

Notice.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,  
HELENA, M. T., August 17, 1886.  
To Mine Owners and Mining Attorneys: In  
notices for application of patents you will find in ALL  
cases make agreement to publish with the news-  
paper published nearest to the land geographic-  
ally measured. This instruction must be fully  
complied with, else new publication will be or-  
dered.  
S. W. LANGHORNS, Register.

REAL ESTATE.

A recent increase of activity in real estate circles brings to mind certain comments from outside sources concerning the status of the real estate market in Philipsburg to the effect that town lots, though advertised for sale are held at prices far above their present or immediately prospective intrinsic value. This we do not hesitate to assert, is the entire and exact truth of the matter or an utter and complete misrepresentation, according to whom the purchaser may be. The men now engaged in selling real estate in the Philipsburg townsite and additions are, and for years have been, residents of the town, who see their best interests to be coincident with the best interests of the town: They took up land as a legitimate speculation at a time when only considerable risk was apparent by so doing, and now, after having thus ventured, do not propose to relinquish the opportunities they have acquired, to the first land grabber from the outside who wishes, at this late day, to come and make a pot of money off of the people. To such purchasers the ground is certainly and with propriety held above its present value.

To the bona fide settler or business man who wants land to build on, the prices asked and inducements held out are entirely different, and it is a fact proved by recent conspicuous examples that any man or company of men who wish to locate in Philipsburg for the carrying on of some legitimate business, and will give satisfactory assurance of the integrity of their intentions, can get land from any of the several holders who have it for sale on extremely easy terms and at prices far below present values. The absurd stories to the effect that a man wishing to locate in Philipsburg is impoverished in buying the land to such an extent that he is unable to go ahead with his building, are circulated by men who, never intending to build or engage in business, have been foiled in their attempts to get land for speculative purposes.

A change will come over the spirit of Montana when the different grades of the Montana Central railroad now lying ready and waiting for the rails will be immediately ironed and trains begin running. Competition will be the order of the day.

The ball was opened last week at the republican state convention of Ohio where John Sherman was endorsed as a nominee for the republican presidential candidate. Sherman will certainly be a much harder man to beat than Blaine, and a hard man to beat is precisely what the republicans are looking for.

Elsewhere will be found a brief account of the numerous attractions of the coming meeting of the West Side Fair & Racing association, in Butte. These meetings have been gaining in excellence every year, and it is believed that the present meeting, filled, as it is to be, with entirely new features, will be the most attractive that has ever been held.

The mining men and mine owners of Butte seem to be having a monkey and parrot sort of time with experts and managers. The last event in the nature of an "outrage" is the publication of Major Werlitz's report on the Major Budd mine, with several additions to his name which he never claimed. Surely there must be somewhere a conspiracy to give Montana a black eye all over the east.

Of course, now that Mary Filly has disposed of Little Turf, numerous other people are anxious to match a race with her, one of the recent propositions being a race between her and Daniel B. Ida Glenn and others, making a field of four or five. We are authorized to state that Mary Filly is prepared to meet singly all comers in a dash of half a mile, but the owner of Mary Filly has a business here in Philipsburg which requires his presence, and is not prepared to go about the country running horses.

A party of railroad engineers, supposed to be in the employ of the Montana Central, are reported as at work on the Georgetown flats, looking for a route between Anaconda and Philipsburg. This road, if decided upon, will be much more speedily built than have the other branch roads of the same corporation, because, by the time the surveys have been completed and the location staked out on the ground, rails can be in waiting, hauled over the company's own roads, at its own prices. It would not, indeed, be impossible to have the road completed and in regular operation before next winter.

A trail herd of 4,000 head, belonging to the Continental cattle company, are reported to have passed Pine Bluffs on the 9th inst., en route to Montana.—Yellowstone Journal.

MINE MANAGEMENT.

Aside from its richness in the precious metals, the Granite Mountain mine is also remarkable as probably the best managed property in the world. Few people have a conception of, and statistics will never show, the countless number of good mines ruined by bad management. Prospectors can find good mines, practical and shrewd business men can buy or lease them, newspapers can sometimes make or break them, but it is only one man in a thousand who is possessed of the many qualities which go to the making up of a successful manager or superintendent, who, having given the mine and surface ground and authority to go ahead, can mine and continue to mine through all difficulties, and in such a way that the gross receipts from the ore shall exceed the gross expenditure.

The Granite mine and less are to-day paying more and costing less per stamp than any property with which we are familiar, and we do not think it too much to say that this state of affairs is due almost entirely to the ability of the present superintendency. A visitor who goes to the property with the expectation of walking through tunnels and levels of ore, abiding and resplendent with solid chunks of gold and silver, which, in the most obliging manner possible, will fall into the hands of the waiting miner so as to be melted into money, is struck with the knotty problem which actually has to be met, and his wonder which was to have been expended on the mine is transferred to the management when he sees the perfection of all devices for saving time, money and labor and the smoothness with which all is made to move.

The mind which keeps the ponderosa and intricate machinery of a property like this constantly producing must be quick and ever ready to decide important questions, listen with a show of deference to the wildest suggestions, sitting from them what is good, and rejecting all that is bad, in a way that will hurt no feelings and offend no sensibilities. The peculiar situation and circumstances of the Granite Mountain has called for solutions to problems in the storing of supplies, procuring of wood and fuel, arrangement of works, etc., etc., which have never before been presented; and the solutions furnished by the present management, though sometimes ridiculed as absurd in every quarter, have invariably proved the cheapest and simplest.

It is by reason of this state of affairs existing that so many companies, failing in procuring good management, have been compelled to abandon their undertakings, and that many capable managers prefer to luxuriate and grow wealthy as railroad presidents and in other positions where the peculiar ability required receives recompense more in keeping with its worth.

STOCK NEWS.

At the sale of the Frewen horses on Saturday last, the American mares sold for \$40.50, the yearling mules at \$35.00, the Texan mares at \$21, while the yearling colts sold for \$20.75.—Stockgrowers' Journal.

Isaac Smith and wife, of Butte, Montana, passed through Billings recently several head of brood mares, and behind the emigrant wagon was tied an imported Shetland pony, two years old. It was two feet and ten inches high, weighed 110 pounds and cost laid down \$250. It attracted considerable attention, and was greatly admired by the crowd which gathered around.—Billings Stock Gazette.

The early receipts of wool from Montana are being being received and graded. The clip is more uneven in character and condition than last year. Some lots are extremely heavy with sand, but otherwise retain all the excellent qualities peculiar to wools of that section. Other lots are of lighter shrinkage than last year, but more tender in staple. The light lots look fully up to any wools we have seen from Montana, and are quite sure to bring very full prices—higher, we think, than any other American wools from Indiana and other bright wool states. The heavy lots will have to take their chances with the other western wools, and be sold strictly on their shrinkage value.—Chicago Wool Journal.

Husbandman: The people of Montana make a great mistake in not giving more attention to their tree claims. The majority of claimants do just as little work as possible in order to hold their land and do not care as to their success in getting their trees to grow, just so they are enabled to hold and get titles to their claims. This we think is an error. We do not pretend that these claims can be made profitable for their timber that the ten acres required to be grown to give one a title to the land will grow fast enough to amount to anything for fuel, fencing, or anything of that kind during the present generation, but it will be found of great service as a windbreak and serve as a nice decoration for our landscapes, and now that the territory is offering additional encouragement for tree-culture it will be found profitable to take good care of these claims. Just think how much a grove of this kind will add to the appearance of our Montana homes, and of the great service one of these would be to farmers in a few years in breaking the wind from their stock.

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