

...coming together and dismounting out of sight. The Captain being reinforced, hard fighting ensued, the Indians getting some good shots; the Captain decides to charge them, and a fight is made on their right flank by a few of our men, when the charge is made successfully. They are routed, leaving four killed and several ridersless horses. By this time a strong party of Indians come into a ravine on the south side, opening a heavy fire on the corral, and it is evident they must be driven from this strong hold, as their fire is beginning to be effective on the stock, one horse being killed. The Adjutant forms a charging party, the ground to charge over being uneven, they are obliged to rest midway in a small hollow, under cover of a terrific fire from our men. The final charge is now made, the men making it numbering twenty-five. Our fire is so effective the Indians cannot put up their heads to see the charging party advance, and they are upon them like a thunder-bolt. The Indians rush out of the ravine in great disorder, but many of them are left behind; a few fine horses are also left behind. They throw away their guns and everything to escape—a great many being shot a considerable distance from their place of flight. One Indian, seeing they are about to fall into our hands, rides within 200 yards of the men on a swift horse; rides back and forth for several minutes, making a good target for us. He rides under a terrific fire, and is never seen to dodge. His horse is finally disabled, when he dismounts and escapes. His object in taking such desperate chances soon becomes apparent to all—he diverts the attention of the men while the other Indians are carrying off their dead.

This last charge is the most gallant and effective one made on the Sioux since our first encounter. Twenty horsemen scour the hills soon after, running the straggling Indians in every direction, as the main body has withdrawn, going to our old camp. The artillery in this fight was not of much service, owing to the nature of the ground, the timber being the only place from which it dislodged the Indians.

It must be remembered the twelve-pound shell was not lost sight of. In the distance the Indians, after retreating, fell back on our old camp and soon see the grave crawling around it, anxious to know its contents. They are evidently at work, when a loud explosion is heard by us. Hideous yells follow and the crowd is torn to pieces, our glasses showing everything distinctly, it being only about one mile and a half distant from us. How many Indians have been killed by this shell is unknown to us.

The corral is broken and we resume our line of march over some rolling hills, keeping at all times on high ground where practicable, traveling three miles from the battle ground when we go into camp.

The number of Indians in this fight may be, according to various estimates, fifty put down at 1000 warriors. The formation of the army changes but little, the indications of a better wash become apparent, prospecting being done on every stream that gives any indication of gold.

Camp is again broken. Traveling on some very hilly country for a short distance we descend to Rotten Grass creek, which heads closely to Grass Lodge creek, leaving it as it leaves the mountain. It forms another large valley, containing rich soil. A command crosses this creek and travels northwest, going into camp on a large bench overlooking the valley beneath. The teams being almost worn out, the men are ordered to dismount, and a good many oxen abandoned, the ammunition running short, and as the provisions, nothing more is heard of Goose creek, although existing in that direction at present. The old high ground is known to be a short distance from us as we are close to the Big Horn Mountains and within about forty miles of old Fort Kelsey.

Camp is again broken, and we travel in the direction of the Emigrant Road. The mud becomes deep and sticky, and were it not for descending from high ground the teams would be unable to travel. We reach the Emigrant Road, when the command turns its back on Goose creek, seeing the mud could not get them across the nature of the road. One of the men who voted Goose creek here appeal to the Captain as to the route. They all keep still, and Goose creek is left in our rear. The mud now becomes so heavy and sticky the teams cannot travel more than two and three miles per day. The road is barely perceptible, owing to the numerous buffalo trails running in various directions. As we come in view of the valley surrounding Fort Smith, and descending from a high ridge, the valley is reached. The walls of the fort are in sight—it is finally reached. Camp is made on the old parade ground, where the old stockade, the remains of the old stockade. Here the men are rested for the first time since leaving Pompey's Mill. In throwing up breastworks for the night, the men are ordered to dig a trench around the fort. The trench is three feet deep and is filled with earth. The Indians have destroyed every thing within its walls, except a granite shaft, which tells the tale. They have tried to remove it by fire and every means they could conceive.

The grass around here is short, owing to the immense herds of buffalo in every direction. Camp is again broken. The command crosses the Big Horn river by detachments. One piece of artillery and twenty-five men cross over first, continuing successfully until all cross over on a good ford. The road is followed, leading us from the valley upon high ground, and camp is made and buffalo slaughtered everywhere. Short drives continue to be made, as the teams are still weak, and we travel slowly until after passing through Pryor's Gap, when some of the men are anxious to leave the command, entering it out of danger. A party leave it next day for Bozeman; The teams getting into a better road travel from six to eight miles a day. This country is well watered, and good crops are abundant.

Before leaving Pryor's Mountain, a small war party of Crows appear. They find it very difficult to approach the command as they encounter the fire of the artillery. One of them disarms him when he is permitted to advance and they all soon afterwards join the command. Some of the men give them a few Sioux scalps, when they were seen afterwards, when their Chief, "War Eagle," orders a war dance. Then the 23 warriors in his band all assemble around the scalps suspended from poles; all the other trophies captured from the Sioux are brought and put in a pile, when the war-whoop is given and the dance begins, which is kept up until far in the night.

Some of the men here again talk Goose creek, but without effect.

GENERAL SUMMING UP.
I now feel it my duty to give an accurate account of the incidents, privations and endurance of the men. From the 10th day of February up to our crossing the Yellowstone, on the 25th day of March, the weather was stormy and cold. The men did their duty with the utmost precision; built 49 breastworks encircling the corral, the pickets averaging four feet deep; 32 men mounted guard every morning, including two officers, the old guard going on their feet day successively. Details were made for 30 days to shovel snow and build roads, the stock being at all times under control, to which the Sioux can attest. The command traveled 613 miles in 77 days, and laid over 13 days resting stock and prospecting. It crossed 3 streams of running water; had four fights; had one man killed and two wounded; captured 9 guns and 18 head of Indian horses and had 12 killed and 4 wounded. In conclusion, I now feel it my duty to state to the officers. Instead of turning back, as has been already stated, by Indians, after our first fight we followed the Indians right up,

but that we could not maintain ourselves in the country, as is stated in a letter to the New York-West, over the signature of "K," is a mistake. In a word, we were compelled to return, not from force of Indians, but from force of circumstances.

A few names are worthy of honorable mention for coolness and personal courage. F. B. Grounds, Captain; Eli B. Way, Adjutant, and many others too numerous to mention.

In conclusion, I rely on a majority of the command to sustain me in the foregoing statements.

Respectfully,
E. O'DONOVAN,
Signal Officer of the Expedition.

The foregoing is given as written, but the Committee assumes no responsibility for any statements not made by itself. That a division of idea existed in the Command regarding the most advisable route, or course, after the Indian attacks, should not be a matter of surprise; but as recrimination can effect no good, and as every member of the Command now admits the great mistake in not sending in the courier, as agreed, it is best to forget all differences and try again.

The opposite side having had its hearing through the columns of the Helena Herald, (although Mr. Hopp's letter would gladly have been published entire with this report,) it would seem best to address ourselves to the duty of gaining all we can from what the Expedition did effect.

The Committee gladly acknowledged the bravery of the men, the efficiency of the officers and the complete discipline of the command, which kept it together even when its movements were contrary to the wishes and judgment of some of its members.

In the concluding part of this report I shall present Mr. Wickersham's and that of the returned couriers, Messrs. Reid and Bowles, and sum up the results of the movement your Committee was instructed to manage.

For the Committee,
J. V. BOGERT,
Secretary and Treasurer.

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Wx understand that the report is current here that we refused to publish the letter written by Mr. Hopp and published in the Helena Herald of a late date, in reference to the Expedition—hence its appearance in that paper; that we were disposed to favor one side and exclude the other from a hearing through our columns. This is a mistake. We were not asked to publish the communication of Mr. Hopp, nor did we know that he had written one until we saw it in the Herald. We refrained from giving an account of the Expedition itself last week from the fact that the Secretary was preparing an official report, which would embrace everything of interest connected with the Expedition and its operations. We devote much of our space this week in giving that report, which, embracing a succinct and detailed account of the whole trip by Mr. O'Donovan, is complete, and we are satisfied will prove more satisfactory and interesting to our readers than any garbled, personal account we could have published sooner.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Although we cannot boast of many new buildings going up in Bozeman this spring, our citizens have not been idle in the way of improvements, which contribute largely to the beauty and substantial appearance of our town. Naked buildings go to make up a town, but there are a hundred little things, such as handsome fences, beautiful yards, flower gardens, shade trees, &c., that give to them a home-like air and an appearance of comfort and permanency. To such improvements as these has the attention and work of our people been directed this spring, and it is now the universal remark of visitors that Bozeman is the most beautiful town in the mountains.

GRASSHOPPERS.—The destruction of crops by grasshoppers has already commenced. The army that came into this valley last summer, too late, however, to do much damage there, deposited their eggs and now the earth is alive with young ones, which have attained sufficient growth to lay waste the young and promising crops of our farmers. We are informed by Mr. Brigham Reed and other extensive farmers of the valley, that their young crops have been entirely destroyed by them. In a single day they turn the verdant fields into desolate wastes. The ground throughout the valley, we understand, is literally covered with them. The same is also the case in the Yellowstone valley. Many of our farmers despair of raising anything.

GALEN'S COACHES are now running on the summer time schedule, and make through trips daily to Helena, and occupy only one day in going to Virginia city. Instead of two days as heretofore, the mail service being only tri-weekly on the latter route. Coaches leave Bozeman every morning for Helena, at three o'clock a. m., arriving at the latter place at six p. m., and alternate days for Virginia city—leaving Bozeman on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at three p. m.

RAIN.—The heaviest rainfall we have ever known in Montana commenced Friday night and continued during Saturday. It came down without intermission, steadily and hard, and we hope drowned out the army of grasshoppers, which had just commenced making their destructive proclivities manifest. It will prove a blessing to vegetation.

FINISHED.—The plastering and other work on the interior of the new church has been completed, and services will be held there Sunday. We take pride in saying that Bozeman can now boast of the finest house of worship in the Territory. Everything connected with the building of the new church displays a commendable taste for the beautiful, coupled with an eye to comfort and durability.

FIXE WORKMANSHIP.—The best piece of carpenter work we have seen in the Territory is being put on the front of the new store to be occupied by the Messrs. Bogert, corner of Main and Black streets. Messrs. Schultz and Row are the workmen, and the job so far reflects the highest credit upon their skill as mechanics.

FOR TEXAS.—Mr. John Street, of East Gallatin, one of our best citizens, has sold his place and intends to leave soon for Texas. We wish Mr. Street may find a more desirable home in the Lone Star State, as we presume that is what he is looking for, but we doubt his judgment in this respect.

A NUMBER of our townsmen visited the new Jefferson mines last week, and secured claims. A rush will be made to those mines as soon as the water falls sufficiently to work them, and we look for the establishment of a lively mining camp there during the summer.

SENCE THE Government sale of clothing at Fort Flis last week, our citizens have been metamorphosed into soldiers—so far as wearing of the blue goes to make up the soldier. The visitor to Bozeman will also notice that our male population have adopted the use of a new style of hat, which, if they do not present a comely appearance, possess the more desirable merit of being cheap.

ASSAY OFFICE at HELENA.—The Senate has passed the bill establishing an Assay Office at Helena, which only requires the signature of the President to become a law.

MARRIED.—FROST—MORSE.—In St. Louis, Mo., April 23, 1874, at the residence of Mr. Webb Samuel, Mr. Wm. G. Frost, of Virginia city, to Miss Hattie H. Morris, of St. Louis.

REV. W. W. ALDERSON, Agent at Fort Peck, accompanied by Indian Detective Hard and J. X. Beldier, arrived at Carroll per machinaw from Fort Benton, on the 25th of April.

The Legislature made it a punishable offense by fine for any one discharging firearms within the limits of any town in the Territory. This law is violated twenty times a day in Bozeman, and has become a nuisance, not entirely free from danger. We hope our officers will put a stop to it.

G. H. CAMPBELL, writing from Gallatin City says that the excitement regarding the Jefferson river mines unabated, and that it is expected they will turn out equal to the richest mines ever discovered in Montana.

The return of the Expedition has made our streets rather lively the past week. Most of the Expeditionists are a quietly returning to their homes.

A HERD of cattle passed through town Sunday for the splendid ranges of the Yellowstone.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Patrons of Husbandry was held in this place Friday. All the Granges in the county were represented, we believe.

Helena.
Helena merchandise shipments this year from Eastern and Western markets, it is estimated, will exceed by more than one-third the shipments of 1873-3.

The cash deposits in the Helena banks were probably never greater than at present. In the burglar proof safes of a single one of them is \$340,000—currency deposits.

Busier building scenes than are witnessed on the streets of Helena are not seen in any city of the West. Hundreds of masons, carpenters, and other laborers are employed in erecting substantial houses, of brick and stone, and at the end of summer will see few traces of the great fire of January last left.

GRASSHOPPERS.—This destructive insect, which did so much damage last year, has made its appearance again in the Prickly Pear. We learn from a farmer of the valley that several grain fields have been vigorously attacked, and among them is a fine field of wheat on Mr. Bywater's ranch, which has been almost entirely destroyed. The grasshopper is a terrible plague in this region, and the prospects for our farmers are anything but encouraging.

Deer Lodge County.
From the New North-West, May 8th:
The denizens of Deer Lodge are to have a regular old-fashioned celebration of the Fourth of July on the 9th anniversary.

Con Kolrs is going to try a foreign market for cattle. He proposes to drive 700 head of three-year-old steers to Corinne. If not finding a good market there he will ship them to Chicago, and personally test the practicability of marketing Montana cattle in that mart.

Mr. Sutherland, National Grange Deputy, arrived from Diamond City Thursday, and will organize Granges wherever the farmers are willing and prepared on the West Side.

The following are the wholesale selling rates of farm products in Deer Lodge to-day: XXX flour, \$3 50 per cwt; wheat, \$3 per cwt; potatoes scarce at 3 cents per lb.

Wages in the mines have been fixed at \$5 per day.
The price of lumber at Yam Hill has been advanced to \$55 per M.

In the running race last Saturday, James Murray's s. g. "Rowdy," against Phil. E. Evans' s. m. "Nellie Gray," single dash one mile for \$600, Rowdy won in 2:02.

THE COURIER extra, containing account of the Yellowstone Expedition, was issued on Friday morning, received here at 2 p. m. Saturday, and soon after reproduced in an extra from the New North-West office and circulated to all West Side camps by first mails.

ATTENTION, EVERYBODY!
In order to make room for our Spring Stock, we have made a great

REDUCTION IN PRICES
on our entire stock of
Dry Goods and Clothing,
which must be sold at all hazards.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Government has appropriated \$150,000 for the relief of sufferers by the overflow in Louisiana.

A rumor has been circulated that the position of Secretaryship of the Treasury has been tendered to E. B. Washburn, Minister to France, and that his reply is now awaited.

The nomination of McCook, as Governor of Colorado, is still unconfirmed.

The Senate has confirmed Herman Silver, Register of the Land Office at Denver, Colorado.

An appeal states that 142,000 people are homeless on account of the Southern floods, and that \$25,000 is needed daily to supply them with provisions.

The farmers of Illinois have determined to organize a new political party, and with this object in view a delegation representing half the counties in the State, met at Bloomington on the 6th. They issued a call for a State Convention, to be held at Springfield on the 18th day of next June. It is more than probable that they will nominate a full State ticket.

Distressing accounts of suffering among families in Chicout county, Arkansas, are reported. Many of them living on the carcasses of animals that died of starvation or were drowned by the overflow.

TRANEL.—Our friend, A. D. Hawks, who has taken up his abode on Middle Creek, and become an honest ranchman, kindly remembers the printer, and we are indebted to him for some nice vegetables.

Dr. HUNTER, W. H. Bailey and Major Miller went over to the Doctor's springs on the Yellowstone Tuesday.

DISTRICT COURT is in session at Diamond City.

We had another rain fall Tuesday night.

LIST OF LETTERS
Remaining in the Post Office at Bozeman
M. T., May 14, 1874.

Alexander M. Allen T. S. Anderson Thos. Burton Mike Carlson J. Cornell Marion Dryden C. W. Flemming J. Fulkerson Wade Fuller G. H. 3 Gage Wm S. Gillen J. W. Gosnell Josiah Hamilton Benjamin Haywood J. H. Holloway O. Johnson G. W. Johnson Joe

James Doe, an old miner and packer of this county, has been adjudged insane, and committed over to the county hospital.

Cave's pack train got in last Monday and brings the following items from Kootenai: Mining has just commenced, although no great amount of money has been taken out. There are about 200 miners in the camp—50 whites and 150 Chinamen. The Government has appropriated \$4,000 for prospecting in that region this summer, and \$3,000 for operating on the same. The train had to go through about one hundred miles of snow in going, but got in ahead of all other trains and disposed of its cargo at fair figures.

The editor of the Missoulian, who has been on a visit through the country, reports the surplus wheat in that market approximating 25,000 bushels, which is in the hands of a few men who will hold it for an advance in price; and, as no surplus will be raised this season, there is every reason to believe that they will yet realize fair figures for the surplus. The farmers have determined to raise the price of grain, and if it can be accomplished in no other way they will raise their production until its very scarcity will make a demand for it at fair rates.

BOZEMAN, May 15, 1874.

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