

THE NEVADA STRIKE.

The trouble between the Mechanics' Union of the Comstock, and the Virginia and Truckee Railway—for Clark, the recalcitrant engineer, is only a will of the hand of the railroad managers—remains in very much the condition described last week.

they will work for instead of allowing each irresponsible individual to fix it directly for himself, and indirectly for his fellows. Now, is this claim unreasonable? If it is unreasonable, then the whole system of Labor Unions should be suppressed by law, a position we are inclined to think very few will take.

THE STATUS OF OUR POLICE COURT.

For some time past references have been made to doubts entertained respecting the legality of any action undertaken by our City Police Court as a Justice Court, doubts which took practical form in the writ of habeas corpus applied for before Judge Galbraith last week in the case of the Territory vs. Parks, which case was tried in our Police Court under the Territorial statutes, as already reported in the MINER.

that all justices shall be elected by the people, while the Territorial statutes undertake to say that a justice may be put in office through nomination of a town mayor, the nomination being approved by the city council.

This may be correct, but is a little difficult of comprehension. For the sake of argument we will admit in the first place that our mayor and aldermen were elected by the people; and what follows? Why only this, that if, because they are a legally constituted representative body, they possess the right to assume functions expressly reserved to the people, then any other properly and legally constituted representative body possesses the same right.

THE MORMON UKANE.

A few days ago came a dispatch reporting that the Secretary of State had prepared an anti-Mormon letter which was read at a Cabinet meeting a short time since and that copies of this letter were to be sent to the governments of several European countries protesting against the action taken by those governments in permitting their subjects to leave for the United States as converts to the Mormon faith.

The Mormon religion is one thing, the practice of polygamy quite another. It is true that the Utah polygamists are all Mormons, it is equally true that all the Mormons are not polygamists. No, nor do one-fifth of the Utah Mormons practice polygamy, however firmly they may believe or pretend to believe in that tenet of their religion.

The fact of the matter is that as long as polygamy is openly practiced in a Territory of the United States, a Territory directly subject to the authority of Congress, so long as a notorious polygamist is permitted to enter the halls of the National Legislature as the chosen representative of his so-called "religion" just so long will the United States be made ridiculous by the periodical fits of virtuous indignation into which our government manages to work itself every now and

then over this Mormon question. Under Bismarck's rule the institution of polygamy would be crushed out in a month. If our government is not strong enough to deal with an evil existing in one of its own territories, then the less it says about that evil the more will it deserve the respect of the world.

The Salt Lake Tribune is very severe on the peregrinating "Congressional Labor Committee" whose members on reaching Utah fraternized with the Mormons, running cheek by jowl with those "felons" whose institutions, as our government has just declared, must be made odious. Great is humbug. Our government sends greeting to foreign nations inviting them to check and retard the emigration to this country of Mormons whose presence is not desired here and at the very same time sends its chosen representatives to associate on terms of friendly social equality with the leading and worst offenders of the class complained of.

Our readers will observe that we do not bore them with a long column of "what our contemporaries say of us." The fact of the matter is, we care but very little what our contemporaries say of us, but a great deal of what our subscribers think of us; so instead of filling half a page with "notices" current among newspapers on "this glorious occasion" of starting a real live daily, we fill our columns with more valuable and interesting matter. The only advertisement that we want for the MINER is the MINER itself.

The Independent learnedly says "Artesian water lies in strata which when pierced rises as high as the source." Now is not stratum the correct form of that word? Again, what do those "strata" rise for? Oh, we have it. They rise to protest against being mutilated in the style of the above.

That was a blow below the belt delivered by the Madisonian when it says the daily MINER is an improvement on the Helena papers. We protest against being "damned with faint praise" in so heartless a fashion.

Correspondence.

LETTER FROM MEAGHER COUNTY.

Good Crops—A Granger's Criticism on the "Miner"—Scores of Interesting Items.

Editor BUTTE MINER:

Perhaps a few words from this part of the country may not be considered to the waste basket. The crops in Meagher county never looked better before. It would just delight your eyes to take a ride through this county.

The new daily stages which leave Helena and White Sulphur Springs at 4 a. m. and make the trip in one day are carrying many passengers.

We notice in town Mr. Guthrie, of Helena, who is looking after his cattle interests. Also Mr. Kleinschmidt, of Kleinsschmidt Bros., who is always ready for a trade.

White Sulphur Springs is looking up. A new one thousand dollar school house will soon be built and furnished.

Many of our citizens complain of Dr. Parberry's course in the Legislature as looking too closely to his private interests. It is doubtful whether the county seat will be changed yet awhile.

The Wisconsin colony are settling in different parts of the county. James King is making some improvements on his place, making it 7 feet wide and dividing it into two portions 3 feet and 4 feet wide respectively.

Capt. Stafford has sold his stand to Henry Klein and will go on his ranch near Avalanche gulch next year. He has four hundred or more head of stock. His fruit trees are looking finely.

Doctor Rotwit, who was one of the most intelligent and straight-forward legislators we have had, gives a farewell ball August 23d, which will be largely attended.

L. Marks intends moving his family to Helena next winter.

One of our most prominent men criticised the MINER very handsomely yesterday. Spare your blushes and let me give the substance: "The MINER is the best paper in the Territory. Why? Because it—(No the you don't. That would be a little too much in the style of the Herald's self-praise.—Ed. MINER.) "Just compare the new daily with the Helena dailies. The Independent has just had a start given it by Col. Woolfolk, who is an educated man but rather visionary. The other editors can't write an editorial to save their lives. They hash them up from Eastern papers. As for the Herald, Saunders and Hedges have made it what it is. The owners haven't the ability of editing a paper.

But the Herald has been slashing the MINER lately. Won't that hurt it? Not a bit of it. It thrashed the Governor into popularity. They better let the MINER alone. They help its circulation and hurt their own. Besides, the MINER has done them good by its criticisms. They are picking up and give their readers twice as much local news and they don't totally puff half as much as formerly. Johnston has many warm friends in this country, in Butte and in the whole Territory. He is educated, and talks out plainly and honestly, and our people like honest talk. He doesn't hesitate to go against his own interests for a principle. His editorials are too long, but able. How about the North-West? Oh, that young chap was in love. Moon-struck, you see. The MINER didn't want to hurt him, so it let him alone."

This is not quite so forcible as the gentleman expressed it, but shows what he thought.

While not agreeing with the gentleman in every particular yet his hearers were unanimous in their opinion that the MINER was the champion paper of Montana.

Mining is going along steadily. Some claims are paying well, but the agricultural interests are in the lead this year. The county is paying a tax of only 16 mills. All are prosperous and out of debt.

MEAGHER. DIAMOND CITY, Aug. 8, 1879.

Workmen are busily engaged in taking out ore from the Kennett mine, in this neighborhood, for shipment. This mine once had a high reputation for richness, but has remained unworked for a number of years on account of the absence in the States of some of its principal owners. We understand it is the intention to develop it forthwith.—Madisonian.

Helena Notes.

Reported for the MINER.

The thermometer has marked "Ninety and Nine."

Z. Hoyt, the blacksmith, has the foundation built for a neat brick residence on lower Ewing street.

The frame work of Col. Johnston's house is up and betokens an early completion of a handsome residence on Broadway.

Cooper, the colored man-of-all-work, by industry and superiority in the matter of churning, has earned enough the last year to build a commodious brick house on Rodney street.

Raleigh & Clark expect to move into their new store in about two weeks.

Twenty-three converts were confirmed by the Bishop of the Church on Sunday, and the unfeeling world's people now criticize their motives in a most unreligious manner.

Rev. Geo. Smith preached his first sermon in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday. The general impression is that he is a pleasant gentleman, a fair preacher, without any of the modern sensational clap-trap.

Bishop Tuttle, who makes friends by plain words and honest speech, drew a large crowd Sunday evening. His text was upon "Love thy Neighbor," etc. Some of his points might be well considered even by church members.

Miss Ellen Banks gave an entertainment at the Court House Saturday evening, which was highly attended. She writes "a touching but interesting" poem for the Independent, which, according to the Independent's orthography, might be termed "week." [Oh, Cid! for shame! how could you!—Ed.]

The Lewis Culmination Co. exposes Spiritualism on three evenings of this week. It uses the customary advertising dodge of fixing up a newspaper controversy between a Spiritualist and the leader.

S. Jones and Harry Child are about to open a general variety store at the place formerly occupied by Davis & Wallace. Harry will start Tuesday for a trip East and to San Francisco.

The family of Col. Woolfolk is expected here this evening. Mrs. E. W. Knight and children will arrive in a few days.

The Supreme Court met today. Judge Blake is expected to-night.

A Mr. DeWitt, of New York, was admitted to practice. The law practice is already overstocked, and a new comer must rustle for bread.

V. E. Cullen, who has been making a pleasure trip to Minnesota, Missouri and Chicago, will return this week. His partner, Col. Sanders, contemplates a four week's visit to Ohio, where his family is now stopping.

J. Al. Sawielle intends to return to Montana on the 15th of this month. He has engaged a new troupe, and will do his level best to compete with the companies now on the ground.

Mrs. S. F. Molitor has sold a large building lot to Mr. Weisenborn, who will probably build this season. Mrs. Molitor sells her household goods on the 15th, and goes by railroad to Deadwood to meet her liege lord.

T. Dowse has returned from Butte and will leave in the morning by way of Benton for St. Paul, where he will write up Helena and have his pamphlet printed in Chicago.

Miss A. N. King, the musician who set all the young men of Montana crazy, will return to Montana in the fall, so it is said, and a rumor reports that a young merchant of town had pressing business East at the time of her departure. But we will "drop the curtain" on the subject.

Judge Toole leaves this week for his old Missouri home.

Green apples and cucumbers are stirring up the festive soul of man more than any amount of sermonizing. The doctors are happy and busy. The patients are sad and busy, too.

An alarm of fire in the Fourth ward disturbed our people this morning. It was discovered to be a smoke house back of Haggerman's meat market, near the Dana House. The building was located in a dangerous place, and in the night a fire might have done much damage. As it was a few buckets of water put it out. Sometime afterwards the engine arrived.

The City Water Company expect to buy their new 4-inch pipe in about two weeks. The cost will be about \$2,000 but the monthly receipts amount to nearly half that sum.

Madison County.

Madisonian, 9th.

We heard that J. H. Baker and Eugene Stark were severely injured near Gallatin City, by their team running away.

Judge H. N. Maguire, formerly a well known resident of Montana, is contemplating a visit to Cincinnati, for the purpose of securing the settlement of a Jewish colony in Rapid valley, Black Hills.

H. F. Williams, formerly an attorney of this city, but now residing in Salt Lake City, had his leg broken last week, while crossing a ditch. The wooden bridge gave way and in the endeavor to save his hat, he violently wrenched his leg, breaking it above the ankle.

On Saturday last, a man who gives his name as George Wells, (which, however, is believed to be only a nom de concarence) was arrested and lodged in the county jail on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of Elling's bank last week. Wells has been suspected ever since the affair happened, of being one of the robbers, and attention has been directed to his movements, which have been of a most suspicious character since the day of the robbery. We think it unwise to publish at present the causes which led to his arrest, as it might interfere with the course of justice.

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT.

U. S. LAND OFFICE. HELENA, M. T., June 20, 1879.

NOTICE is hereby published that Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, whose P. O. address is Helena, Lewis and Clark county, and James L. Lewis and John C. Thornton, whose P. O. address is Butte, Deer Lodge county, all of Montana, have this day filed in the office of the patent under the mining laws of Congress, for eight hundred and fifty-four (854) linear feet on the Adventure lode, bearing silver and other metals, together with surface ground forty-nine (49) feet on the west and one hundred and three (103) feet on the east and situated in Summit Valley Mining District, Deer Lodge county, Montana, in Sec. 13, Township 4 north, Range 2 west, which claim is recorded in the office of the county recorder; and for said claim, and as described from the official survey as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post marked M. C. 123-1, for corner No. 1, from which the corner to sections 7, 12, 13 and 18, T. 4 N., R. 7 W., 1879, bears N. 55° 22' E. 1673 feet distant, (1673 chains) and running thence N. 88° 42' W. 20 feet; thence N. 88° 42' E. 84 feet; thence S. 88° 42' E. 167 feet; thence S. 1° 15' W. 25 feet; thence N. 81° 15' W. 17 feet; thence S. 51° 15' W. 25 feet; thence N. 85° 15' W. 25 feet; thence N. 12° 15' E. 15 feet; thence S. 87° 15' W. 156 feet to the place of beginning, the same being designated as Lot 125, in T. 4 N., R. 7 W., 1879, embracing an area of one and 38-100 acres, and which official plat and notice of intention to apply for patent was posted on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1879. The adjoining claimants to these premises are the Never-Sweet lode on the east, Farhart lode on the south, Kannek lode on the north, and Virginia lode on the south and west. Any and all persons claiming adversely any part or portion of the above described premises are requested to file their adverse claims with the Register U. S. District Court, at Helena, Montana, during the sixty days publication hereof, or be barred by virtue of the provisions of the provisions of the statute. J. H. MOFFET, Register. GEO. F. MARSH, U. S. Dep. Min. Surveyor.

NOTICE TO CO-OWNERS.

NO DANIEL McCARTY. You are hereby notified that the undersigned do have, in compliance with the requirements of the law, performed labor and made improvements of the value of one hundred dollars, in representing, for the year ending July 10th, 1879, the Napoleon quartz lode claim, situated in Bryant Mining District, Beaverhead county, Montana Territory, and you are hereby notified that unless you contribute or cause to be contributed your proportion of such expenditure, amounting to thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, together with interest and costs, within one hundred and eighty (180) days from date of this notice, all your rights, title and interest in and to the above mentioned quartz lode claim will become the property of the undersigned co-owners, who have made the required expenditure. LOUIS BLA. JOSEPH LA BOUCHIERE. Bryant Mining District, July 24th, 1879.

\$10 REWARD.

STRAYED from Wallerville, a DARK BROWN HORSE, four years old, brand on left shoulder and vented with the same brand on the left hip. White star on forehead, with narrow white stripe running to point of nose. One, perhaps both hind feet white. A reward of ten dollars will be paid for the return of the above horse to Owsley's stable, Butte, or to the owner at Wallerville. JAMES KEATING. Aug 12-79