

The Mineral Argus.

Maiden and Maginnis, Thursday, August 16, 1883.

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THE SITUATION.
 The recent order No. 134, issued by the military commander at Ft. Maginnis, under instructions from Washington, ordering all parties to remove from the reservation within sixty days, who had no legal right to remain, has caused no little excitement and interest among the miners and citizens of this district, within the past ten days. Although it was known by many that such an order, emanating from the highest military authority, had been for some time in the hands of the post commander, the delay in its execution gave reason to hope that it would be countermanded or at least suspended until the matter could be brought before congress. But such was not the case, and in obedience to a more recent order from headquarters to act at once, on Tuesday Aug. 8th, notices were posted in the post-office and other public places, warning all of the approaching danger. As will be seen elsewhere, the citizens of Maiden and vicinity awoke to the necessity of prompt action and we are certain their efforts will be crowned with success. Maintaining that the government is "for and by the people," its strong arm should ever be raised to encourage and protect its subjects in the remotest confines of its vast domain, and we are confident if our claims and grievances are placed before the president in a proper manner, which they doubtless will be, he will fully comprehend the situation, and grant the petitioners their prayer.

If there be a class of people in the west that deserve the protection and encouragement of the government they are the miners. Geologists have never found gold in paying quantities. It is to the sturdy and courageous miner that we are indebted for the great discoveries made here and elsewhere. He has been the advance guard in the settlement of this great region, penetrating its vast expanse, when life and death evenly balanced the scale, in his tireless search for the precious metals. Some have "struck it rich," while others, never losing hope, climb the rugged mountains, enter the dismal canyons and gorges, where white man 'ner trod before, only to meet disappointment and "hard luck" for compensation. Other avocations must then be followed for a "grab stake," ere he can return to his pick and shovel.

There are many valuable "prospects" here besides well developed mines, and the poor miner who has guarded his claim as he would his child, in the hope that capital would some day come to his relief, would very reluctantly yield it up now.

THE SUBSCRIPTION COMMITTEE.
 Messrs. C. C. Snow, C. H. Williams, John Dunton, Wallace Shakley and John Beck, the committee chosen at the citizens meeting to solicit subscriptions to defray the expenses of our representative, C. W. Gardner, have proven their right to front seats in the best Methodist meeting house in the United States. In seven hours time, Tuesday last, and in an area of territory not over three and one-half miles square, \$491.50 was subscribed and the cash put up, all expressing themselves willing and ready to double the amount they gave should it prove necessary so to do. The committee met at 7 o'clock in the evening and turned the amount over to Mr. Beck, taking a receipt therefor, and in turn Mr. Beck placed the amount in the hands of Mr. Gardner.
 The result of the committee's work is highly creditable and speaks plainer than words of the character and determination of the people of this district to have their power over

The claim that a portion of the district is not in the reservation, an prevailing belief that nearly all outside of the boundary line, had no weight in retarding the movement. The fact that we are claimed by the military authorities to be on the reservation, and knowing that a good portion of the most valuable discovered leads were within its boundaries, has stimulated all to do their best, and accept the apparently easier way to get out of the dilemma, and avoid all controversies, delays, and the numberless complicated points that would be brought up and have to be settled in court, should the present move be discarded and an attempt to prove priority of claim taken up.

The committee has accomplished more than was needed or expected, and deserve the unanimous thanks of this community.
 Owing to the demand on our space and time in connection with the recent military order, our article on Maiden and its business houses will be deferred until next issue.

LOCAL NEWS

Evans Jones, ranching on Cottonwood, was in town yesterday with a wagon load of vegetables, which he disposed of in a rapid manner. He reports crops good in that section.

Richard Gies, arrived Tuesday evening from Junction City. He and his brother Vincent are going to open out with a lunch and coffee house in a few days. The public is to be accommodated day and night.

Mr. A. M. Thompson, of Andersonville, returned Saturday from a trip to the Higwood mountain, near Chimney Rock, where he has a claim in partnership with B. W. Akley. He reports crops looking fine and being harvested.

The Wyman Combination is billed for an entertainment Saturday night, in Dryden & Esler's hall. Prof. Wyman is an acknowledged leader as a ventriloquist and is well supported by Niel Connors, a character artist. The company deserves a large house.

The mill ditch at the Collar is now finished, except 240 feet of fluming, and work has been begun on the reservoir, which they expect to have completed in about two weeks. Timbers are now being cut for the balance of the fluming, and when completed will give a good supply of water.

J. F. Sage, just in from his ranch on North Fork, reports crops in a flourishing condition. Short-legged gait boots are nearly ready to pull, he is afraid, however, the early frosts will nip the long ones, at most there will be but half a crop. His pemmican and sauer kraut is immense. Dried apples and hominy failed to sprout.

Invitations are out for a grand ball to be given at Spring Creek, in Mr. D. Crowley's new hall, under the management of Ed Noble, on or about Sept. 1st. The party is already an assured success, and all who can arrange to go are warranted a most enjoyable time. The committee consists of R. W. Noble, G. A. Reeder and Dan Crowley.

The secretary of the Maiden lodge of A. O. U. W. informs us that the order has reached a membership of 1,970, and only requires thirty more to entitle them to separate beneficiary jurisdiction. As soon as the desired number are enrolled they will have a grand lodge in Montana, and consequently severed from the jurisdiction of Nevada.

James Dentsey and Fred Stowell, two well known cow boys of Andersonville, had a horse race a day or two ago for a wager of \$3.00. James proved to be something of a jockey, and after winning with his horse offered to bet he could win with his opponent's horse, and after a lively race Eli

that the rumor to the effect that T. C. Power was about to close a contract for the line, was as far as he knew, incorrect. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with our camp and has great confidence in its rapid development.

On Sunday last, Jack Green was very careful to take off his hat whenever he met a friend. This was apparently very polite in Jack, but he had an object in view, and the object was anything but agreeable, i. e., a good sized garter snake, which thrust its head up on the rim of the hat when he removed it from his head. Now we have heard of men having "snakes in their boots," but to have them in their hats knocks us out of time. We hope Jack will never be afflicted with the other specie.

The general merchandise store at Reedsfort, recently purchased by T. C. Power & Bro., as another branch of their mammoth business in the territory, is being rapidly stocked with a first-class line of goods of every description. It is under the management of N. M. Erickson, a thorough business man, who knows just what is needed in his line in this part of the country. The firm intend to make this a supplying point for surrounding trade, and the effect upon Reedsfort will be of material benefit.

Mr. J. Watson, one of the proprietors of the Big Casino mill, located about five miles from Spring Creek, while passing a bull team on a narrow bridge, at the mill, was kicked in the leg sustaining a dislocation of the ankle joint, together with an extensive laceration of the muscles of the leg. Dr. Williard, of Ft. Maginnis, attended the sufferer, repaired the injury, and reports the patient doing well. Mr. Watson is one of our oldest and most esteemed citizens, a man of the best business ability, and one with whom the entire community will sympathize. We hope to hear of his early restoration to health.

J. E. Davis returned from Junction City, Friday evening, making the trip in twenty hours driving. He reports crops as fine and being harvested. The country is well settled between Maiden and Junction City. Stage stations are located as follows: Ford Creek, McDonald Creek, Red Water, Flat Willow, Musselshell, Carpenter's and Junction. He reports that it is rumored that Powers is to purchase the line from here to Junction, from John R. Miner, and will soon place four horse coaches on the road, taking the present stock from the Billings and Benton line and substituting a buckboard on that route. The advantage to be gained is beyond computation to our town and section of the country.

FORT MAGINNIS ITEMS.

Mr. J. T. Athey, bookkeeper of the firm of Broadwater, McNamara & Co., left Monday morning for the East to purchase stock and transact business for the firm.
 Lieut. Hardin, of the 18th Infantry, left Monday morning, for Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., to attend the military school of Application. He will be located there for a term of two years.
 Captain Hathaway and family left Wednesday morning for a fishing excursion on Big Spring Creek, to be absent for a few days. The boys all expect a good mess of trout on his return.

Private Rice, of the 18th infantry, was accidentally shot through the palm of the left hand while cleaning his gun, necessitating the amputation of the second finger at the wrist. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

Indian Depredations.

Twenty lodges of Blackfeet Indians appeared Sunday night twenty miles east of Ft. Maginnis, on Ford's Cr. They have been killing cattle belonging to Granville Stewart and other parties, several carcasses having been found Saturday last. The command of the Post, Capt. Durham, sent a detachment of troops in pursuit and is hoped we will be able to report capture in our next issue. Indians are fully 115 miles from reservation, and

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