

The Montana Post. FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 22.

NEVADA.

Hon. Henry G. Blandell, Governor of Nevada, delivered his message to the Legislature, in Carson City, Jan. 5. Congratulating them upon the return of the country to fraternal unity, and the victory of the principles of constitutional liberty, he reverts to their causes for gratitude in abundant harvests, the progress of the State in the development of its material interests, the prosperity of all classes, and the infusion of new life and energy into business by the construction of the Central Pacific Railroad. The Reports of the Auditor and Treasurer not having been received, the financial condition of the State could not be given with exactitude. The total indebtedness, however, is \$589,000, of which \$500,000 are bonded. The balance in the Treasury is \$114,857. The receipts, from all sources of revenue except the sale of bonds, for the year, approximate \$340,000. The disbursements were \$320,000, including \$140,000 paid of principal and interest on bonds. The revenue, derived in part from the following sources, was, for 1867, mines, \$41,648; poll tax, \$17,945; toll road and bridges, \$4,780; State passenger tax, \$7,066. For 1868—mines, \$54,000; poll tax, \$31,000; toll roads and bridges, \$3,700; fines, passenger tax, sale of land, etc., \$16,000. In two years the State paid \$72,000 for soldier's bounties, and \$30,000 for a State Prison. The Governor says that part of the act of April 2, 1867, taxing the proceeds of the mines has been found to work unfairly in some cases, and the Legislature is recommended to tax ores at their actual value. An amendment of the registration law and the re-appointment of the State for legislators is advised, Esmeralda county, with 454 voters and \$472,000 of property having as many representatives in both branches as Lander county, with 1,993 votes and \$3,025,000 of property. The message is quite lengthy, attention being given in detail to all statutes deemed to require amendment, and appears to have been carefully prepared. Nevada has not yet been able to secure any payment from the Government for Indian depredations upon its citizens, and the Legislature is again asked to memorialize Congress on that subject.

THE TOWN SITE ACT.

The following are the amendments to the Town Site Act of the Fourth Session, and which, in view of the entry of the town site of Helena by the Probate Judge, is of interest to our citizens: [COUNCIL BILL NO. 26.] Mr. Cullen introduced the following bill: An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act relative to the Presentation of Town Sites, and the Public Lands, and the disposal of Tracts created thereby, approved Dec. 12, 1867. De it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Montana: Section 1. That section one of said Act be amended so as to read as follows: "Section 1. That whenever the citizens of any town located, or that may hereafter be located upon the public lands of the United States, shall desire to obtain title to the town site thus occupied by them, it shall be lawful for the corporate authorities of such town, or if the same be unincorporated, then for the Judge of the Probate Court of the county in which such town is located, whenever such desire of the citizens is certified to such corporate authorities, or Judge of the Probate Court, as the case may be, by the petition signed by a majority of the resident property holders of such town, to enter at the proper land so much of the land that such town may be entitled to under the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled, 'An Act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands,' approved March 23, 1867, as may be actually necessary for the purposes of said town, in trust for the several use and benefit of the occupants thereof, according to their respective interests; provided, that nothing in this Act contained shall be so construed as to authorize or empower the said corporate authorities, or Probate Judge, as the case may be, to enter or cause to be surveyed, as hereinafter provided, any tract or legal subdivision of land not actually occupied as a town site, in whole or in part, by the citizens of such town. Sec. 2. That section eight of said Act be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Sec. 8. The number of lots which any one claimant shall be entitled to pre-empt under the provisions of this act, shall be two, not exceeding in area four thousand two hundred square feet each, and such additional lot or lots upon which said claimant may have substantial improvements of the value of not less than \$250. When any claimant shall make application to enter more than two lots, he shall, in addition to other matters of proof required by this act, to the satisfaction of the said corporate authorities, or probate judge as the case may be, by the affidavit of one or more reliable witnesses, the nature, character and actual cash value of the improvements upon each additional lot so sought to be entered by him." Sec. 3. The residue of lots left in the possession of the corporate authorities or probate judge, as the case may be, and unclaimed, shall be open to settlement and improvement by actual settlers. Whenever any person shall desire to settle upon any such unclaimed lot, he shall first file with the corporate authorities or probate judge, as the case may be, a notice setting forth his settlement upon such lot or lots, particularly

FROM PHILLIPSBURG.

\* EDITORIAL POST.—I observed a letter a short time ago from a gentleman usually here when not hunting cross ledges, which is his general occupation. He says in speaking of the "last man" that "old Jake" is not alone here. He has many friends here, something we cannot say of that gentleman. He says "things look encouraging here." That is true. But when he says they have ceased working on the "stratification block," he speaks to his own interest, not for the interest of the camp. If he will go down in some of the Comanche shafts he will find some of the best work and more of it than in any other part of the camp. Nat Reed, Drennon and Franklin, and others here, will show the gentleman that "cross ledges" are scarce in Flint Creek, and he will have to go to some other camp with the "stratification block." It won't do here among us miners. It might take at Butte or Muscleshell, but we don't believe in it. He says Mr. Flery has a shaft thirty feet deep, and in this camp, the shaft is between ninety and one hundred feet deep, on the Lone Star. The Freeman lode is a very promising mine. We have done nothing on this lode for some time. The boys are working on the Mountain Queen, Belleflower and other ledges. The camp looks much better than ever before. There is better and richer quartz, and more of it in sight, than any other camp. I have been in and my observation has had an extensive field. What we want here is a good silver mill and the miners will furnish the quartz.

REUBEN E. FENTON.

In view of his election to the United States Senate, we give the following deserved testimonial to Reuben E. Fenton on his retirement from the Governorship of New York, Jan. 1st: Gov. Reuben E. Fenton retires with honor to-day, from a four years' service as Governor of the State of New York. The absorbing attention required by our national politics has, throughout the Union, withdrawn public attention in a great degree from State officers and State politics, lessening the attention and prominence due to them on the part of the press and people. Gov. Fenton's administration of our State Government, however, has not escaped the award of popularity. I have been in and my observation has had an extensive field. What we want here is a good silver mill and the miners will furnish the quartz. It is only men who have a personal stand or a shilling in their pocket, who are afraid some man wants to sell them a few feet and they get out of their little stake. We will not live long enough to see one tenth of the mines worked out in this camp, if we die in any kind of season. The majority of our old discoverers are still living here in this camp, and are in better spirits than ever before. We are not over-run with stores and merchants. Understand this is no place for Cheap-Johns or John Chinamen, but a splendid place for capitalists and laboring men. Scientific men are played out with the most of us, but when we come to hard work, we show our science. Our work shows for itself. Come and see us. Yours Truly, PHILIPSBURG, JAN. 14, 1869.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

As a matter of interest to our readers we publish below a list of the decisions rendered by the Supreme Court of Montana at the December term, 1868, as compiled by the Democrat: J. T. Conner et al., appellants, vs Daniel Anderson et al., respondents; judgment below affirmed. Montana Territory, respondent, vs W. A. Fredericks, appellant; appeal dismissed at costs of appellant. Wm. Wilson, respondent, vs A. J. Davis et al., appellants; appeal dismissed at costs of appellants. R. Anderson, appellant, vs John Doe, etc., respondents; judgment below affirmed. J. B. Hutchison, appellant, vs Columbus Hampton et al., respondents; judgment modified below. A. W. S. Carpenter, respondent, vs W. H. Rodgers, appellant, etc.; appeal reversed, application denied. Joseph Griffith et al., respondents, vs Herman & Starr, defendants; judgment below modified. Homer Cogswell, respondent, vs A. Laird et al., appellants; appeal dismissed at costs of appellant. Montana Territory, respondent, vs Michael Drennon, appellant; judgment below affirmed. S. H. Deer, appellant, vs S. W. Henderson et al., respondents; appeal dismissed at costs of appellant. Wm. Ross, appellant, vs John Johnson, respondent; appeal dismissed at costs of appellant. Geo. F. Cope, respondent, vs the Upper Missouri Mining and Prospecting Co., appellants; judgment below affirmed. J. M. Thomas, appellant, vs A. Smith, Treasurer of Deer Lodge county, respondent; judgment below affirmed. Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, appellant, vs B. Morse, etc., respondents; judgment below reversed. Leola Loeb, appellant, vs Jacob Smith & Co., et al respondents; order of court below affirmed. Peter Lee, respondent vs Henry Hudson, appellant; judgment below affirmed. J. L. Langford, respondent vs Barton, Simpson, Gold and Silver Mining Company, etc., respondents. C. M. Clark, respondent, vs Wells, Fargo & Co., appellants; appeal dismissed at costs of appellants. Charles W. Warden, respondent, vs R. B. Warden et al., appellants; judgment below affirmed. James Brown, appellant, vs Gaston & Simpson, Gold and Silver Mining Company, etc., respondents. N. P. Langford, respondent, vs M. W. King, et al., respondents; judgment below affirmed. National Mining and Exploring Company, respondent, vs R. W. Andrews, appellant; dismissed at cost of appellant. Gans & Kline, appellants, vs Charles Friedman, appellee; dismissed at costs of appellants. C. F. Christen, respondent, vs Montana Gold and Silver Mining Company, appellant; judgment below affirmed. Montana Territory, appellant, vs James McElroy, respondent; judgment below affirmed. Adolphus Bowie, son of Dr. A. J. Bowie, and Miss Friedlander, daughter of I. Friedlander, were united in marriage last evening at the residence of the bride's father, No. 428 Bryant street, Archbishop Aemery performing the ceremony. The affair was one of the most magnificent of the kind that has ever occurred in this city. The presents given the bride were very plentiful and costly, being worth in the aggregate about \$30,000. One service of silver alone was valued at \$1,000; a diamond ring at \$1,000. In addition to presents, it is understood that the bride's father presented his daughter with \$150,000, and the groom's mother presented her son with \$100,000, and the father added an additional \$50,000 as a start in life for the young couple. A very small little sum in the aggregate with which to commence house-keeping.—San Fran. Chronicle, Jan. 1st. A seventy-five pound nugget, containing about one-third gold, was recently found near Eldorado City, Willow Creek diggings, Oregon.

THE WEST.

They drink tarweed in whiskey at Yreka, California. A Lodge of the Order of E. Clampus Vitae is about to be established at Boise. The Enterprise says the small pox is on the increase in Virginia, Nev. A submarine cable from San Francisco to Hongkong is talked of. Gov. Gilpin, of Colorado, has a little farm of 1,500,000 acres for sale. St. Louis has put up 2,500 buildings this year. Sixty bodies are missing from the St. Louis city cemetery. Houston, Texas, newspapers are afraid to sell the Union, a Republican paper. The market house in Houston, Texas, rents for \$1,200 per month. California is ecstatic. She can raise chestnuts. The Minneapolis Tribune says that the city of Minneapolis has been over-estimated—\$15,000 will cover it. The Idaho Tidal Wave tells of seeing a man Christmas morning sitting immersed in a water trough, sound asleep. There is a Hurdy gurdy establishment at Echo City. Think of that among the Mormons! Fred J. Stanton is editing the Denver Gazette again, and says he will avoid acrimonious discussion. Rev. Mr. Bushnell, President of Albany College, Oregon, has resigned his position. Cause, ill health. Water is so scarce at Treasure City, White Pine, that they do not wash the children. Fifty thousand dollars will be invested in a new distillery at Antioch, Contra Costa county Cal. The mileage of the messenger who carries the Electoral vote of Oregon to Washington, is about \$1,500 in currency. J. P. Bowen, one of the Commissioners of Baker county, Oregon, fell upon a circular saw a short time ago and was terribly injured—it is feared fatally. The editor of the Salt Lake Reporter was ordered before the Grand Jury in Salt Lake on the 7th, and examined in regard to one of his articles. No harm done. James O'Neil, of San Francisco, who killed his wife by throwing her off a balcony last May, was sent to the State Prison for seven years. Major Charles Stratman, of San Francisco, has gone to Washington. It is supposed he wants to be Collector of the Port. White miners, of the better class, are now organizing protection associations against the men who molest the region. They will have a Vigilance Committee and a row of corpses next. The mail service of Oregon and California, exclusive of pay of postmasters, is said to cost the Government \$1,005,161 annually, while the receipts for postage are only \$423,492. The records of the San Francisco health office show a mortality in December which reached the enormous total of 501, of which 200 were of small-pox. The number of deaths from diseases in November was 97. The Marine county, Minnesota, A. J. mentions the death of the oldest man in the State, one Louis la Boute who died recently at Fairmount, aged 104 years. His wife is still living at the age of 99. I. M. & A. J. Frank, clothing house, Oregon, has failed, liabilities, \$50,000 to \$60,000. About \$20,000 is secured by mortgage on real estate. The probability is that the creditors will settle. Henry Baker, a German in the employ of Tim McCarthy, whose ranch is about a mile and a half beyond the Oregon-Santa Clara line, east of the Coyote Creek, Santa Clara county, Cal., was killed on Christmas night by an Irishman named Frank Kane, while on a drunken spree. The San Francisco Examiner says: "We have it said that Dr. R. B. Cole expressed the opinion that there have been 1,500 cases of small pox which have been reported, and 1,500 more not reported. He believes there will be 5,000 cases before the epidemic has run its course. The Nebraska Commonwealth says they are going to urge upon the State Legislature, now assembled at Lincoln, the new capital of that State, the policy of abolishing the marriage license nuisance. It also wants a modification of the divorce law, and a more equitable arrangement of the joint ownership of conjugal property. The coinage of the San Francisco Branch Mint during the month of December, 1868, was \$2,422,000, of which \$2,340,000 was in gold coin and \$82,000 in silver. The total coinage for the year was \$17,307,000—\$16,760,000 in gold and \$547,000 in silver. The Montana legislature permanently organized on the 8th inst., with Samuel Russell president of the Council and R. E. Hayden Speaker of the House—Idaho Statesman. How's that Alec? We are in receipt of the White Pine News, a sprightly little paper published at Treasure city, in the new silverado. From the issue of December 29, we learn that hay is worth \$200 per ton, lumber \$275 to \$300 per thousand feet, four \$18 per hundred pounds, bacon 30 cents per pound, beans 25 cents per pound, wood \$20 per cord. The Maid of Saragossa Mining and Tunneling Company, to operate in White Pine, filed their certificate of incorporation under California laws last Thursday. Capital stock, \$2,000,000, in 20,000 shares of \$100 each. Trustees, C. F. Fargo, L. Gerstle, A. E. Head, C. N. Fenton and S. Aydenfeldt. T. A. Green, the killer of J. I. Early in St. Joseph, has been admitted to bail. His preliminary examination for the killing will commence next Monday. Jeff Chandler, Esq., Circuit Attorney, and Hon. Mordecai Oliver will appear for the State, whilst the defense will be supported by Gen. Bassett, Judge Woodson, Hon. Henry Vories and Amos Green, Esq., of Lexington, Missouri. A German named Knules and a Cornish man named William Kissel had quarrel at Shermanston, White Pine, recently. Pistol went down, and Kissel was shot twice, one ball hitting him in the face, and the other passing through

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