

The Mineral Argus

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Col. Geo. B. Corbhill, who prosecuted Guitau for killing Garfield, is dead.

The President has nominated Fitz John Porter to be a Colonel in the army.

The grass is so poor in the vicinity of Helena that millions of grasshoppers are dying of starvation. This is not authentic.

The first annual meeting of the West Side Fair and Raving Association will be held at Butte on August 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1886.

Rear Admiral Worden, who commanded the Monitor in the great naval battle with the Merrimac at Hampton Roads in 1862, is dead.

The receipts of gold and silver in the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, aggregated \$1,160,829, exceeding those of the preceding year over \$700,000.

Commissioner Sparks will stand by Special Agent Haley in the cases brought against him at Bozeman by the Lynde lumber company. R. B. Smith, of Dillon, has been designated by Attorney General Garland to defend Haley.

It is again reported that Nellie Grant-Sortors is living an unhappy life. An English snob and a poodle, it seems, are not his fancy painted them. Better have married a dashing American colonel or captain who fought for his country's flag under her illustrious father, than a dissipated dude of the English aristocracy.

Leading Republicans of Fergus county have joined in a call for primaries to be held July 24th, and a convention to meet at Lewistown, August 14th. The call, elsewhere printed in the Herald, gives the apportionment of representation for each precinct, and the Republicans of the new county start out in good organized shape.—Herald.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, unlike his progenitors, is going to do something for common humanity. He will build for the benefit of the employes of all the railroads centering at the Grand Central depot, New York, a building 80x40 feet, containing a bath-room, gymnasium, meeting hall, reading rooms, library, sleeping apartments for men detained late on duty and those having no homes of their own. Vanderbilt will pay the entire expense of construction and furnishing and will deed the property in perpetuity to a board of trustees.

A few weeks ago the River Press interviewed a citizen on the prospect for a hay crop and was assured that if it commenced showering after the 4th of July the hay crop would be abundant. This aroused a germ of hope in many a breast. But the rains descend not. Last week another undaunted Bentonite aroused us from our lethargy and despair by telling a Press-reporter that heavy rains in September would make ample feed for stock during the winter. We trust this matter will not be postponed sine die, and it won't if Jerry can prevent it.

Thus far not a democrat has publically announced his desire for office. We are satisfied the woods are full of would be candidates, but Democrats are, in this county at least, very modest. The political complexion of the county, if the vote of two years ago is a fair criterion, is considerably in favor of Republican success. This may account for the confident feeling of Republican aspirants and the hesitancy of democrats to announce themselves for office. There is a sufficient quantity of good timber in both parties, and it is our belief that at the coming election the voters of Fergus county will choose the men who in their opinion are the best qualified to fill the various offices. If both parties put up their fittest men, partisanship will figure very little. What the taxpayers want is the best qualified man for a given office, be he democrat or republican.

There is considerable doubt about the passage of the bill repealing the pre-emption, timber culture and desert land laws this session. The latest from Washington is, that "the house conference committee have reported their inability to reach an agreement with the senate upon the chief amendments to the same. Another conference committee will be appointed and another effort made to solve the difficulty. It is safe to say that the house conferees will yield to the senate amendments, or all legislation upon this subject will fail this session. Mr. Plumb, who heads the senate conferees, is determined that the house shall accept the bill as it comes from the senate, and Payson and Cobb are about

ready to yield on one point, viz: the amendment rather than the repeal of the desert land law. The struggle upon the other legislation in the senate bill will be a hard one, and upon the house giving way depends the fate of the bill for this session. Cobb and Payson are especially desirous of upholding Commissioner Sparks in his action regarding land entries, and the legislation in the senate bill forbidding the suspension of these entries indefinitely is not at all to their taste. Mr. Plumb insists upon this, however, as a protection to settlers, who are practically helpless in Sparks' hands now, and this is the rock upon which the bill will probably split."

AN EXPOSURE.

We publish this week the history of a fraud. Nearly every one in this vicinity is aware that dirty work has been done by the chief officers of the Collar Mining and Improvement Company, but the extent of their crookedness and the manner of procedure (under legal forms) to cover up their tracks, and defraud creditors and laboring men, has never been divulged until now. We are glad to be able to present documentary proof for every statement made. It shows that fraud has been perpetrated and our laws disregarded from the very inception and organization of the company down to the issuance of a Trust Deed, which latter was a fraud and a blind, as the facts plainly show. The Trust Deed was made by the President and Secretary of the Company, without calling a meeting of the stockholders, or even the trustees. The action of this unscrupulous gang in their attempt to defraud and cheat their creditors under the Trust Deed, lays them liable to punishment by a fine in any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars and imprisonment in the county jail not less than six months. But as you have got to catch a thief before you can hang him these high-toned gentlemen of St. Paul, will, no doubt, escape unpunished for this offense.

But because this company has successfully swindled individuals it is no reason why it should escape justice at the hands of the people of Meagher county. This county should at once become the plaintiff in an action to recover \$97,500 or more due the common school fund from this company, through its failure to comply with the statutes of Montana, as elsewhere quoted in full. If the statutes are not meaningless, and our District Attorney faithfully performs his duty, as he is sworn to do, there is still a chance to make the climate of Montana far more sultry than it is at present, for the triumvirate of knaves who have swindled our merchants and laboring men out of their just dues.

The stockholders of this company are worth in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000, and they are abundantly able to liquidate all their debts in Montana, both private and public. The sum of \$97,500 would pay all of the indebtedness of Meagher county, start Fergus county out with a clean slate, and leave money in the treasury of both. District Attorney Hunt should take hold of this matter at once. Let no guilty man escape.

Democratic Convention.

WHEREAS, There is no Democratic party organization in Fergus county, and believing that it is the sole right of the people, directly interested, to delegate such power and duties to committees.

Therefore, We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Fergus county (to be who believe in the principles of the Democratic party and are willing to accord a hearty support to its representatives, respectfully request that the Democratic voters of said Fergus county meet at the voting places in their respective precincts, on the 31st day of July, 1886, and select delegates and alternates to attend a Democratic county convention to be held at Lewistown, on the 21st day of August, 1886, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the several county offices of Fergus county, to be elected at the coming November election, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. If neither delegate or alternate be present no proxies will be allowed.

Each precinct will be entitled to one delegate to every 20 votes, or fraction thereof, cast at the election of 1884, for Joseph K. Toole, delegate to Congress, to-wit:

Table with columns: PRECINCTS, DEL., PRECINCTS, DEL. Lists precincts like Andersonville, Arnelis, Bernal, etc., and their respective delegates.

- List of names and locations: Wash. Kelly, Malden; D. N. O'Brien, Lewistown; C. S. Fell, Lewistown; R. J. Reynolds, Lewistown; John Toole, Lewistown; Joseph Jackson, Lewistown; J. Holzner, Lewistown; D. W. Crowley, Lewistown; John P. Barnes, Philbrook; Theo. A. Gray, Philbrook; John Shen, Philbrook.

Republican Convention.

WHEREAS, there is no Republican party organization in the County of Fergus, Territory of Montana; Therefore, we, the undersigned members of the Republican party in said county, would respectfully request that the Republican voters of Fergus County meet at the voting places in their respective election precincts, on the 24th day of July, 1886, to select delegates and alternates to a Republican County Convention, to be held at Lewistown, on the 14th day of August, 1886, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the several offices at the coming county election, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. If neither delegate or alternate be present no proxies will be admitted.

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- List of names under 'SIGNERS OF CALL': James Fergus, John L. Wiedeman; E. P. Chandler, Wm. T. McFarland; Chas. A. Young, Floyd Deimle; Jake Sanford, L. W. Eldridge; G. A. Parrott, C. E. Richards; R. M. Clark, Law Roberts; E. E. Vinson, C. H. Williams; W. W. Sheakley, Jed Grosbeck; J. C. Johnson, A. M. Thompson; E. J. Barnard, M. J. Keith; Frank Martin, S. G. Sharpless; D. Breerton, Frank E. Smith; S. W. Darling, Rudolf von Tschel, Jr.; J. E. Douglas, John W. Beck; J. W. Hamilton, John M. Vrooman.

FORT MAGINNIS NEWS.

No marriages, deaths or births to chronicle this week.

Capt. and Mrs. Maize have gone to inspect the National Park.

Dr. Hanson, of Lewistown, was in the garrison on Monday, the 19th inst.

One hundred and three degrees above zero in the shade with a warm Maginnis zephyr.

Col. Mason, department inspector, is not, we believe, expected here before the middle of August.

A beat, of the signal corps, is expected in a few days to inspect the signal department of this post.

Paymaster Whipple and clerk, M. Horne, arrived at the post on Monday evening, the 19th inst., and paid the troops on the following morning.

Miss Mamie Manly left the post on Tuesday, the 17th inst., for Lawrence, Kansas, where she will resume her studies at the young ladies' seminary.

Bennett, the foot racer, is said to have signified his intention of coming to Maginnis to give Smith satisfaction. Does this expect to run away from Smith again, Bennett?

A rumor has been, gently wafted through the garrison this evening that one Infantry company from this post is to be ordered to Fort Poplar River, leaving Fort Maginnis a four company post.

A large party of cowboys from one of the round-ups was at the post traders' store a few days ago, and doubtless deposited a considerable amount of cash with Messrs. Broadwater, McNamara & Co., whose few invoices of goods seems to be in demand.

On the 19th inst. Dr. Hanson, of Lewistown, exhibited his superior horsemanship in riding to Ft. Maginnis a vicious, spilted horse, bred of Mr. Daniel Croarty, who asserted that the doctor was the only person with whom the beast could be trusted.

John Gibney, Troop A, 1st Cavalry, in old time soldier of Ft. Maginnis, arrived with his family (with the exception of Barney) at the post on the 16th inst., having since his discharge or expiration of 4 term of enlistment about five months ago, enlisted in the army and served in N.Y. harbor until quite recently when he secured a transfer back to his old troop, where he felt sure he must have received a hearty welcome from his old comrades. Barney was left at school in New York. As Gibney has been a very industrious woman as all at this post can testify, and is friends are pleased to learn that her well earned vacation was so much enjoyed.

LEWISTOWN AND VICINITY.

N. M. Erickson is making a business trip to Benton.

The sheep shearers have all returned at a successful season.

The citizens of Lewistown will welcome the Fergus County Argus.

Geo. Stafford has completed his government work in the neighborhood of Ubet.

The first kiln of Lewistown brick has been burned, and the bricks are of an excellent quality.

The races at the Post will probably close off Sunday next. Bennett and Folles have gone over to make final arrangements.

Nearly all the wool from this section is gone to Judith Landing for shipment. This is the natural shipping point for the West.

For some reason the church building not progressing. Work has been suspended more than two weeks. We are not informed where the trouble is.

New candidates are "coming out" every day. The crop will be large, notwithstanding the extremely dry weather. We were wrong last week when we said the number was slumping down—it is increasing.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., July 15th, 1886. 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 L. Rowlett, Deputy Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, in and for Meagher County, M. T., at White Sulphur Springs, M. T., on September 4th, 1886, viz: Abraham Hageland, who made Homestead Application No. 250, for the SW 1/4, Sec. 25, T. 12 N., R. 17 W., N. 20. 7 1/2 north of range 12 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Emory A. Hines and Clark E. Shipman, of Lewistown, M. T.; John W. Winter, of Philbrook, M. T.; and Timothy N. Flak, of Cottonwood, M. T. S. W. LANGSHORNE, Register.

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