

THE AVANT COURIER.

The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1875.

Gen. Frank P. Blair died at his residence in St. Louis on the 8th inst.

The yellow fever has broken out at Key West and Pensacola, Florida.

Eight persons were recently poisoned in New York by eating pickles.

The President has appointed John Taffoe of Nebraska, Secretary of Colorado.

The Government has awarded one million of gold at 115.95 to 110.00.

The population of Milwaukee, according to the State census just completed, is 101,045.

Latest advices indicate a general resumption of work throughout the anthracite coal region.

From twenty to thirty thousand dollars worth of silver is annually swept up from the floor of the mint at Philadelphia.

The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for Montana and Idaho, will meet in Helena on Thursday, the 29th inst.

The estate of John C. Breckinridge is found to amount to \$40,000. Representative Beck is appointed as one of the executors.

The pistol used by Aaron Burr in his duel with Alexander Hamilton is on exhibition at New Haven, among other centennial relics.

Professor Drake, the Berlin sculptor, has finished a colossal statue nine feet high of Alexander von Humboldt, ordered by the city of Philadelphia.

A Herald reporter has positive information that Mr. Beecher's lawyer: have instructions to commence an action for libel against Tilton.

St. Louis advices from New York state that the grand jury is now considering the case of Moulton on alleged complicity in the Loeder-Price perjury business.

The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the loss of the steamer Schiller has made their report, and attribute the disaster to entire neglect of duty on the part of officers.

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THE INDIANS.

Our Indian troubles during the past ten days have assumed a very serious aspect. The killing of our citizens and depredations on the stock ranges of our frontier have been of almost daily occurrence, and it seems that the combined efforts of the troops at Fort Ellis and our citizens, who have been scouring the country since the advent of the Indians, are powerless to stop their nefarious work or redress the outrages already committed. The commanding officer at Ellis has been zealous in his efforts to prevent these bloody forays on the outskirts of our settlements, and the troops have been constantly on the move, or stationed in passes leading into the valley, but the force is entirely inadequate to prevent similar occurrences to those we have witnessed during the last two weeks—the butchery of our citizens and daily raids on the large stock herds of Eastern Montana.

The loss of life and stock thus far, though serious, is small to what it may be unless some efficient means are adopted to put a stop to these outrages, and apparently the only hope we have is in an increased military force at Fort Ellis. Gov. Potts is now here, and we understand has applied to Gen. Sheridan for more troops. We trust there will be no red-tape formalities about the matter. The situation calls for immediate action. We are almost environed with hostile savages, who are bold by recent successes in their depredations of murder and pillage, and yet do not seem to be deterred by the loss of life and property.

"I TOLD YOU SO."

The editor of the Times seems to gloat over the fact that the Indians have appeared in our vicinity and killed several men and run off a large number of stock, because, forthwith, he predicted that they would do so some two months ago, when there was less cause to anticipate a raid from the Indians this summer than formerly. Even the little "Extras" emanating from the Times office close with the ominous sentence, "I told you so." Almost every summer since we have been in the Territory, small raiding parties have appeared in our valley, on stealing expeditions, and on one or more occasions have committed murder, and there is nothing remarkably strange in the fact that they should make their annual visit this season, except that their depredations are of a more formidable character, and they seem to have done more damage than on any previous occasion. Acting on the principle that "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," we chided our neighbor for creating premature alarm, and now that the evil has come, which we were led to believe we would escape this season, on account of the Black Hills excitement, the Times seems to be jubilant because its prediction, based on nothing but a desire to create sensation, has been verified.

THE GRASSHOPPERS.

The grasshopper raid has caused a slight advance in produce at Helena. Their ravages in the Prickly Pear valley seem to have been greater than in Gallatin valley, to judge from the reports of our Helena exchanges. Information from Willow Creek is to the effect that their depredations on the crops there were of a very serious character. Wednesday there were none to be seen about Bozeman, and up to this time no fresh ones have appeared. The farmers on the West Gallatin river, Middle and Elk Grove creeks, so far as we can ascertain, have been the greatest sufferers in this county.

From the Helena Herald of the 13th, we copy the following: To-day, from morning until night, the heavens have been full of grasshoppers coming from the East and going West. In the city, and its immediate vicinity, they have almost all left, and favorable reports from the valley were sanguinely expected. Very few of the valley ranchmen came to town. About noon Mr. Porter came in and reported the grasshoppers apparently thicker than ever, and the destruction of crops continuing without abatement.

Reports from several of the foot-hill ranches indicate a decreasing number this season, although yearly destruction there has been thicker and more destructive than on the previous days. Vast clouds of the grasshoppers left the valley during the fore part of the day, yet no sooner would a field be comparatively clear when a rear guard, equal in numbers, would come down from the skies. Those of the farmers, whose crops have not already been completely destroyed, are still "hoping against hope."

We hear of several instances where, realizing that nothing can be done in the grain fields, the ranchmen are making desolate efforts to save their gardens, by fighting from daylight until dark.

O. Modesty, Where is Thy Blush. The foregoing extra of the 7th inst. was issued from the Times office, and was, in part, confirmed by a dispatch from Agent Clapp to the commanding officer at Fort Ellis, which dispatch was published by the Courier without authority from the Post, and consequently we do not produce it.—Times.

It is true, we had no "authority from the Post" to publish the dispatch in question. Being a matter of public interest, we did not think it necessary. The trouble with our neighbor is, that he was forestalled in his publication. If he had said, "The Courier having issued two extras, the first containing the news of the Indian depredations at the new Agency, and the second an official confirmation of the same, which were scattered broadcast over the country before we could get up our little Pica extra," consequently we do not produce it, "he would have struck the nail on the head."

"Why don't they call out the militia?" we have heard sounded in our ears for several days. In the first place, we have no militia, and if we had, who will call them out? As we understand it, the Governor cannot organize or call out militia without the Territorial Legislature first acting in the premises. We might be mistaken in this, but believe we are right. We have not covered with the Governor on the matter, but we are confident that he has the authority to call out the militia at the present time, and he would not be mistaken in so doing. It is reported that a gusano is coming to the mouth of the Rio Grande to carry Cortina to Vera Cruz.

Jefferson County Republican Ticket. On the 10th inst. the Republicans of Jefferson county met in Convention, and nominated the following ticket for county officers:

For County Commission, Chas. Hadley, of White Hall; Probate Judge, George T. McKay, of Bozeman; For Sheriff, James E. King, of Jefferson city; For Clerk and Recorder, W. L. Moore, of St. Louis. For District Attorney, 1st District, M. Deane, of 2d District, E. F. Hoopes, of 3d District, E. O. Fennell. The County Central Committee, for the coming year, is as follows: E. M. Beckwith, Chairman, S. F. Webster, W. L. Moore, J. G. Sanders, and Robert Fisher.

THE BLACK HILLS.

A Fresh Sensation.

Extracts from Prof. Jenney's Report.

[Special to the Bismarck Tribune.] BLACK HILLS TREASURY. ST. PAUL, June 26.—Inspector Daniels reports to the Indian Department Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Indians have agreed to relinquish hunting privileges in Nebraska, and they anticipate little trouble in securing cessation of the Black Hills, either from agency or hostile Indians. The Commissioner will meet at Red Cloud, July 15th. The three Commissioners who are to invite the Sioux to Grand Council have already left Washington for the Indian country. g. Minneapolis, June 23.—Reports from Gen. Dodge, commanding Jenney's Black Hills expedition, confirm the report of Custer in relation to gold in the Black Hills in every particular. From Dodge's account it appears that the miners now in the Hills are taking out gold by full falls, from five to twenty-five cents per pan being reported. Jenney who had, after an examination of the outskirts, pronounced against the Black Hills being auriferous, was simply astonished at the discovery made by the miners.

Only placer diggings have been reported, but gold bearing quartz is reported on every hand. The miners in the Hills, who have been here since the discovery of gold, claim, built sluices, etc. Dodge believes that there are many more in the Hills. Gold was found in Custer's old camp, and at every point in the vicinity of Harney's Peak. Scarcely a man in the command failed to prospect, and all were successful. This will result in renewing the excitement, which has been somewhat checked by systematic efforts, and will hurry negotiations.

A sub-commissioner from the Black Hills Commissioner has been ordered to proceed at once to the Indian country and lay the Government views before the Indians, and arrange for a grand council for final negotiations.

SEMI-OFFICIAL.

Omaha, Neb., June 22.—The following is just received from Col. R. J. Dodge, in command of the escort to Prof. Jenney's Black Hills exploring expedition: Harney's Peak, July 17th.—Gold found in paying quantities on French Creek. Custer's reports confirmed in every particular. The command well and in fine condition. Private advices received here say the command found 100 miners at work in Custer's gulch, taking out gold at the rate of 5 to 25 cents per pan. Evidence is strong that there are many more miners in that country. The gold found is coarse and scaly, but easily pounded. Quartz mines abundant, but no one has prospectured them. No Indians seen by the command. They are north of the peak.

FROM AN INTER-OCEANIC CORRESPONDENT.

Chicago, June 22.—A special correspondent of the Inter-Oceanic with the scientific expedition in the Black Hills, at Camp Harney, on French creek, Custer's gulch, under date of June 18th, sends the following telegram via Fort Laramie. T-day: Gold in large quantities and good quality has been discovered in Custer's gulch, on French creek, and along the stream for a distance of upward of seven miles toward the source. Since my latest advices sent to you from the expedition the plans of the scientific corps have been entirely changed, and Camp Jenney, in the east fork of Beaver creek, has ceased to be the permanent point from which the investigation radiates. We were to have been through the Hills this day, June 19th, but were delayed by a heavy snow, with three cavalry companies as a military escort, left Camp Jenney for the purpose of locating a permanent camp in some available place in the vicinity of Harney's Peak. The command marched due north along Beaver creek; the northeast. When at the end of the second day Custer's trail was struck in the midst of snow and rain. That officer's line of march was pursued in a southerly direction along Castle creek, where the first indications of gold were discovered. The vent induced Prof. Jenney, of the scientific corps, to remain in Castle creek valley for three days in order to prospect, a cavalry company being left with them. The place at which the geologists camp is located 1,400 feet east of the 104th meridian, and was named Camp Tuttle. With the remainder of the command Col. Dodge proceeded in a southerly direction, until Custer's Park was reached, and last Monday the camp was reached in Custer's gulch, and in close proximity to the stockade built by the miners whom Captain Mix brought out of the Hills this spring.

On Gen. Custer's cavalry camp ground prospects were speedily made, and a good color was obtained out of gold that was of fine quality. This was done in the presence of Fort Ellis, which dispatch was published by the Courier without authority from the Post, and consequently we do not produce it.—Times.

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THE TERRITORY.

Deer Lodge County.

From the North-West, July 8th: A 45-horse power engine is now in transit from the East for the Hope Company's mill at Phillipsburg. Abascal & Co.'s sluice at Top O' Deep has been paying \$16 to \$18 per day to the land for the past month. The machinery for increasing the capacity of the North-West mill at Phillipsburg will be shipped from Davis and Tatem's foundry and machine shops, Helena, on next Monday. Addison Smith, Secretary, has our thanks for the best "copy" of Proceedings of Convention ever handed into this office. Mr. P. Brogan, of Elk, cleaned up over 400 ounces of gold the other day for two months' work of his claim. Good ground, that. Several Deer Lodge men announced Mr. Thos. Strang as an independent candidate for Coroner, giving as their reason therefor, that they "are confident of his ability to sit on a dead body longer than any man in Deer Lodge county."

Madison County.

From the Montanan, July 8. M. D. Plater celebrated last week by producing a silver brick worth \$310 in gold coin from 2 1/2 tons of Hillford quartz. It weighed 206 ounces. Charley Hineman, working single hand, in less than three months extracted 205 tons of quartz from the Harney lode. This yielded 206 ounces of gold return, averaging over \$75 per ton.

Messrs. Hart, Layton & Knight have run their tunnel a distance of fifty feet from its face on Cove's bar. An examination will satisfy miners that a separate channel, distinct from that of Alder gulch, has been found. Thus far the expectations of the prospectors have been realized, and in another week they will know the dimensions of the old bed, which has been cut into in the last ten feet of the tunnel. From the Montanan, July 10. Tom Donegan, Assessor of the First District, is about through making the assessment for 1875. The assessment will run over \$800,000—being something in excess of that made last year.

Army Intelligence.

DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA. Special-Orders, No. 110. Captain William Ludlow, Chief Engineer of the department, will on July 1st, proceed via the Northern Pacific Railway and the Missouri River to Carroll, M. T., and make a reconnaissance of the route from that place to Camp Baker. Having completed this duty he will proceed to the several posts in the District of Montana, and determine their latitudes and longitudes. He will also, if time permits, make a reconnaissance from Fort Ellis to the Yellowstone Park. Captain Ludlow is authorized to take with him his assistant and the enlisted men of engineers under his command. He is also authorized to take with him a geologist and such other scientific gentlemen not exceeding four (4) in all as may desire to accompany his party. The commanding officer of the District of Montana will furnish escorts to Captain Ludlow, from point to point, wherever in his judgement it may be necessary—sending a party to Carroll for that purpose—the transportation being sufficient to furnish one wagon, one ambulance, and five (5) saddle horses for the use of Captain Ludlow's party.

Possible Trouble to Come.

One of Mr. Tilton's counsel said yesterday that he was positive that money had been used in the jury box, and that he meant very soon to present charges to Judge Nelson. On Thursday, he said, Judge Nelson was told that Mr. Jacob Murray was in a side room telegraphing to Mr. Chester Carpenter with a fan, and receiving certain signals in return. The Judge went in and gruffly put his hand on Mr. Murray's shoulder, and said, "Come, now, Mr. Murray, there has been quite enough of this action, and it must stop. Please leave the room." "The end is not yet," said the counsel, "and we expect to show what influence we have gone toward making the jury stand as they do." Mr. Fearall, of Mr. Tilton's attorneys, said that he had still testimony which had not been made public, and that it would justify them in pressing for a new trial. The other counsel were reticent upon the topic of a new trial. Mr. Morris telegraphed the result of the jury's work to Mr. Beach and to Mr. Fuller. The last named gentleman was very despondent of attending, but was prevented by a sprained ankle. "Mr. Morris telegraphed over the Russia leather bag of scented papers to Mr. Moulton, and Moulton took a look at the "letter of coaction," which has been stained by much handling in the court room, and folded it up and carefully put it away in the safe in his new house.—(N. Y. Sun.

The Fight at Camp Lewis.

A correspondent of the Herald writing from Camp Lewis, says, that on the 7th inst. a well armed and mounted party of about seventy-five Sioux put in an appearance both above and below this post. They were evidently after the Government herd, but seeing no chance of getting that, they attacked a small party of soldiers (most of them unarmed), who were fishing about three-quarters of a mile above the post, and killed a soldier named La Roux, just from the States, and wounded private Davis, of Captain Stewart's company. Another party at the same time ran off the stock (about 60 head) from the Trading Post of A. S. Reed, about two miles below camp, killing on their way two other soldiers named Harrison and Weaver who were hunting about two miles from the post. Lieutenant Wright started in pursuit and overtook the Indians after a fifteen miles ride, and, giving them a heavy fight, killed one and wounded several.

Notice.

To all Whom It May Concern: We have in our possession all the accounts of John Blum, and have authority to collect the same. Notice is hereby given that the accounts must be paid before the 1st of October, or they will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. Grain and flour will be taken in payment. S. F. WEBSTER & KEUG.

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN.

Washington, June 24.—It is probable that the miners found in the Black Hills will not be disturbed at present, as the Government does not propose to furnish the prospecting "back" to Chayano for the advertisement found there.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PROPOSALS FOR THE CROW AGENCY.

Crow Agency, M. T. July 1, 1875. PROPOSALS to deliver 2500 Tons of Hay at the new Crow Agency are invited—the hay to be of good quality and well stacked. Bids to be accompanied by guarantees to execute contract and bond for fulfillment of the same. Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and will be received until July 23d. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved; and to increase or decrease the amount 25 per cent. D. E. CLAPP, Agent.

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