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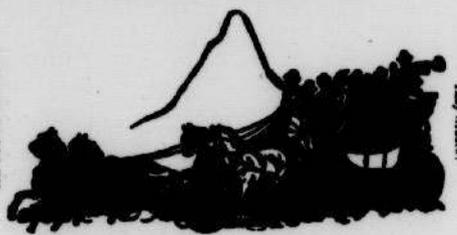
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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Detroit, Mich., has smallpox.

George W. Child still wears mourning for Gen. Grant.

Grand Master Workman Powderly's tippie is ginger ale.

The New York Grant monument fund sticks at \$120,000.

Prof. Wiggins insists upon a "giant war of the elements" Sept. 29th.

A New York philanthropist has established a co-operative farm for tramps.

Horatio Seymour's monument consists of a great boulder selected by himself.

George Gould will not marry Edith Kingdon. His father does not like the match.

The Pacific coast produces annually 1,500,000 cases of canned goods, valued at \$4,510,000.

Theodore Parker's grave at Florence, Italy, is to be marked with a permanent memorial.

R. A. Rogers of Buffalo, is the last man "certainly slated" to succeed Public Printer Rouns.

The cholera in Italy is continually decreasing in the worst districts, and is stationary in the others.

Santa Ana, Cal., is infested with a band of wild dogs that are creating havoc among the sheep.

John Folsom's daughter, Mrs. Cleveland's cousin, is described as the most ravishingly lovely girl in America.

The Shoshone Indians are said to be starving, and there is sure to be a revolt as soon as Chief Washakie dies.

Newport, R. I., is all torn up because of the discovery of a corpse in a well that was used by half the population.

Gen. W. Williams of Topsham, Me., has invented a machine for stamping oilcloth, and sold the patent for \$50,000.

The Manitoba census commissioner predicts a population of 125,000 in that province. He has commenced taking the census.

Heavy rains in Kansas and Eastern Colorado, recently, benefited crops, but destroyed some property and caused railroad washouts.

Michael Nergiver jumped off the Vincent Placo bridge at Rochester, N. Y., descended 120 feet and struck on his back. He will recover.

Thomas Addis Emmet, a grand nephew of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, has been appointed by the New York park board as general inspector of the parks.

The members of the United States senate have contributed \$10 each for the purchase of a portrait of Senator Wade Hampton, to be presented to the State of South Carolina.

John Conrad has leased in the Northwest Territory 200,000 acres of land from the dominion government, upon which he will drive this season 10,000 head of cattle and 200 head of Oregon-bred mares.

The Shetland Pony.

Some enterprising grazier might get good returns for his money by investing in Shetland ponies, and breeding on the range for sale in the cities the gentle little animals. The necessary stock to commence with could be purchased at very little expense, and as they are about as easily raised as goats, the range for them need not be very extensive nor very choice. The animals sell readily for good prices considering the insignificant sum it would cost to propagate them. They could perhaps be raised on the range at a cost of \$5 to \$10 per head, and they sell all the way from \$75 to \$150 in cities. They breed rapidly and are inclined to be gentle and easily handled and will do well on very scant grass. For some man with limited capital there ought to be ample profits in a Shetland pony ranch.—Stockgrowers' Journal.

Facility to the End.

Le Paris published an interview between one of its correspondents and Mr. Gladstone, in which the latter is reported as saying:

"The Liberals who follow me and the Irish members constitute a compact minority, whose wishes it shall be less possible to disregard, because among the victors are some who, perhaps, are less indisposed than is believed to enter the path of thorough reform for Ireland. If I listened to the warning of age, I would retire from public life, but would be committing a guilty action in abandoning the field after raising so much ire and inspiring so many hopes if I did not seek to appease the one and satisfy the other. I have worked all my life to deliver the suffering people, and I mean to die as I have lived."

HEAVY STAGE ROBBERY.

The Road Agents Got Away with \$25,000 in Hard Cash.

WISSIPA, Minn., July 19.—About noon last Saturday six masked desperadoes mounted on horseback and armed to the teeth held up her majesty's mail 400 miles northwest of here, and demanding the matter from the driver, ransacked it and carried off \$20,000 in money, which the mail bags contained. The stage carrying the mail left Qu'Appelle station last Friday and traveled all night. The following day, when nearing a brush, the desperadoes

rushed out, and, presenting revolvers, compelled the driver to surrender. There were two passengers, but they were powerless against six stalwart armed men. It is reported to-night that the driver was shot and killed in trying to defend the mail bags. The robbery was committed twenty-five miles south of Humboldt station and the men had been lying in wait for the stage which was a double rig drawn by four horses. It is believed the desperadoes came from Montana and had information that a large amount of money was being carried. It is the first time on record that such an outrage was committed in the Northwest. The mounted police have been notified and are in full force scouring the country.

Special Territorial Legislation.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The committee of conference on the bill prohibiting special legislation in the territories has given a hearing to the territorial delegates, who were desirous of some changes in the bill, and have determined upon their report. Messrs. Caine of Utah, Halsey of Idaho, Gifford of Dakota and Carp of Wyoming, appeared, and the last two made extended arguments upon the points in controversy. As has already been stated, the non-concurrence of the house was simply to give these gentlemen a chance to be heard, and their arguments were so effective and conclusive that the conferees of the house and senate made the following changes: It was agreed to report an amendment to the clause restricting the percentage of county indebtedness to 2 per cent, by which the limit is increased to 4 per cent. The territorial delegates favored 5 per cent, but the committee considered 4 liberal enough. An entirely new amendment will be reported, allowing the territories to bond themselves to an amount not exceeding 1 per cent for the erection of public buildings. The right will also be given the legislature to legalize all contracts made at the time the bill becomes a law for every purpose whatever, so that the bill may have no retrospective effect. The report of the committee will be made in a few days.

A Million in Dividends.

The Financial and Mining Record of July 10th gives a summary of dividends paid in the United States for the first six months of 1886. The total amount paid by mines in eight different States and Territories during that period was \$4,989,947. In this showing Montana stands first with \$901,750, paid in dividends during the first half of this year—over one-fifth of the total dividends from eight different States and Territories. Colorado comes next with \$795,116, Michigan third with \$780,000, California \$535,781, Utah \$450,000, Nevada \$180,800, and Arizona \$150,000.

The amount paid by Montana mines is divided as follows:

Granite Mountain	\$520,000
Boston & Montana (Gloster)	180,000
Mont. Co. Limited (Drum Lum'n)	125,750
Hells	90,000
Elkhorn	30,000
Mountain	30,000
Helena M. & R. Co.	16,000
Total	\$901,750

The above summary is taken from the tabulated statement in the Record, yet we think it is incomplete. The Alice mine, which paid a dividend last month, is not mentioned at all, and there are other dividend paying properties in Montana which are not credited in the above statement. It is a good showing for Montana, however, as it stands.—Herald.

A CURIOUS FLOOD.

Singular Action of the Water in the Elkhorn Mine.

[From Helena Herald.]

Some weeks ago, as our readers are aware, the Elkhorn mine was flooded with water, and the owners have been making strenuous efforts to expel it. A gentleman, who has just returned from the mine, says it is one of the most singular instances of mine flooding ever heard of. One day a wall of rock in one of the levels broke through with a loud report and a large column of water shot through the aperture thus made, filling the mine 200 feet from the bottom. The work of taking out ore from the submerged portion ceased at once, and the upper levels not reached by the water were at once laid under contribution to furnish ore for the mill. Machinery was at once put in to pump out the water, and so far has succeeded in lowering the water 75 feet. The singular part of the affair is that, though the pumps gain on the flood and reduce it materially from noon until midnight, the water gains on them greatly during the other twelve hours. Every day as regular as clock work the same result is noted: The pumps gain for twelve hours and the flood gains the other twelve—and this in the face of a drain of 50 miner's inches of water, which the steam pumps are constantly effecting. Still the pumps are gaining on the whole, and in the long run will come out ahead.

People are puzzled to tell what causes the tidal operation of this flood and the reason why the flow of water

is greater during one part of the day than another is a matter of various conjecture. The cause of it is not known, and there seems to be no way of ascertaining it. The curiosity it has aroused will probably lead to investigation.

Prospecting in Alaska.

Mr. J. Pardee, an old miner who was sent to Alaska on a prospecting expedition by two citizens of Missoula, writes as follows:

ADMIRALTY ISLAND, June 25, 1886.

My trip so far has been a pretty rough one. It has rained nearly every day, but when the sun does come out it is very hot, and so to gnats, mosquitoes and horn-flies, it is nearly h—l. We have followed along the island for more than sixty miles. It is the worst country to prospect in I ever saw. The vegetation is so thick it is almost impossible to get through it. The trees appear to have but little hold in the ground, the roots being near the surface, which leaves big holes. We saw plenty of deer and bears signs but did no hunting. The country as far as I have seen is very mountainous and the summits and sides part way down are covered with snow. I was on one glacier that was about five miles wide, running from the sea to the summit of a mountain. How thick the ice was I cannot say, but judging from appearance, hundreds of feet. We have so far made five locations of quartz. I tried some plain and some by burning; found a little gold, but am afraid too little to pay. We intend to follow up the island as far as Cross Sound before we return. The quartz is mostly in slate. I don't like the formation. We have one claim sixty feet wide and the others much wider; all in fact too large to be good, I am afraid. They have plenty of pyrites of iron in the quartz. The prospecting here has to be all done with small boats instead of horses. The beach at places is too rocky to land on for miles, even with a small boat.

There are a great many Indians travel between Juneau and Sitka and other places. I want to get back to Juneau by the first of July then I will write again.

Yours Truly,
J. Pardee.

MONTANA ITEMS.

Benton is short on spuds.
Wardner, the new Cedar d'Alene mining camp, has a \$6,000 hotel.

Democratic Territorial Convention is called to meet on the 23rd prox.

It is estimated that the mineral output of Butte, for the current year will aggregate \$20,000,000.

Rails for the Helena street railway are reported en route from Johnston, Pa. The capital city will have street cars running by August 1st.

Col. Geo. O. Eaton, of the Bear Gulch Mining Co., also of the Republic Mining & Smelting Co., of Cooke City, was married recently to Miss Emma Clara Custer, of Ft. Paul, Minn.

Geo. Caswell, a cowboy in the employ of E. S. Newman, was drowned while crossing cattle over the Yellowstone a few miles above Ft. Keogh. His horse dragged him under.

R. H. Childs, of Carleton, has a cow that gave birth to triplets last week, all heavy and of good size. All Childs needs is a few more such cows and a branding iron to make him a cattle king in short order.

Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, M. R. Waite, was in the territory for the second time last week, en route to the Pacific coast. He was royally entertained by members of the bar in Helena and Butte during his visit to those cities.

Walter Burleigh, Jr., of Miles City, has an arcticman well on his premises that yields 1,200 barrels of good, pure water every twenty-four hours. The well is four inches in diameter, and 475 feet deep. The flow is strong enough to force the water 500 feet above the surface.

At Great Falls, last week, Jake Harris, a Helena gambler known as Jew Jake, shot and killed a stranger who threatened to make him meat out of Jake with a razor. Harris was arrested and subsequently released as the shooting was a clear case of self-defense.

A. W. Redding, a Musselshell sheep man, came down to Missoula last week, and on departing took along one of our latest young ladies, Miss L. C. Fean. It is said the wedding ceremony will be performed today, at least all reports agree that it will take place immediately.—Missoula Times.

W. W. Beasley, of Hathaway, one of our most successful wool growers, has just disposed of his clip at a good price and is feeling at peace with all mankind. His average on about 2,500 head of Merinos was eight and one-half pounds to the fleece and on a special bunch of 5,300 wethers that had been herded separately, the average went as high as nine and three-quarters.—Stockgrowers Journal.

The Butte Grand opera house had a narrow escape from fire a week ago last Tuesday night. A large audience was present enjoying the drama. A heavy thunder-storm came up and lightning struck near the opera house, the current following the telephone wire and gas pipes into the basement of the building, setting fire to the woodwork. The flames, by hard and prompt work, were extinguished before the audience learned of the danger. The lightning got into a piano on the lower floor and completely ruined the instrument by burning out the wires.