the petition. He argues that their reasons are novel and some absurd, gives them a lecture on secession and declares that they are responsible for the debt of Gallatin county, etc. He winds up with some humorous remarks. The report is respectful in tone, but firm and decided.

Council, P. M.—H. B. No. 19, relative to public highways passed.

H. B. No. 18. An act to amend an act relative to incorporations was amended by striking out the words "telegraph lines" wherever they occur. Passed, and the Council adjourned.

House.—H. B. No. 39. An act relative to the collection of Revenue, which was referred to a select committee of three, Comly, Stewart and Shaffer.

In Committee of the Whole the balance of the site now was taken up in discussing the Extra Compensation Bill. Amended and reported back with the recommendation that it pass. Adjourned.

The Eastern Question.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Prince Montenegro has gone to St. Petersburg.

The provincial correspondence of the semi-official newspaper says the great powers are united in the effort to dislodge the Porte from expelling the Greeks from Turkey. The expedition includes those of Serbia and Romania. The Monitor to-day, in a leading editorial, says the active move of the great powers give hope that diplomacy, by the exercise of moderation, will allay the Eastern troubles. A public newspaper says Russia approves the proposition of Prussia to invite England, France and Austria to a conference on the Turko-Greece difficulties.

Athens, Dec. 23.—The Ministry is still engaged in discussion of the means of defense for the country, but no formal steps have yet been taken in that direction.

General News.

New York, Dec. 23.—It is reported that Treasurer Spitzer is preparing a letter in which he will review Senator Morton's scheme for redeeming greenbacks.

The Commercial travelers held another meeting to-day, which was largely attended. Several cases of larceny and other offenses under the State license laws were presented. The general opinion favored making a test case, and bringing it to the Supreme Court, but a Committee was appointed to consult Attorney General Evans.

Momphis, Dec. 23.—The Avalanche's Little Rock special says refugees from the counties affected with militia continue to flock to that city on account of militia outrages. The report that General Grant has sent officers to investigate the outrages is received with rejoicing.

Lopez Wants to Reconcile.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Monitor has late Paraguayan advice, which says the position of Lopez is critical, in consequence of his differences with the United States. He will probably seek reconciliation with the American Government. The Monitor also states that Paraguay continues to make energetic movements against the allied army.

Horrors from the South.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Dispatches from Tennessee report a number of murders and outrages in many parts of the State.

In Haywood county a negro violated a lady approaching the period of confinement. The negro while being taken to jail was seized by a party of masked men and hung.

Near Dresden a negro man dug a hole in the ground, placed two children in it and then lighted the fire and actually burned them to death. When arrested she said the children would not obey, so she concluded to kill them. Many other murders are reported.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Several outrages have been committed within the past few days by masked Ku Kluxers. Negroes have been shot in several instances. On Friday night five men went to the house of a negro and made him get out of bed and stand while such outrages were committed. The Sheriff succeeded in arresting the perpetrators.

Grant on the Pacific Railroads.

Gen. Grant is reported to have said to a

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Near two thousand souls Have set their souls upon the rolling lapse Of generation since the day spring first beamed from on high! Now to the mighty mass Of that increasing aggregate we add One unit more. Space, in comparison How small, yet mark'd with how much misery! Was, fatigues, and the fury, death-blow! Over the nations hang in her dread scourge: The oppress'd too, in silent intercessions, Weeping their sufferances and the arm of wrong. Forging the scanty portion from the weak And steeping the lone widow's couch with tears.

So has the year been character'd with woe In exultation loud, and mark'd with wrings and crime. Yet 'twas not thus He taught—not thus He lived. Whose birth we this day celebrate with prayer And much thanksgiving—He, a man of woe West on the east appointed—path, though rude Yet borne with patient soul—He came to cheer The broken-hearted to raise up the sick, And on the wandering and benighted mind To pour the light of truth—O how divine! O more than angel teacher! He had words To soothe the barking waves and hush the winds; And when the soul was tossed in troubled seas Wrapp'd in thick darkness and the howling storm He, pointing to the star of peace on high Arm'd it with holy fortitude, and bade it smile At the surrounding wreck.

When with deep agony his heart was rack'd Not for himself the deep-dropt cheek For them, He wept, for them to Heaven He prayed, His persecutors—Father, pardon them They know not what they do!

Angels of Heaven, Ye who behold Him falling on the cross And did His name cry, may mortal join The hallojah of the risen God!

—H. Kirk White, Dec. 25, 1864.

WASH GRAVEL.

Dan Rice has turned editor.

Mrs. Grant doesn't like the White House.

A German proverb says that poverty is the sixth sense.

The New York Independent has been enlarged.

The London police have been armed with cut-throats.

Henry Ward Beecher is worth one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The Chicago Republican is coming out as a two cent folio.

Copper mining in Michigan employs \$50,000,000 of capital.

The regency in Japan is ended, and the Mikado has been crowned Emperor.

Reverdy Johnson has more than forty grand children. Poor things.

The "Devil's Dishful" is the euphonious title applied to a section of Danvers, Mass.

Brougham's New York Theatre will be opened at Christmas. It will seat 1,000 persons and be a model of elegance.

A gentleman of Terre Haute has given \$100,000 to establish a first class male seminary in that place.

A machine has been invented in New England which embosses and cuts 200,000 paper collars in ten hours.

There is a prospect of another bridge being built over the Mississippi; this time at Hannibal, Mo.

The Davenport brothers have lost their money, married French wives and got the consumption.

The Lancaster Intelligencer recommends the division of the Keystone State.

Twenty-five years ago Geo. D. Prentiss took a boy, W. N. Clerkman, into his office as clerk. The clerk now pays his former employer forty dollars a week to write.

Philadelphia turns out four million dollars' worth of shoes annually, and claims that the ladies' shoes manufactured there are the best in America.

The population of the United States is nearly 39,000,000. If it increases in the same ratio as it has in preceding periods, it will be 42,000,000 in 1870, and 107,000,000 in 1900.

A correspondent of the New York Evangelist shows that Barbara Freitchie was no myth, but a person well known in Frederick, Md., and that the incident related by Whitier in his poem was substantially true.

The Detroit Tribune drinks the following Van Winklish toast to Mr. and Mrs. Colfax: "Here's to their good health and their families, unt may dey live long unt broshper."

The mails were arriving again in Salt Lake, Dec. 15. There was only three or four inches of snow on the railroad but it drifted badly. That makes matters so much the worse.

A clock having struck the hour of one a tender hearted woman exclaimed: "Oh! what a cruel clock! 'Why so?' asked a friend. 'Because it struck its little one!' answered the tender hearted mother.

The friends of Mrs. Alice Cary deny with indignation the inference from her "Lines to an Early Swallow" that she habitually takes a matin cocktail.

The Rev. Mr. Nasby intimates that President Johnson would be an acceptable candidate for the Spanish throne, because he has all his life been putting the Bourbon down.

The Americans at Honolulu had a little election of their own for President, Grant receiving 121 votes and Seymour only six.

In celebrating Franklin's birthday the printers of Buffalo had a "good time," and among others the following toast was drank: "Printer's Wives—May they always have plenty of small caps for the heads of their 'little original articles'."

New pumps for raising water to the tanks for use on the Central Pacific have been erected at Reno and Wadsworth. The one at the latter place is capable of pumping 20,000 gallons per hour.

Judge Ranney seems to have the inside track for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Ohio. The State Convention meets on the eighth of January next.

The palindrome is a line that reads alike backward and forward. One of the best is Adam's first observation to Eve: "Madam, I'm Adam!"

Another is the story that Napoleon, when at St. Helena, being asked by an Englishman if he could have sacked London, replied: "Able was I ere I saw Elba."

The latter is the best palindrome, probably, in the language.

THE WEST.

Denver is to have a Publishers' Association.

The debt of Arizona is \$30,000, national currency.

Inferior lumber sells for \$200 per thousand feet at White Pine.

A wooden railroad is projected from Reno to Virginia, (Nev.)

H. C. Thomas was hung by vigilantes at Cheyenne on the 8th of December.

Denver has an \$85,000 hotel: J. W. Smith runs it and its name is Metropolitan.

An agricultural paper has been started in Omaha.

The wife of J. D. Young, local editor of the Sacramento Union, died Dec. 8th.

Beriah Brown has dissolved his connection with the Portland Herald.

California has gained 40,000 by immigration this year.

A Lodge of Colorado Masons has been organized at Denver, Colorado, by Wm. D. Mathews, G. M. of the G. L. of Colorado Masons of Kansas.

The Central Pacific folks have just completed for use on their road a large car, containing eating, sleeping, and all kinds of traveling conveniences. It is quite a little hotel in itself.

W. P. C. Stebbins, of San Francisco, has received the appointment from the Government of Superintendent of the erection of the United States Branch Mint building, which is to be erected on Mission street, corner of Fifth, San Francisco.

A teamster named William Gaffney was killed last Monday, in Santa Cruz county, California, near Lexington, by a load of lumber falling off the wagon and striking him on the head, crushing his skull in a terrible manner, and causing his death instantly.

Harper's Bazaar says: "The new Bishop of Nevada, Dr. O. W. Whittaker, is a native of New Salem, Mass., a graduate of Amherst, and for some four or five years taught the High School at North-Brookfield. Like several of the newly-elected Bishops of the Episcopal Church, he was not chosen so much for his powers of pulpit oratory as for practical good sense, industry, and general adaptability to the office."

A correspondent of the Salt Lake Telegraph says of the Bear River riot: "It is now ascertained that eight men fell dead in the streets, one was killed by a sentry the next night, four died in the town from wounds, twelve dead were packed off to the new grave yard in the hills, and fifteen, mortally wounded, died in the various grading camps, making a total of forty of the rioters now known to be dead, while only one citizen—Steve Stokes—was mortally wounded."

A jovial correspondent of the Territory Enterprise who varies the monotony of Bohemianism, in which he swears a facile pen, by driving an ox team to White Pine, makes the following Champagne run on billiards: "I am thinking of writing a poem entitled 'Bill Billiards; or, the Ox Driver's Trip to White Pine.' I got the cue to this title from seeing a fellow with a good stick make 'a run' on his wheel yoke, with several points on the 'swing cattle' and 'carom' on the off leader. He had to 'English' a good deal in the game, but he got to White Pine, and that is where I'm coming to in this letter."

The Cheyenne Star of the 6th inst. lamented thus: "Snow to the east of us; snow to the west of us; snow in front of us; and snow in the rear of us—one train snowed in at Sherman and the other at Hillsdale. No mail and no news. Such is the woful state of affairs."

A "Rev. Mr. Bentley, of Omaha," has been amusing the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of St. Louis, by the announcement that he was "from afar off and wicked land—a land of moral darkness so dense that the light of Christ's grace can glimmer there only occasionally," which contains twenty thousand "Christ hating people, with few exceptions."

The Enterprise says in regard to the Comstock range: Sweetapple & Hirschman are taking out a considerable amount of good milling ore from the old upper levels of the Mexican mine. The Belcher Company are taking out from 20 to 30 tons per day of milling ore per day, and expect soon to do much better. The body of ore found at the 940 foot level of the Alpha, some time since, six feet in width, proves not so good as was at first supposed. Sinking 200 feet deeper is to be prosecuted, for something better. An incline is now being sunk from the 1200-foot level of the Bullion mine, which will be put down 200 feet—making a depth of 1,400 feet in all on the vein—before stopping to drift. A drift north from the 800-foot level of the Crown Point has developed a very good body of ore, but it proves to be on the Kentuck ground. The total depth of the Imperial-Empire shaft is at present 1,090 feet, and sinking is still being continued. The rock is soft, and good progress is being made.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

PASSED BY THE

Fortieth Congress.

OFFICIAL.

PUBLIC—No. 94.

AN ACT to extend the time for the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad in the State of California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Southern Pacific Railroad in the State of California, authorized by act of Congress, approved of the times now fixed by law for the construction of the first section of its road and telegraph line have until the first day of July, eighteenth hundred and seventy, for the construction of the first thirty three miles, and they shall be required to construct at least twenty miles every month thereafter, and the whole line of their road within the time now provided by law.

Approved, July 25, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby authorized to sell, at such time and in such manner as he may deem most advantageous to the interests of the government, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the following military reservations and public property, namely:

The ground now occupied by the Saint Louis Arsenal in the city of Saint Louis, Missouri, except the westernmost six acres thereof, and that occupied by the United States Arsenal situated at Liberty Missouri, together with such buildings, machinery, and other property appertaining thereto as the Secretary of War may deem proper to include in the sale.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the ground occupied by the Saint Louis Arsenal, except the westernmost six acres thereof, shall be divided into blocks and lots of convenient size for the purpose of public sale, and for no other purpose whatever, and without any power in said city to make any disposition of the same or any part thereof, for any private use, whether provided hereafter, that the grant is upon the express condition that the said city or the association formed and now existing in the State of Missouri for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon, shall, within three years after the passage of this act, complete the erection upon the said six acres of such a monument, upon a plan and of a character to be approved by the President of the United States; in default whereof this grant shall be null and void.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the westernmost six acres of the tract of land now occupied by the said Saint Louis Arsenal is hereby granted to the city of Saint Louis, to be by it sold as public ground forever, open to the use of the people as a place of public resort, and for no other purpose whatever, and without any power in said city to make any disposition of the same or any part thereof, for any private use, whether provided hereafter, that the grant is upon the express condition that the said city or the association formed and now existing in the State of Missouri for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon, shall, within three years after the passage of this act, complete the erection upon the said six acres of such a monument, upon a plan and of a character to be approved by the President of the United States; in default whereof this grant shall be null and void.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That all proceeds of the sale of all property provided for in this act, shall be paid into the treasury of the United States: Provided, That the machinery, ordnance stores, and arms that the government desires to reserve from sale, shall be stored at any arsenal now established or to be established by law.

Approved, July 25, 1868.

PUBLIC—No. 95.

AN ACT providing for the sale of the Arsenal grounds at Saint Louis and Liberty Missouri, and for other purposes.

SEC. 1. And be it further enacted, That the grounds occupied by the Liberty Arsenal shall be sold at public auction, after due notice by public advertisement of the time and place of said sale, in such lots and in such manner as may be deemed most advantageous to the interest of the government, by the Secretary of War, upon the terms and conditions as to payment specified in the previous section.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all proceeds of the sale of all property provided for in this act, shall be paid into the treasury of the United States: Provided, That the machinery, ordnance stores, and arms that the government desires to reserve from sale, shall be stored at any arsenal now established or to be established by law.

Approved, July 25, 1868.

PUBLIC—No. 96.

AN ACT to further amend the postal laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the postage is prepaid, shall entitle in writing or in print upon the outside thereof his name and address the same, after remaining unclaimed unopened for the post office to which it is directed thirty days, or the time the writer may direct, shall be returned to the said writer without additional postage, whether a specific request for such return be made or not by the letter or not.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all persons who receive money orders shall be required to post the following notice, to be printed, viz: For one dollar or any sum not exceeding twenty dollars, a fee of ten cents shall be charged and exacted by the postmaster giving said order; for all orders exceeding twenty dollars and not exceeding thirty dollars, the charge shall be fifteen cents; for all orders exceeding thirty dollars and not exceeding forty dollars, the fee shall be twenty cents; for all orders exceeding forty dollars and not exceeding fifty dollars, the fee shall be twenty-five cents; and furthermore that the compensation of deputy postmasters for the payment of money orders is hereby increased from one-eighth to one-fourth of one per centum on the gross amount of orders paid at their respective offices, and that nothing contained in any act heretofore so construed as to deprive postmasters at money order offices of the compensation for transacting the money order business fixed by the act of March, seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and which is stated in this section: Provided always, That the amount of such annual compensation, together with the postmaster's salary, shall not in any case exceed the salary established by law for postmasters of the first class.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That section thirty-five of the act of March, third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three shall be so construed as to permit weekly newspapers, properly folded and addressed, when sent to regular subscribers in the county where printed and published to be delivered free of postage, when deposited at the office nearest to the office of publication; but nothing in this act shall be so construed as to require carriers to distribute said papers, unless postage is paid upon them at the rate of five cents per quarter, and such postage must be prepaid for a term not less than one quarter, or more than one year, either at the office of mailing or of delivery, at the option of the subscriber.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That in case of the loss of a money order, a duplicate thereof shall be issued by the superintendent of the money order office without charge, on the application of the holder.

(To be continued.)

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