

THE EXPEDITION MOVING TO THE FRONT!

This week the streets of Bozeman have been enlivened by the passage along them of pack trains, mule teams, ox team and miners with their picks, shovels and grub on the backs of restless steeds on their way to the Yellowstone, preparatory to starting with the great Wagon Road and Prospecting Expedition. The men are well equipped and look the hardy pioneers they are. This is the greatest expedition ever outfitted in Montana, and will be productive of great benefit. These pioneers go to open the front door to the rich fields of our Territory, and upon their success hangs much of our future prosperity, and the men who go feel the responsibility of their positions and mean business. They will do their duty. Their friends expect them to fulfill the high expectations entertained of the undertaking and a great deal depends on their conduct and enterprise. We have great faith in the calibre of the men composing this expedition, and we trust they will exert themselves to accomplish great results. They depart with the best wishes of those they leave behind for their health and the highest degree of accomplishment of all they desire and wish. The entire expedition will assemble at Quinn's Ranch on the Yellowstone, some fifteen miles from Bozeman, and start about the 10th of this month. A good many are out there now, and several large trains left yesterday. The Expedition is moving to the front in fine order and condition, and in splendid spirits.

CROAKERS AND CROAKING.

Just about this time there are a lot of men having a little "of the gift of gab," who indulge in gloomy pictures of the condition of affairs, especially to the farming class. They say, if something does not turn up which will bring about a change those tilling the soil will be played out, &c. Now, we are free to admit that times are not as prosperous as heretofore, and that grain is bringing lower prices, but the yield here in Montana often makes up for that. In Missouri and Kansas flour is as low as it is in Montana, yet farmers there are putting in four times as much wheat as last year. They are not discouraged by low figures for their products, but go on with their work trusting to Providence. We are aware that most of those who have come to Montana have done so in order to accumulate rapidly, and not doing so, feel disappointed, but the majority of our farmers are in a better condition than many of their class in the Western States, and freer from debt. When we hear croakers indulging in discouraging speeches as to future prospects it excites supreme disgust, for there is no better country for men in moderate circumstances than Montana. Go where you will, and you are not likely to find as good facilities for making a good living than here. The soil yields abundantly—pasturage is free to all and that of the best—and most nutritive grasses in the world. Labor is well paid for compared with the prices elsewhere. Then Montana is a rich mineral region which will be developed, in fact is now beginning to be worked with capital and will increase rapidly. Soon the business will employ a large number of men and that will create a demand for farm products. Then there is no question that we will have railroad connection before very long affording an outlet for our surplus. Emigration is bound to come in, and it is our opinion that we shall get a good share of it this year.

In view of these facts, and many others that might be presented, we trust that the people will not be discouraged by croakers, but judge of the condition of affairs for themselves. The very men who indulge in unfavorable prognostications, have done better in Montana than they ever did anywhere else, and ought to "praise the bridge that has carried them over safely," rather than preach that farming "played out in Montana. We have a gentleman in our eye, who, just now, is croaking about the times, that has made his thousands in Montana, enabling him with the money made here to make heavy and profitable investments elsewhere. He thinks the country is pinched. Had he spent his means at home in improvements, the country would have been benefited. This has been the evil in this Territory. Had all the money that has been made, been invested in Montana, and not taken away, we should have been long before this on the high road to prosperity. In the States money is gener-

ally invested in the locality where it was made, and consequently the country has grown up rapidly both in wealth and population. We are glad to see now that our present population has set down their stakes and mean to make permanent homes and improve them. There is no other mode in which the Territory can progress and advance in real wealth and prosperity. Let every farmer, as far as his means will allow, improve his home—make all around him look beautiful and pleasant—let him sow and reap with confidence in the result, and our word for it, the prophecies of croakers will never come true. The exercise of a little patience will be highly beneficial, for we feel assured that a better day is near at hand, and that we have seen the worst. The future looks bright to us, and we should be highly gratified if we could inspire our fellow-citizens with the same faith in the glorious prosperity yet to dawn on Montana.

EMIGRATION TO MONTANA.

We feel convinced that there will be a very fair amount of emigration to the Territory this year. In fact, it is our deliberate opinion that 1874 will be the beginning of a real emigration to Montana to be followed each year with a continuous stream that will never cease so long as time lasts. The Territory has seen its worst days, and they can never return as our resources are inexhaustible. A bright future is before us, and those who have obtained good foot-holds either in soil or minerals are the fortunate ones. We have unbounded faith in Montana, and so have thousands of others in our midst. Let all have faith, and do their duty to the advantages which they possess. So soon as the front doors of Montana are opened by an Eastern connection Montana will overflow with persons seeking fertile ranches and rich mines. More than a quarter of a million of emigrants came over the waters to our shores last year seeking homes. Every succeeding year will see still larger numbers coming from the Old World. With proper steps a very large portion of this emigration can be brought to Montana. Then there are thousands in the States anxious to come here when increased facilities are secured for cheap travel. The prospect before us in that respect is very encouraging. Col. A. H. Beattie, Councilman from Lewis and Clarke, has introduced a bill in the Legislature "to create the office of Territorial Commissioner of Immigration," which should pass. Other States and Territories have like Commissioners and have derived great advantages. If the duty is well performed the Territory will be repaid ten fold for the expenditure. We want population and any measure looking to an increase should be adopted without hesitation, and we hope the Legislature will not adjourn without passing a bill providing for a Commissioner of Immigration." The bill presented by Col. Beattie provides as follows:

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to prepare or publish, once a year, a pamphlet calculated to give all useful information concerning this Territory, showing the extent of the grazing lands, and the quantity and quality of the soil, and the average price thereof; a general description of the climate, quality of soil, production and degree of productiveness thereof; timber, water, and facilities for manufacturing; a general description of the mineral resources, including the same, their values and the average results of such workings; a general description of the grazing facilities; and such other information, statistical or otherwise, tending to show the attractions and advantages which the Territory offers to immigration, and in which immigrants may acquire homes and wealth.

Sec. 5. The Commissioner shall cause such pamphlet to be printed in such of the following languages, viz: English, German, French, Swedish and Norwegian, and in such other languages as he deems proper and he may cause portions of such pamphlet or abridgments thereof to be printed in any of the above languages, instead of the whole pamphlet.

Sec. 14. The Commissioner may appoint agents of immigration for this Territory who shall be residents of the Eastern cities or principal cities of Europe, for the purpose of soliciting and advising immigrants, and such agents shall act solely under the instructions of the Commissioner. Sec. 15. The Commissioner shall cause to be printed in such of the following languages, viz: English, German, French, Swedish and Norwegian, and in such other languages as he deems proper and he may cause portions of such pamphlet or abridgments thereof to be printed in any of the above languages, instead of the whole pamphlet.

Sec. 16. The Commissioner shall appoint a local agent to reside in New York City, who shall be employed in behalf of this Territory at least five months during each year, and who shall be paid a reasonable compensation, to be fixed by the Commissioner, not to exceed thirty dollars per month for the three months actually employed. It shall be the duty of such agent to assist and help all immigrants to come to this Territory. The said agent shall from time to time receive instructions from the Commissioner, and shall report to him on the same, and shall do all such other duties as may be required of him by the Commissioner. He shall also cause monthly reports of immigrants arriving at each port during the month and such information concerning them as the Commissioner may desire or direct.

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HON. GEORGE S. COLEMAN has introduced a bill into the Legislature to provide for the prosecution of criminals and offenders in the District Courts by information upon the part of the District Attorney, and for the repeal of certain laws relating to Grand Jurors. This bill is of doubtful policy and we are not prepared to endorse it. Whilst our Representative has presented many very necessary and important measures that, if they become laws, will be of much public advantage, we think the present measure impolitic and calculated to embroil the Territory with any number of vexatious and spiteful prosecutions, thereby filling the pockets of the District Attorneys, and crowding the business of the Courts with all sorts of nasty cases. Let us hold on to the time-honored Grand Jury system under which our forefathers lived and died. Grand Jurors are not exposed to the temptation for prosecutions which would be held out to District Attorneys if their duties were turned over to the latter. We trust the Legislature will make no such innovation on time-honored usage, and not pass our friend Coleman's bill.

IMMIGRATION AND RESOURCES IN MONTANA.

PERCIVAL FALLS, OTTUMBA FALL CO., MONT., January 16, 1874. To the Governor of Montana Territory: Sir—I hear that stock can be grazed on the river near the front door of the Territory, and I am writing you to let you know that there is a fine tract of one thousand acres, twelve broad acres and twenty-five head of milk cows. I will ask you to send me a stock of the same kind as the year round and do well. If so, when is the best time to visit this fine grazing?

I wish to know all about the climate of your Territory—its soil, production, grain, roots and various kinds of fruits; prices of live stock, of groceries and provisions; also a year's hauls—soy, and how can land be obtained, and at what price? Do Indians trouble stock raisers? My stock is improved and quite valuable in this country. Please send me all printed matter relative to your Territory that you can afford to. Write soon and oblige Yours with respect, GEO. W. MCCOMBER.

Governor Potts informs us that the above letter is but a copy in substance of hundreds of others that have been received by him during the last six months. He says it has been impossible for him to answer all such letters, and those replied to were necessarily answered only in a general way. Such letters are also being daily received by all the newspapers, officials, post-masters and many private citizens. We are all well aware that the questions asked in all such letters have been answered repeatedly by the press of Montana, but all such articles have only increased the interest and desire to know more of our resources, and to get more information in regard to our climate, products and home advantages. The people expect, who have in consideration emigrating west, require before deciding upon a point of settlement, something more reliable than newspaper reports, and much more full and explicit than can possibly be given by letters from individuals. Maj. Boyce of Helena informed us that he, with an amanuensis, had answered during the last eighteen months, thousands of such letters, but these letters brought other letters, asking a more extended and explicit description of our Territory; but during the past six months, the letters have accumulated so fast on the Major's hands that he found it impossible to answer all, even in the most brief manner, and therefore has hundreds unanswered on hand. From this great mass of letters we infer that we are attracting the attention of people desirous of changing their homes; and certainly if we exert ourselves properly, we can induce many to seek homes with us. That we sorely require immigration is too painful a fact to even be referred to by us, and that a healthy immigration would be a god-send just at this time is undeniable. And with these self-evident truths, first that we want immigration, and second, that we can get it by making proper exertions, we think our Legislature should adopt measures that will have the desired end. We consider the question of immigration and the publication and circulation of Montana's resources and advantages of more importance to her people than any measure that will come before this Legislature, and we trust the members will see it in the same light, and thoroughly discuss, and adopt a measure that, by its consummation, such people as desire to emigrate from the East and Europe will be informed of the advantages we can offer.—Montana.

A BUSY PORT.

The Pacific Tribune of Jan. 16th, says:—At noon, to-day, Tacoma presented a busy aspect, both on the water and on the land. At that time the bay was alive with shipping, and the scene was one of unusual interest. Three ships and the steamer Black Diamond were lying at the mill company's wharf, and four large steamers and three scows were moving towards town in different directions.

The President said to the Senate on Tuesday the following resolutions: Edwin H. Matzok, of Colorado, to be Governor of Colorado; John W. Jenkens, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Colorado; F. B. Wright, to be Surveyor General of Colorado; Albert G. Osmond, of Ohio, to be Consul at Apocalla.

St. Paul, January 6. Dispatches received by telegraph—the arrival of a gang of twenty men—chopped by the Indians in the early part of last week near Fort Rice.

Myra's Birth and all Legal advertisements must be paid in advance to insure insertion in the Courant.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

From the New-Northwest, January 31. On Saturday last, about 4 p. m., Mr. Thomas Conner, an employe at the White Plains mill, opposite the mouth of Gold creek, was caught by a log and instantly killed.

Rev. J. E. Russell informs that he has just received a check for two hundred dollars, contributed by a member of the Third Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey, to the building fund at the Deer Lodge Presbyterian Church.

We learn that the protracted meeting now in progress at Stevensville under the labors of Reverend Galtin and Sanford has accomplished much good, over eighteen additional having been made to the church since the resumption of proceedings.

Mr. Peter Ronan, late editor of the Gazette, recently purchased from Mr. E. Matlock his 'Nelson Hill' mining claim, near Blackfoot, for the sum of \$3,000. Mr. Ronan has met with so many losses by fire while engaged in the newspaper business, we are not at all surprised that he should have decided to invest in something less liable to "light out" on a cloud of smoke. We wish him success as a "miner man."

AMERICAN BAR QUARTZ MINES.—Miners are striking on three lodes in this district. The Iron Mountain lode, containing gold, silver and copper, was discovered last fall, and is owned by McMin, Orr & Turner, and shows a two-foot crevice at the depth of 15 feet. The American Bar lode, owned by the same company, assays 1500 to the ton. The Iron Mountain lode is not fully developed. About fifty tons of rich ore have been taken out. The National, owned by Bionette Brothers, contains both gold and silver. The ore on top assays \$40 gold and \$17 silver to the ton.

CAROTIN IN A SAW.—Mr. W. W. Samuel, employed in the Flint Creek saw mill, while engaged taking in a bar from the head-hack on Monday morning last, had his left hand caught by the saw, but escaped with the loss of his third finger, first joint of first finger, and severe gash in the wrist. He was brought to Deer Lodge the same day, and his wounds were dressed, and he is now doing as well as could be expected.

From the Deer Lodge Independent, Jan. 31. Mr. E. B. Whitbury is in town, and expects to leave for New York in a few days.

Mr. Peter Lee was struck with paralysis a week ago, while returning from Helena, and has since been in a critical condition.

Cattle have advanced from three to four and a half cents, and the market has a healthy tone. We presume the open winter, and the near approach of spring, and the impression among stock growers that a good paying advance can be had on Montana rams, by driving to Utah, has had a tendency to cause the advance.

In the storm two weeks ago five inches of snow fell in the valley, and probably a foot or more in the mountains. Mr. Bezgo, who is in the mountains on the main range south of Deer Lodge, reports the snow depth fully as great as last winter. On the Gold Creek mountains there is less than last winter, but it is lying well, and south winds there have been blowing very recently.

Rev. W. Sanford, writing to us under date of "Corvallis, Missouri County, M. T., January 25th," says: "Our meeting is still going on and increasing in interest. There were twenty ministers at the altar, and nineteen accessions to the church last night. Forty-nine members in all have been added to the church." The revival appears to exceed in its results any hitherto known in Montana, and the end is not yet.

As Edward Jones, a staid and steady farmer living near Weir's store in the Warm Springs settlement, was a few mornings since contemplating with serenity the beautiful draft and genial terror of the caving store in which he had just lighted the material fire, the explosion exploded, and kettles, pans, stove-pipe and old metal work ceiling and as if they had been projected from a first-class gun, exploded like a gun-powder explosion, smothered him, and acted like it, and a rag in which gunpowder had been tied up was found in the debris. A and now Mr. Jones puts in a good deal of his time loading up a double-barreled shot-gun, and studying out who the party was that climbed the roof and dropped the powder in his stove-pipe, with the design of making a bad mine of him it be found out.

From the Montana, January 31st. Capt. S. H. Norton, late of the Third Cavalry, has resigned his commission.

Mr. Alex. Metzger received a letter from an extensive cattle dealer at Kansas City some days since, in which the gentleman states he will be in Montana in the spring for the purpose of buying beef cattle to drive East. He says if cattle are as low in Montana as he reports, he will go into the business of driving them from Montana in preference to driving from Texas, as he is now doing.

On yesterday the Governor nominated and the Council unanimously confirmed John Hains and Henry D'Archeul, of Deer Lodge, and Moses Moore, of Helena, to be Directors of the Penitentiary, and Isaac N. Buck to be Warden—all to hold for two years.

Yesterday the House passed the bill providing for the consolidation of the offices of Sheriff and County Treasurer by a decided majority. The bill will probably go to the Senate to-day, and it is thought will pass that body. The bill providing for the consolidation of the offices of Probate Judge and County Clerk was discussed in the House also yesterday, but the general impression is it will not pass, as it has met such opposition there as this.

THE YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITION.

The meeting called for last evening to take steps to aid in this enterprise was very fully attended, and was organized by calling Hon. S. Mallory to the chair, and the election of E. C. Culver, Secretary. Mr. Hoppy, of Bozeman, gave a brief outline of the objects and plans of the expedition, and was followed by Hon. G. S. Coleman, of Bozeman, who alluded to the advantages that it is hoped will result therefrom.

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BY TELEGRAPH

Sold Robbery of a Railroad Train. St. Louis, January 31. A daring and successful robbery of a railroad train was committed at Gadsden Station on the Iron Mountain Railroad, 120 miles below here, at half past four o'clock this afternoon. As the train which left here at half past nine this morning came in sight it was signalled to stop, the switch was turned, and the train ran on a switch track. As the conductor stepped off to ascertain the cause of the stoppage he was met by a masked man, a pistol placed at his head, and then marched off under guard. The engineer, fireman, mail and express messengers, and other train men were seized by five masked, heavily armed men, and also placed under guard. The robbers then walked through the engine car and took from the passengers about \$2,000, a large amount of jewelry from the Adams Express Messenger and over \$2,000, then left in a southerly direction, after releasing the train men. The robbers offered no violence to any one on the train.

The entire amount of money secured by the robbers of the train on the Iron Mountain Railroad last evening was \$4,000, besides a number of gold watches. Vigorous efforts are being made to capture the robbers.

General Sherman's Views of the Indian Peace Policy. WASHINGTON, January 31. Gen. Sherman was again before the House Military Committee to-day, and gave his views in regard to the army in connection with Indian affairs. He reviewed the Moloc difficulties, and gave it as his opinion that General Canby was the victim of the temporizing Quaker policy applied to the Indians. He favored the transfer and control of the Indians from the Interior Department to the War Department, and expressed his conviction that the army was more kindly disposed towards the Indians than citizens generally, and that if the country demanded extremely charitable treatment, it could be accomplished by and through the agency of the army better than by and through the agency of those persons who profess more charity than soldiers, but who did not practice it so much.

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