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A Letter from Delegate Maginnis.

A. M. Esler, Esq., handed us the following letter for publication. It would seem, from its contents, that our grievances, so far as they relate to the mineral belt, could have been settled long ago, had the "citizens," whose names are not given, been interested sufficiently to have carried their promises into effect:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24, '84.
 A. M. ESLER, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 13th inst., is received. A year ago last fall, when I was at Maiden, the citizens promised to have surveys made and send to me maps of the reduction of the reservation which they desired. Such maps and particular description as was necessary to frame a bill, which I have now received, for the first time. I waited for these maps during the whole of the short session of the last congress, and they never came, the citizens failing to keep their promises in that respect. I did receive one letter from Hon. Granville Stuart, dated on the 14th of March and received about three weeks after the congress had finally expired. Failing to hear from the citizens, I framed a bill to authorize the Secretary of War to reduce all reservations on his own judgment, which passed the house, but failed in the senate. Meanwhile I had the assurance of Gen. Terry that the people of Maiden should not be disturbed, and no bona fide miners of the reservation interfered with.

Since receiving your letter I have been in consultation with the Secretary of War and have agreed upon a bill, which I introduced in the house last Monday, authorizing the Secretary to reduce the reservation of Ft. Maginnis, which I shall use all my energy to have passed.

As to the mail route, have received the petition and presented the same. It may be possible the department will not increase the service during the winter, although I believe they have sent an inspector to examine the matter. I think by the first of April the department will put on the service you desire, at least I will it to do so.

Yours truly,
 MARTIN MAGINNIS.

Montana Cattle take the Lead.

The receipts of cattle for the past year at the Chicago stock yards were the largest ever known. The top prices for the year started at \$6.50, and advanced to \$7.00 in February, to \$7.30 in April, declined to \$6.75 in May and to \$6.30 in June. In April and August there was a gain, and in September an advance to \$7.35. October and November were stationary, and December was the highest—\$8.25. These were the prices for the choicest cattle, but all others moved in sympathetic relation.

Of all cattle direct from the ranges, those from Montana commanded the highest prices. During September and October, the time of the year when the greatest rush of grass fed cattle is made upon the markets, and usually a slow, weak feeling in trade is brought about, we note that Texas cattle ruled at \$3.06 to \$4.20; Wyoming cattle at \$4.00 to \$5.00, and Montana cattle at \$4.50 to \$5.40.

From these figures only one deduction can be made, and that is that Montana cattle are the best.

Ground to Death.

The Democratic wool-growers of Ohio and the Republican wool growers are desperate. They want the reduction on the tariff made by the last Republican congress repealed; but the Democrats are for free trade and the Republicans want to let things stand as they are. Between the two millstones the wool-growers are being ground to death—so they think.—Semi-Weekly Miner.

LOCAL NEWS.

Twenty-six below zero, Sunday night. Sheriff Cameron has returned to White Sulphur.

S. G. Sharpless has returned from the bleak prairies of Dakota.

Go to Dohm & Morans when you want a fine "turn-out."

A party was given at the Collar boarding house, Friday night, last.

Col. Baker is again in command at Ft. Maginnis, after a long absence.

Draw poker (to stir up the fire) has been all the rage for the past ten days.

F. Murray left for the east a few days since. He expects to return with his family by April first.

Twenty-two condemned government horses will be sold at the post, to-morrow. Now is your chance.

The party that returned from the Little Rockies a few days since are very reticent. Mum, is the word.

Joe Dohm is around on crutches. He says he is troubled no more with rheumatism in the injured leg.

A hundred dollars worth of Collar scrip is good for one month's board, if given in the shape of a mechanic's lien.

Playing billiards with the body encased in an overcoat and overshoes, displays poor skill and affords but little pleasure.

Notwithstanding the dull times (to be expected at this season of the year) we are daily adding the names of cash subscribers to our list.

A. J. McGuire has taken his departure for the Cour d'Alenes. He will take the cars at Junction. Wait until you hear from him before starting.

It is not an uncommon thing to see a man sinking a shaft over what is supposed to be his wood pile; if surface indications look well, the shaft is at once abandoned and a tunnel built to tap the lead.

Josh Billings presents a wholesome chunk of truth in this remark: You will observe this, the devil never offers to go into partnership with a bizzzy man, but you will often see him offer to jine the lazy, and furnish all the captal besides.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found and advertisement of the Louisville Courier Journal. This is an acknowledged able journal. Its editor-in-chief, Henry Watterson, is one of the most brilliant writers of the day. See subscription rates.

Retail dealers in tobacco and cigars, should patronize their home manufactory, Mr. Pfaendner, has come here to stay and live in our camp. He manufactures an A 1 cigar, and can sell at very reasonable prices to dealers. Keep your money in the camp.

F. Murray opened his wholesale and retail liquor store, last week, in the building formerly occupied by Dan. Kuhnenn, corner of Montana and Main Sts. Stock consists of the finest brands of Kentucky liquors and cigars. See advertisement in another column.

Those who attended the party given at Townsend's ranch, on Deer creek, are unanimous in pronouncing it the boss of the season. There were about thirty couples present and all bent on a good time. The supper was unsurpassed, the music first-class, and in fact everything good except—the weather, which was terrible cold.

William Vannest, our dairyman, killed a large brown eagle on Wednesday of last week—measuring 7 ft. 3 in. from tip to tip of wings. The bird was left in the Argus office and is now in the hands of a capable taxidermist, Mr. Charles Weidman, and will soon be on exhibition in all his natural beauty. It is a fine bird and will doubtless inspire many spread-eagle editorials about this glorious county.

James Durham, who resides with John Fogarty, on McDonald creek, while crossing the country on foot to Dr. Williard's sheep ranch, on Spring creek, Feb. 21, lost the trail, and as night was overtaking him and the snow very deep, he made his way to an old sheep corral, a short distance from the trail, built a fire and remained over night. Being without blankets or shelter he passed a night of intense suffering. The crust of the snow had so mutilated his gum boots as to expose his feet, and the next morning, on making an effort to continue his journey, found that both feet were badly frozen, and could not proceed. He hailed a passing hunting party of half-breeds, who came to his rescue, and with whom he remained over night. The following day he was brought back to Fogarty's ranch, where he is now under the care of Dr. Williard. His left foot is in bad condition, but the Dr. thinks he can save it.

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