

MONTANA NEWS.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, came to the rescue of Montana, which has no senators to look after its interests, and has introduced the first bill of the session which had to do with the interests of Montana exclusively. It was for a public building at Helena, and asked for an appropriation of \$250,000.

A Washington dispatch says: Representative Carter is holding down the Montana representation alone, and has an easy time in reaching an agreement, and it is only when the appointments that are strictly senatorial patronage are in question that any difficulty is encountered. Mr. Carter is preparing several bills in relation to mining that he will introduce early in the session.

Cattlemen, sheepmen, horsemen and in fact everybody are jubilant over the favorable condition of the live stock interests in Dawson county. The winter is more than half gone, and stock of all kinds are in fine condition, and should the weather turn to its worst, the loss would be the light. Another advantage is the cattle will start in the spring in good condition and shipments will commence at least a month earlier, when prices are better. Sheep will also bear a heavier and finer fleece of wool bringing a larger price, and business of all kinds will prosper in consequence. —*Glendive Independent.*

A dispatch from Phillipsburg says: Sunday at Black Pine an altercation occurred between two charcoal burners in the employ of the Combination Mining company, not words leading to blows. Cooper, the larger man, was punishing his opponent, Byer, very badly when the latter suddenly broke from Cooper's embrace and seizing an axe rushed upon his defenseless antagonist, aiming a terrific blow at his head, but the latter with great agility sprang away from the stroke which was intended for his head, descended upon his shoulder and arm, inflicting a very ugly and dangerous wound. Before Byer could again raise his axe, Cooper sprang upon him and after a desperate struggle succeeded in wrenching the weapon from his grasp. Deputy Sheriff Barnes went to Black Pine and brought both Cooper and Byer to this city. The injured man will recover.

Sunday morning two residents of Phillipsburg were out hunting, and when near Franklin hill, about one mile from Bi-Metallic mill they discovered the body of a man. They notified the coroner, who had the body brought to this town, where an inquest was held Sunday afternoon. It proved to be the body of James Frasier who has been missing since August. He formerly lived in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, but has been in Montana about two years. He came to Phillipsburg last spring, worked at the Bi-Metallic mill, and later at the Granite. His people are well to do, and his brother is a prominent physician in New Glasgow, who spent a month or so in this vicinity last fall, looking for his brother unsuccessfully. His family have been notified by telegraph. There is considerable mystery as to how Frasier came to his death, as there were no valuables found upon his person. He was a member of the Old Fellows order. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

A Trapper's Trick.
There were thirty of us in camp on a spur of the Black Hills mining for gold, says a writer in the New York Sun, when one afternoon we looked down upon the level plain and saw four mounted Redskins chasing a white man on a mule. He was making for us, but they were rapidly overhauling him, and it was plain enough that we could render no assistance. The foremost Indian fired a shot, and man and mule fell in a heap. The Indians pressed forward, yelling and exulting, but the faint reports of a revolver reached our ears, and we saw Redskins and ponies tumbling over at every report. Some of our men slid down the steep mountain side to take a hand in it, but it was not needed. When they reached the man he sat on the ground laughing as if he would spill.

"To think!" he shouted, "as soon as he could control his voice, "that these 'ere Sioux, who are rated sharp as razors, could be fooled by a revolver! ha! ha! ha!" And he laughed until he had wiped away the tears. On the ground near by were three dead Indians and another about to die, while two of the ponies were dead and the other two badly wounded. It had all been done with an old-fashioned Colt's revolver, loaded with powder and ball, and carrying a percussion cap, but the work had been rapid and sure. The Indians had closed in on him, supposing him to be dead or badly wounded, while neither man nor mule had been touched. After a bit the man, who was an old trapper, went over to the wounded warrior, and said to him in the Sioux dialect, and chuckling between his words:

"Say! did any of you fellows ever see a white man before?"
"Many of them," gasped the warrior.
"Didn't you ever hear of that old trick before?"
"Isn't the white man wounded?"
"Not by a dozen, Nancy James. That bullet didn't come within a rod of me. I gave my old mule the signal to squat, and down we tumbled to the ground. The other three are dead, and you are about to go. Say, I don't want to hurt a dyin' Injun's feelings, but—ha, ha, ha—but it was 'nutt to kill fellow to see how you four opened your—ha, ha, ha—eyes when I began to pop. Funniest thing I have seen in a year. Durn it, I won't need any quinine for a month. I'm just sweating the chills off with laughing."

The Indian gazed at him in a troubled way for a moment, seem to realize that he had been duped, and he closed his eyes and died without ever raising the lids again.

CONCERNING THE EARS.

From the Fall Mail Gazette.
Small and thin ears generally denote delicacy and refinement.
As age increases the ear becomes more angular and marked.
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The ear of the great Napoleon was rather small, well formed, and with a curved lobe.
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