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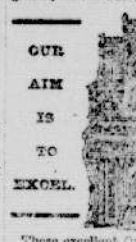

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The Festive Mule.

There's a story handed down from old Methuselah,
I learned it when a little boy at school,
That you make a big mistake and don't forget it,
When you monkey 'round the hind shoe of a mule.

CHORUS—Never touch a mule when he's reposing,
If you disturb his slumbers, you're a fool;
If you don't want to visit the undertaker
Never take the hind shoe from a mule.

O, the business end of a mule is mighty ticklish,
He never misses fire as a rule,
You will think you're struck by seven kinds of lightning
If you ever take the hind shoe from a mule.

When you think the animal is getting old and feeble
Then never, never, touch him as a rule,
For he'll kick you full of holes in several seconds,
Trust him not; there is mischief in a mule.

You will want a chest protector on your eyebrow
And laid upon a ton of ice to cool,
You'll be too much broken up to join the angels,
If you ever take the hind shoe from a mule.

LOCAL NEWS.

Maiden needs a lawyer.

The opium joint must go.

John Peck is back from the Little Rockies.

"Chequamagan" is the name of the new restaurant.

A five foot vein of quartz has been discovered in the Sweet Grass hills.

Miss Earl, of the Missouri valley, passed this week for Cottonwood, Judith valley, where she has been engaged to teach school.—Husbandman.

A. R. Barrows, of Ubet, was in town last Friday. He says Ubet is not working for the county seat. Nothing short of the state capital is wanted at the gap, which is now the centre of the territory.

Charley McGerry, while returning from Junction City last month, claims to have seen a band of nearly a thousand antelope. Some buffalo have also been killed in the vicinity of Flat Willow.

MARRIED.—At Fort Maginnis, on the evening of Jan. 4th, 1885, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. R. Stevenson, by S. G. Sharpless, Justice of the Peace, Henry Wilson to Jennie Knudson, both of Ft. Maginnis.

Granville Turner, who with M. D. Scott, spent part of the summer prospecting in the Big Horn mountains, returned to Fort Benton a day or two ago. He says they found nothing worth staying with in the Big Horn.—Press.

Johnny Shea, of Burnett creek, was in Maiden, last week, with the skin of a large "silver tip" bear which he killed in November, down on Armell's creek. He shot old bruin ten times before he could break his grip on things earthly.

Edward Swope of Martinsdale, who has been spending the holidays with Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Swope, on Dog creek, visted Maiden, last Thursday, on his return trip. Mr. & Mrs. Swope accompained him to Maiden, passing a pleasant evening with friends.

Wanted—A chinook, for which a liberal price will be paid if delivered at this office in good condition within the next 24 hours.—Sun River Sun. The chinook must have reached Sun River the next day, which is another evidence that it pays to advertise.

Edward Brassey, of Cottonwood, was in Maiden, Sunday, on his return from Junction City. Mr. Brassey started for Junction about the first of November but cold weather and bad roads have prevented an earlier return. He thinks of moving his family to Maiden.

Mike Wearley and his party, in their researches in the Sweet Grass hills, came across a fossil forest—trees of all sizes perfectly petrified. Mike says it is worth a journey to the hills to see them. He says in all his travels over the country he never saw anything like it before. He brought a handsome specimen which may be seen at this office.—River Press.

In our mention of artist engaged for the "great annex" last week we omitted the engagement of Stewart Wetherell, fancy shot (a la Carver). Mr. Wetherell will execute the feat of shooting an eyewinker from "Missouri Bill," at 50 feet without disfiguring the latter's countenance. Those who have witnessed Mr. Wetherell's execution with the rifle have no doubt of his ability to make it interesting—for "Bill."

Constables and justices should aim to put the county to as little expense as possible. A trip to White Sulphur Springs is attended with considerable expense, and to lug a prisoner 150 miles because he has committed some petty breach of the peace is not advisable. In making a charge the constable or citizen should have reliable evidence of guilt. It would not have been a difficult matter to have proven that the town was possessed of opium joints had a little strategy been employed. Let us have no vague charges or unwarranted arrests. It is when justice lies bleeding that officers are hard to find.

The Day House Masquerade Party.

[The following communication arrived too late for last week's issue.]

LEWISTOWN, M. T., Jan. 6th, '85.

Notwithstanding the difficulties occasioned the proprietors by the late fire the masquerade ball at the Day house, on New Year's night, proved a grand success. Early in the afternoon contingents arrived in Lewistown, from Maginnis, Maiden, Cottonwood, Warm Springs creek and away "over the range." As previously announced, all were welcome, either masked or unmasked. The maskers were, however, in the majority and all sorts of grotesque costumes were indulged in—Negro, Chinaman, and Indian, were personated in excellent style. A Cottonwood lady costumed in a Mother Hubbard suit and carrying a lunch basket, was the richest thing of the evening. At midnight the masks were discarded and a sumptuous supper—one of Mrs. Day's best efforts—was done ample justice by at least fifty couples.

The music furnished by the Maiden String Band fully justified the favorable impression they had made on previous occasions.

The floor management was excellent: quadrille, lancers, waltz, polka, schottische and fancy dances, being admirably diversified throughout the entertainment.

At 7 a. m. the party broke up; but 7 p. m. found many a genial soul from across the range "still ling'ring" in the vicinity of the Day hotel."

The next social event of the season will be a calico ball at Lewistown, on the 16th inst. All are cordially invited.

REGULAR.

Quicksilver.

[Mining Journal.]

Where does Quicksilver come from? That is a question often asked, but one which not one miner or prospector in ten can answer, neither is it generally known what ore is mined for quicksilver, nor where it is chiefly found. In the United States the only quicksilver mines of any consequence are in California. They are also the only quicksilver mines of any importance on the American Continent. With the single exception of fifty flasks of quicksilver, made in Oregon in 1882, it is said the total product of the country for that year came from the mines of California. In the Rocky Mountain region, nor in any country east of the Sierra, is quicksilver found in any quantity. Inconsiderable deposits of native quicksilver, the result of a decomposition of telluride ores, are said to have been found at the surface in quite a number of mines in Boulder county, Colorado, and also in New Mexico, near the Taos Mountain pass, but we have never heard of these reports having been confirmed and do not credit them.

No standard work on quicksilver has ever been published, and information concerning it can only be found in scattered technical papers, and general geological publications. The subject seems to have been a neglected one by the U. S. Geological survey.

Cinnabar (red sulphide of mercury) is the chief ore mined for quicksilver, and in fact is practically its only source. Native quicksilver, while it is often found, is always in trifling quantities. Metacinnabarite (black sulphide of mercury) also occurs in a few mines. A deposit of cinnebar is said to be in process of formation in Washoe county, Nevada, at Steamboat Springs, but interest in it is only of a geological character.

The American flasks containing quicksilver are invariably of 76½ lbs avoirdupois, each.

Montana's New Governor.

A Washington Special to Pioneer Press dated Jan. 2d, says:

B. Platt Carpenter, the recently appointed governor of Montana, has left Pongkeepsie for Helena, going direct through to that point. He spent a portion of last week in this city, Hdqrs. note.

ding the president and friends farewell and booking up a little in his satrapy. He will not take his family with him at this time, but will return for them in the spring. He will be present at the opening of the Montana legislature, and anticipates passing a pleasant winter in his new home. He says he shall live permanently in Montana, applying himself to the practice of law after the gubernatorial term. It is the received notion here that Delegate Maginnis will be appointed governor by President Cleveland. Had Captain Mills been President Arthur's choice for governor, Cleveland would have continued him in office, if the people of the territory appeared to be satisfied with his administration.

Northern Pacific Live Stock Shipments.

The following is a summary of the live stock shipments over the Northern Pacific railroad for the season of 1884, as reported by R. B. Wilson, live stock agent of the road:

EAST BOUND.

Point of Shipment.	Cars.
Billings	691
Big Timber	9
Bozeman	7
Custer	181
Dickinson	1,215
Fallon	19
Gallatin	11
Glendive	28
Huntley	104
Hamilton	16
Helena	7
Livingston	10
Mandan	4
Medora	13
" dressed 3	92
Merrill	31
Miles City	338
Mingusville	994
Sprindale	61
Total	3,831

RECAPITULATION.

Beef cattle—head 76,560	
Dressed beef 3,040	
Total	79,600
Sheep	20,000
Horses and Mules	400
Total	100,000

Rival Cattle Markets.

It has long been admitted that Chicago is without a rival as a live-stock market, but if the Kansas City Drovers' News is right, she will take the second place before long. The paper says: "Kansas City has the second largest stock yards in the world. It concedes the first place to Chicago—at present. But men and brethern, wait a little while, 'bide a wee,' and Kansas City may snatch the scepter from the Lake City." During the first ten months of last year Kansas City recived 440,301 cattle; St. Louis, 407,653; Cincinnati, 160,164, and Buffalo, 336,130 cattle, making a total of 1,344,278. In the same time Chicago received 1,528,658 cattle, or more than all the principal live-stock markets of the country together. The live-stock traffic of Kansas City has indeed made a most creditable growth in the thirteen years that have passed since her yards were first built.

They Both S-s-s-l-lut-tered.

[Southern Bivouac.]

Major Fountleroy had a confirmed habit of stammering. One day he came up with a straggler from "the St. Mary cannoneers," who, it seems, was similarly effected in his speech. Him, the lieutenant, accosted in his peculiar vernacular:

"H-h-o-o o-w-f-f-a-s is the a-r-r-t-i-t-t-illery ahead?"

"D-d-d-d-amned 'f-f-fi k-n-n-now," stammered the boy.

In a rage the major drew out his sword and was about to punish the offender, when the soldier held up both hands, crying:

"H-h-o-o-o-old on, lieutenant! I-I-I swear I c-c-can't talk a d-d-damned bit b-b-better than you can!"

Churning in Winter.

Heating the milk slightly causes the cream to rise more rapidly at this season, and this will make the butter come more quickly and be of better quality. Much of the inferiority of winter butter is due to the fact that the cream rises slowly and a longer churning is needed to obtain the butter. Keeping the cream a little, if less than a week, is very important when only one cow is kept and cream is a long time accumulating in quantity sufficient for churning. Unless this is done the butter will be apt to have a bitter taste.