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THE Western Associated Press excursion to the National Park, gotten up by the Northern Pacific Railroad, is one of the best advertising schemes that has ever yet been put on foot for that region. It will be a means of acquainting more people with the wonders of that section than any other that could have been gotten up. Every editor will, of course, have to furnish his readers with an account of his trip, and thus thousands of people who have scarcely heard of the Park will be interested in it, and their curiosity aroused in regard to it.

THE necessity of some law requiring the screening of water ditches to prevent fish from entering them is certainly very apparent at this season of the year. Fish are now going down stream, and thousands of them are being led off by irrigating ditches to the fields to perish and rot in the sun. It seems like folly to have laws for the protection of fish when there is no provision against this, the most wholesale means of destruction that could be invented. It would cost our farmers a considerable sum to provide their ditches with screens, but if our fishing is to be perpetuated, it must be done. Any one who will take the trouble to examine at this season will find that the destruction is simply alarming, and will be convinced of the necessity of some action being taken to prevent it.

JAMES CARRY, the murderer, the assassin and the informer, has at length met his just deserts. To save him from the ire of the Irish people, the English government endeavored to spirit him away to a place of safety, and while South Africa was chosen as his destination, various reports were circulated in regard to his being sent to Canada and other places, but English sagacity failed to cope with Irish vengeance, as the cowardly informer has been overtaken by the avenger's bullet ere his voyage was ended. Thus the curtain fell upon the bloody tragedy. The murderers have paid the penalty of their crime with their lives, and the cowardly assassin, who in the death of his comrades sought to save his own life, regardless of every principle of honor, has been overtaken and killed in his flight, and as his death will probably be claimed to have been in self-defense, it not being a cold-blooded assassination, the whole affair will probably, soon pass from public notice.

THE strike of the telegraph operators is about the best conducted movement of labor vs. capital that has ever been attempted. It has been very quiet, and there seems to be perfect unity in regard to their demands. These do not appear at a glance to be very exorbitant, but a more careful investigation would estimate it at an increase of 40 per cent. Only 15 per cent. increase is demanded, but this, with the reduction of hours, the increase of pay of female operators to that of males and the extra pay, runs it up. The average pay for commercial operators in the United States is \$54.43 per month; average for commercial operators in Canada, \$37.49 per month; the average of railroad operators in the United States is \$39.50; average for railroad operators in Canada, \$25.12. Fifteen per cent. added to this would not even then make the operator's salary very princely and is not of so much consequence, but the reduction of the hours of labor will prove a great blessing to the fraternity, and the equalizing of the pay of male and female operators is nothing more than just, and we believe the business world is in full sympathy with the strike.

IT is time the people of Montana were beginning to make preparation for extinguishing forest and prairie fires. The season of the year when these may be expected will soon be here, and every valley should see to it that it is prepared to cope with whatever emergency may arise. To do this successfully the entire people should form themselves into an association and elect proper officers to direct its operations. These organizations will probably cost on an average one mill on the dollar of the taxable property in each district, but this is a mere trifle in comparison to the benefits to be derived. The whole country is largely dependent upon the range, and could not afford to have it destroyed for ten times that amount. Yet without any organized system of organization, any valley is liable to be swept by fire during the season of dry grass,

about the last of August and the first of September. Now is the time to make preparations. The smoky days previous to our recent rains remind us that the fire season will soon be here. Nothing can be lost by being organized, for if no fires occur, no expense will be incurred, and in the event that they do happen, much more can be accomplished for the same money. We would therefore urge the people of our several valleys to take action without delay.

JOTTINGS BY OUR TRAVELING MAN.

The Newkirk Brothers are dairying quite extensively this season. The road from their place to Copperopolis, which is located on the cut-off is being repaired by Mr. Brewer, the efficient supervisor, and is open for travel. It is about two miles shorter than the old road.

Walter Scott has built an addition to his hotel at Copperopolis, which adds much to the value of the property.

Hall & Co.'s mill is cutting lumber as fast as the timber can be delivered, and there is a good demand for it. The district school at his place is progressing. Miss Gibson, the teacher is much pleased with it.

J. M. Holliday's dairy is doing well. He also has a nice crop growing.

The Sayre Bros. are the first in their section to commence haying. They got their large wool clip off in good season and, are highly satisfied with the year's business.

Martindale appears to flourish. R. H. Clendenin, the merchant, continues to make additions. He shipped his goods by rail this season, bringing nearly as large a stock for half the season's trade as he sold during the whole of last year, and finds that the increase of business will demand a larger amount for the fall and winter.

Henry Landes is also well pleased with the business he has done. He is soon to take a trip back to his old Indiana home, and there visit friends he has not seen for a dozen years.

The hotel, under the superintendency of Miss Emma Holliday and Mrs. Woodward, is prospering as of yore. An addition is to be built, which will supply the increasing demand for sleeping apartments.

J. M. Grant is farming extensively, and his crops look well.

Mr. Clendenin, Sr., has returned from an extended visit in the States. He is in his seventy first year, and is as active as a boy.

Gaugler's side of Martindale bears a prosperous appearance. S. F. Morse has renovated and opened the hotel and feed stable and is prepared to take care of travelers in a manner that is sure to please them. There are few if any more pleasant stopping places than his.

Frank Gaugler has bought out the Kleinschmidt stock of goods, and his sign is hanging out at the old stand.

One of the best improved sheep ranches in the county is the property of A. McGregor, located on Haymaker Creek. He has a large tract of meadow land fenced and is raising some grain. His wool clip this season was heavy, and his flocks are in fine condition.

Hopley's is another of those desirable sheep ranches, and the owner, Miss Jennie Corson, is making a splendid success in the management of their flocks thereon. Ira Ingraham is foreman, and he is an excellent manager of farm hands and sheep herders. Her hotel at the crossing is under the superintendency of Mr. Gardner, who knows how and does treat the traveling public in a manner that pleases.

The home of Jacob Severance looks most beautiful. It is the headquarters of the Severance & Co. wool-growing firm. The members of the firm are Jacob Severance, Charles Severance, and T. E. Collins, Cashier of the Bank of Northern Montana. They have, I believe, the largest amount invested in wool-growing of any firm in the Territory and the greatest number of sheep. Their lamb crop this year numbered into the thousands, and their wool-clip well nigh a hundred thousand pounds. They have a large range, numerous huge sheds, hay meadows, and in fact everything pertaining to an extensive first-class sheep ranch, and are making the business profitable.

Oka, the Judith Gap station, is not only the home station of the Billings and Benton stage line, but it is the stopping place for the travel going to and from the country north. It is very home-like and a pleasant stopping place. The Stephens Brothers have done well in building up improvements and securing a good run of custom. The largest stock of groceries and general merchandise in the neighborhood is kept by them. Alf Stephens, who is in charge, is as genial and accommodating a fellow as the country affords. WILL.

July 26, 1883.

SUN RIVER ITEMS.

SUN RIVER, M. T., JULY 24th, 1883.
Editor Husbandman:
Crops of all kinds look better and are better than they have been at this season for a number of years. Hay is rather short except on irrigated land. Haying has commenced.

The Benton boom company failed to get

any of their timber below the falls, the river having dropped so rapidly in the last week that it all lodged in blind channels and on sand bars. The ferryman at the Falls Ferry says that only two sticks have passed there.

A great many people are going out into the Teton country in search of ranches this summer.

Mr. Kelly has the contract to carry U. S. mail from here to the Old Agency.

A man was stabbed in the face, while cutting out cattle, by a fellow cow-boy, last week. The stabber skipped.

Two of the escaped convicts from Deer Lodge were caught here on Thursday and got a tree ride back to their old quarters again.

Mr. John W. Nixon, our accommodating liveryman, has taken unto himself a wife, at least it is so reported on our streets today. He still boards at the hotel, however, we believe, on account of his brau-new cook stove not drawing in a satisfactory manner.

Messrs. Dyas & Murray have the first story of their brown stone store up.

Stone is being quarried by Messrs. Flynn & Hall for the new church to be erected here.

Mr. George Steell has erected a large lamp in front of his store. D. B. HALL.

WILLOW CREEK ITEMS.

PONY, M. T., July 24, 1883.

Editor Husbandman:
Some of our grain has suffered for want of water, but all that has been cared for looks better than I have ever seen it. Wheat is as good as ever grown, and potatoes are first-class. I raised about one bushel of apples this year and will raise more next. Currants, gooseberries, raspberries and blackberries I have in abundance.

Had I time, I would write up the farms and mines, but just starting in haying, am very busy. However, I will say that all are prosperous. Farmers are doing very well, though some complain at the quality of the help.

The mines about Pony are looking well, and two mills are running constantly.

H. H. M.

TERRITORIAL.

There are numerous reports of Indian troubles among the sheep men along the Tongue and Powder rivers, it being asserted that a hunter on Aash creek, a tributary of Powder river, was found dead in his cabin, shot through the back, and from appearance of things in the cabin, it was surmised that he must have been giving the Indians a square meal, and as a reward for his hospitality, he received the bullet that cost him his life. The Cheyennes have mostly left the Keogh reserve and have set out for the head of Tongue river, where they join the balance of the tribe. They muster about 800 fighting men, and can do great damage before they are forced to lay down their arms. There is an evident determination among the ranchers and stock men to take the law in their own hands, should the troubles wax greater, and extermination at the hands of these hardy pioneers will be about what these hostiles will get. The River Crows have joined forces with the Cheyennes, and reports are daily promulgated of the depredations they have committed. Extermination, root and branch, is the only settler of the Indian question.—*Yellowstone Journal*.

Messrs. Myers, Buck, & Co. (Matt Carroll, of Helena, is the Co.) have sold their herd of cattle on the Sun River and Teton range, to Mr. C. P. Higgins, of Missoula. The brand was purchased without regard to number, for which, as we learn, \$85,000 was paid. Mr. Higgins, the purchaser, is an old-time and prominent citizen of Missoula, and is largely interested in stock throughout the Territory.—*River Press*.

A petition is being circulated at Miles City, urging the Secretary of the Interior to take steps toward compelling the Crow Indians to keep on their reservation, and likewise to prevent the Cheyennes from committing depredations on the stock belonging to white settlers on the Upper Rosebud and Tongue rivers.

A daily mail service has been established between Warm Springs and Cable.

L. Gans, Jr., purchased nearly 250,000 pounds of wool in Benton alone this season. The captured stage robbers, Gamble, Wiley and Sheldon have been taken to Deer Lodge and are now in the county jail.

Anaconda has three brick-yards, a number of saw-mills, a sash factory, a lumber-yard, blacksmith shops, carpenter shops, a boot and shoe shop, and in fact everything required to make a prosperous town containing a population of 200 to 300 people, where six weeks ago not a single habitation could be seen.

On the 1st instant, Nate Vestel, of Marysville, was married to Hattie E. Talbot, of Iowa.

The Territorial Teachers' Association, which was organized at Helena about a year since, will hold its regular annual meeting at Deer Lodge this year, on the 30th and 31st of August.

The lices court martial terminated last Monday, and the court went into secret session to decide the case. Their decision will

be sent to Washington before being made public.

GENERAL NEWS.

New York bank statement: Reserve decrease, \$93,350. The banks now hold \$9,246,350 in excess of legal requirements.

The belief is current among Irishmen at Kansas City that O'Donnell, who killed Jas. Carey at Port Elizabeth last Monday, is identical with Captain Thomas Phelan, of this city. Phelan left here for Dublin about two months ago, ostensibly to look after a legacy left by some distant relatives; but little is known of his subsequent movements except that he arrived in Dublin during the progress of the Phoenix murder trial. The description as given of O'Donnell by the Capetown correspondent tallies exactly with that of Phelan.

O'Donnell, who killed Carey, the informer, was committed for trial on the charge of willful murder. In the ordinary course of events he will be tried at the Port Elizabeth Assize in October. At the first examination of O'Donnell a box was produced belonging to the prisoner, labeled Capetown, and containing a wood-cut of Carey. Carey's son was recalled, and denied that Kelly, the Irish passenger on the steamer Kinfauna Castle, was identical with Kavanagh. He testified that his father was smiling and talking to O'Donnell, when he (witness) saw the latter draw a revolver and fire one shot. He (witness) then ran to fetch his father's revolver. His mother was holding his father when the third shot was fired. O'Donnell declared that Carey first drew a revolver, which he (O'Donnell) seized and fired at Carey in self-defense. He described himself as Patrick O'Donnell, aged 45, a native of Goudsall, county Donegan, a laborer, formerly a butler.

There is no change in the telegraph war, both sides remaining firm.

The telegraph operators on the Mexican National railway struck August 2d. They demand an increase to \$70 per month. Trains are interrupted.

The trial of ten Jews in Myreregyhyaza, Hungary, charged with murdering Esther Salymosich, the Christian girl, in the synagogue of Tyza Essler, in order to procure her blood to mix in the pass-over bread has been concluded. A verdict of not guilty was returned.

Acting Secretary of the Navy has approved the sentence of the court martial in the cases against assistant engineers Eatwistle and Leitch, charged with abandoning their post of duty in time of peril, on the occasion of the loss of the Ashuelot.

Ex-Empress Eugenie has gone to Paris. Orders have been issued to thoroughly disinfect the cargoes of rags arriving at British ports from Egypt.

The jury on the inquest regarding the death of the Spanish Minister Barca, rendered a verdict of death while temporarily insane.

Business failures throughout the country during the last seven days number 182, as against 190 last week. New England States had 33; Middle States, 33; Western States, 40; Southern States, 30; Pacific States, 11; Canada, 25; New York City, 10.

All the Berlin newspapers demand an investigation into the case of Professor Putzig, who committed suicide by drawing the death lot in the so-called American duel.

The *Legitimist* says: President Grevy's answer to the Pope's letter concerning the religious affairs of France has been received at Rome.

The London *Daily News* asserts that the total number of deaths from cholera in Egypt so far has been sixteen thousand. It says the disease is now less virulent. Of ten men attacked among the British troops the average of six survived.

The general opinion is that the aggressive policy assumed by Lacour and the appointment of Treouan as French Minister to China were unfortunate circumstances, and that a peaceful solution of the difficulty is impossible. The Chinese consider that the French are determined upon the annexation of Annam, and they desire to quarrel with China. The French will be unable to operate until November. The unhealthy season is affecting the young men among the French troops, and the hospitals are inadequate to accommodate the sick.

Seven Englishmen were killed by an earthquake in Ischia. It is ascertained that Miss Van Allen, whose name was mentioned among the injured, is a resident of San Francisco.

The *Times* correspondent at Hong Kong says: Negotiations between France and China in regard to Tonquin are at a standstill.

The officers of Rat Portage, Manitoba, have been at a standstill since the recent arrests of the Ontario policemen, who were secretly conveyed to Winnipeg by the Manitoba police. They have been refused bail by the provincial magistrate. Their trial will be had on Tuesday.

A Washington dispatch of August 2d says: The Mulhan tunnel party will stay today in St. Paul and Indianapolis, reaching Helena, Montana on the evening of September 7th. The party will go to the junction of the tracks in the morning. Wm. M. Evarts will make an address and Villard

will drive the last spike that will unite the two divisions of the road. It is expected that President Arthur will be present, having by that time finished his tour of the Yellowstone Park. All the ex-presidents of the road will be present except the first, Josiah Penham, who obtained the charter and died in 1868, before a shovel of dirt had been dug for its construction. The other ex-presidents, ex-Governor J. Gregory Smith, of Vermont; General George W. Cass, of New York; Charles H. Wright, of Philadelphia, and Frederick K. Billings, of New York, and a number of prominent English and German guests, public men and journalists, will arrive on August 26th to join the party. After the ceremonies, some of the party will return East and the remainder will go over the whole of the road to Portland, Puget Sound and Willamette valley, returning to New York about September 28th.

King Humbert on August 1st visited the scene of the earthquake at Ischia and went over the ruins of the destroyed town. He expressed the deepest sympathy with the sufferers and directed the distribution of money and provisions to those in need. Another severe shock of earthquake was felt on the island last evening, which put a stop to the work of searching the ruins for the bodies of the victims. It is believed some of the persons buried under the falling buildings at the time of the earthquake are still alive in the ruins. The use of lime on the ruins is therefore opposed.

Three miraculous cures are reported to have occurred on the pilgrimage of the Ottawa people to the shrine of St. Anne de Beauron. One was of a girl named Lavonia Darion, who lost the entire use of one of her legs several years ago by an accident. The other cures are those of two children, six years old, who never had been able to walk. Father LaBelle vouches for these.

A Galveston *News* special says: The rebellion in the State of Tamaulipas is quelled. The success was in a measure due to the quick transportation of troops by railway. The Mexicans are much gratified at the success of the new method.

It is stated that the informers, Kavanagh, Joseph Howlan and Joseph Smith were prevented landing at Melbourne, because a plot to murder them had been discovered. Certain telegrams about them were recently sent to the Irish residents of Melbourne.

The deaths from cholera among the British troops in Egypt so far number 84.

A basis of consolidation of the New England telephone companies is virtually agreed upon. The American Bell Co. holding \$500,000 balance of the \$16,000,000 will represent the property, save \$1,000,000 held in the treasury for construction.

A Western exchange says the gross income of the Northern Pacific Railroad during the year, ended June 30, 1883, was \$7,912,425, an increase of about 33 per cent. over the previous year.

Laycock, the Australian oarsman, has issued a challenge to Hanlan to row a race for the championship of the world on the Portsmouth, New South Wales course. Stake £1,000 a side.

Mr. Blaine is still withdrawing from politics.

General Julian Terzilk, ex-President of Colombia, is dead.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows an increase in bullion of £353,000; proportion of the bank reserve to liability, 44 per cent.

The Boston *Journal* confirms the failure of the Clements, and says their liabilities amount to \$500,000. The employees number a thousand hands in the various factories.

The Paris correspondent of London papers does not consider the plot to restore monarchy in France of a serious character. The *Paris Temps* treats the matter as without importance.

The Secretary of the Navy has been missing from his post of duty a long time.

Governor Foster, of Ohio, upon the authority of some nameless gentleman, charged that Judge Hoody had paid \$50,000 for his nomination. Judge Hoody pronounced the charge false and demanded to be confronted with his accuser. Governor Foster has preserved a strict silence since.

Eastern cities are cleaning up their back alleys. They fear the cholera.

The conflict between Manitoba and the Ontario government continues.

A coroner's jury found that Captain Webb came to his death while attempting to swim the whirlpool rapids of Niagara river, but could not determine the immediate cause of his death.

A Statement signed by Lords Dunraven and Mount. Earls Clifford, Gough, Castleton, Fortescue and other landlords of Ireland, has been sent Gladstone, pointing out the losses of rent and depreciation in values that have taken place in consequence of the land act, and suggesting State aid in the shape of a loan for the relief of land-owners.

A Naples dispatch of July 31 says: The burial of the victims of the earthquake was continued throughout the day. Two hundred and eighty bodies are buried at Casa Miccola, ninety at Lacco and twenty-nine at Forlo. The latest estimate places the number of deaths at between 4,000 and 5,000.