MILITARY NOTES.

(Army and Navy Journal.)

General Terry in a recent circular, publishes a useful tabular statement of the "actual and authorized enlisted strength" of regiments serving in the Department for the information of Post and Regimental Commanders and Recruiting Officers.

Lieutenant General Sheridan has requested the Governors of States to designate a member of their respective staffs to represent their states, on the staffs of the Grand Marshal on the occasion of the dedication of the Washington Monument on February 22d.

The Swain court is almost a thing of the past, but no one knows what the "Morrow" may bring forth. Major Gardner has had an arduous time of it and will doubtless be glad to get back to the pleasant places of Governor's Island, as also his assistant, Lieut. R. W. Young, 5th U. S. Artillery.

Gentleman lately returned to Portland, Oregon, from Canyon City, says that it is feared there that the Piute and Columbia river Indians will league together next spring and go upon the war path, and that few instances of the ill-feeling evinced by the Indians, have served to strengthen the assertion.

General Grant's article on Shiloh, in the Century, has awakened considerable discussion. Gen. A. McD. McCook, colonel 6th Infantry, objects, as it appears from a despatch to the daily papers, to what Gen. Grant says concerning him, declaring that Gen. Grant has been pursuing him for twenty years, and that is only a step in the same direction. He proposes to reply "through the proper channels." It is expected that other officers will have something to say concerning General Grant's statements.

Gen. Grant is reported to be in better condition physically. He has abandoned smoking on account of a throat trouble, and only indulges himself in a cigar on holidays. The Gen. is devoting all his spare time to literary work. Besides the articles he has in hand, he contemplates writing his recollections of the period from the fall of Sumter to the close of his Presidential career, including the secret history of the affair with Andrew Johnson. He has neither stenographer nor amanuensis, and his work is therefore somewhat slow. Col. F. D. Grant is assisting him as a copyist and in references.

The Sagacity of Animals.

During a recent meeting of the Montana Stock Growers' Association, while the question of beasts of prey and how to dispose of them was under consideration, some valuable information in the way of personal observation was elicited. The remarkable cunning and sagacity of both wild and domestic animals, was related by Hon. Granville Stuart, as follows:

The sagacity of animals is wonderful, sometimes almost human. During the many years he had resided on the plains he had paid especial attention to the observation of their habits. He firmly believed that animals often deliberately committed suicide. At one time, he said, a black horse owned in his outfit that had always been kind and gentle, on a long trip became afflicted with a very sore back. One morning when he was saddled he began to rear and plunge in a fearful manner, and when mounted, made a rush for a sharp snag which had been formed by the burning of an old tree, and attempted to throw himself upon it. The rider was thrown, but, getting on his feet, he led the horse away probably 100 yards and again mounted. The animal immediately turned and made a dash at the snag, impaling himself upon it. At another time a three-year-old steer had been driven with the herd until it had become so foot sore that it was scarcely able to walk. One day they poured resin into its feet to burn out the proud flesh. Next morning they found the animal mired in a bog. He had gone to it and deliberately jumped off a bog four or five feet high to get into the mud. With a yoke of oxen the mired animal was dragged out and driven entirely away from the place. The next morning he was found in the same bog hole, dead. He also cited other instances that confirmed him in his belief that animals sometimes, to escape suffering, take their own lives. He said that wolves undoubtedly laid plans for their raids. In attacking a two-year-old, two or three wolves would get in front of the cow, bark and fiercely attack it, attracting its attention, while others of the pack would slip up behind the bovine and ham-string it. He had often seen wolves attack a cow with a young calf. A number of the sly brutes would assail her fiercely, doing all they could to get her away from her young, while others would attack the calf and cut its ham-string with their sharp teeth. If they could not drive the cow away they would wait around until she was forced to go for food or water, and then eat the calf. Wolves understand exactly the habits of animals they preyed upon. An antelope, when attacked by them would always take a circle of two or three miles and run around to the starting point again. The ravenous beasts, knowing this, place themselves in relays on the circle. The first attacking would run the frightened animal for half a mile or so, then the second relay would take up the chase, the first dropping out, and so continue until the animal dropped from exhaustion and was dispatched, when a howl summoned all the robbers to the feast. It was useless, he said, to poison a beef carcass for the purpose of killing wolves, as they had become so educated they would not touch it.

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MAIDEN, M. T., Jan. 23d, 1885.

To George A. Reeder, Richard W. Noble and Charles W. Conkling. You are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) in labor and improvements upon the Garfield lode, situated on Elk mountain, joined on the east by the Hudson lode and on the west by the Black Bear lode, Cone Butte mining district, Meagher county, M. T., for the year 1884.

And if within ninety days after the publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, according to Sec. 2,324, Revised Statutes of U. S.

GUSTAVE HILLER.

Notice of Forfeiture.

MAIDEN, Meagher county, M.T. Jan. 15, 1885.

To Max Waterman, (agent for John Denham, of Minneapolis, Minn.) Carrie Tendell, Peter Gessner, assigns or successors in the Northern Pacific lode: You are hereby notified that we have expended $100.00 in labor and improvements, for the year 1884, upon the Northern Pacific lode, located in Warm Springs mining district, four miles north-west of the town of Maiden, in Meagher county, Montana Territory, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2,324, Revised Statutes of the United States. Within 90 days from the service of this notice, (or within 90 days after publication of notice) you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscribers, under said section 2,324.

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Notice to Co-Owners.

Maiden, Montana, January 15th, 1885.

To VICTOR DORNE, or ASSIGNS. You are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and eighty dollars ($280.00) in labor and improvements on the "Silver Mountain Tunnel Site" location, and the "Little Pearl" mine location, being located on the South Fork of Ford's creek, on Crystal mountain, Warm Springs Mining District, Meagher county, Montana Territory.

And if you fail to contribute your portion of the above expenditures, within ninety (90) days after the publication of this notice, your interest as a co-owner in the above-named locations will become the property of the subscribers, according to Section 2324 if the Revised Statutes of the United States of America.

H. W. HIGLEY,
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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE, AT HELENA, M. T., December 30th, 1884.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Toombe, Notary Public, at Lewistown, Meagher county, M. T., on February 7th, 1885, viz:

John M. Hilburn.

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 6929, for the S½ SE¼, SW¼ SE¼, SE¼ SW¼, section 33, township 15, north of range 23 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Charles Fulton, David McGetty, Herbert M. Hilburn and John Hendricks, all of Grass Range, Meagher county, Montana.

F. ADKINSON, Register.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA M. T., January 17th, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John F. McSweeney, Notary Public, in and for Meagher county Montana, at Stanford, M. T., on March 7, 1885, viz:

Henry Kreton.

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 6586, for the E½ SE¼, NW¼ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼, section 9, township 17, north of range 12 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Henry Adams, William Hanson, Daniel Thomas and Eddie Sutter, all of Stanford M. T.

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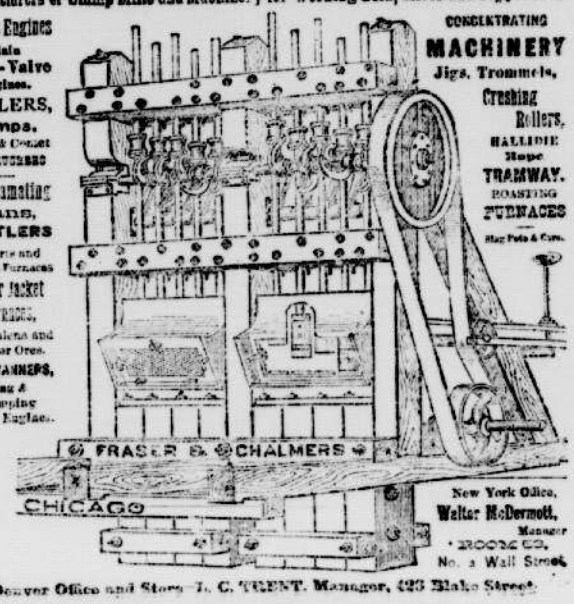

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