

THE AVANT COURIER.

The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.

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OUR INDIAN TROUBLES.

Since our last issue the Indians have been comparatively quiet in our immediate front, although they are still lurking around, waiting for a favorable opportunity to renew hostilities.

Elsewhere we publish a letter from Fort Pease, giving a detailed account of the recent attack on that brave little garrison, the subsequent killing of James Edwards, and the narrow escape of P. W. McCormick.

Each boat came in from the Mammoth Hot Springs National Park, last evening. He saw no Indians on the trip, nor Indian signs.

Mr. Clark came in from the Yellowstone Crossing Wednesday, and reported Indians still in the vicinity.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

The action of the Madison county delegates in the late District convention at Gallatin city, which was convened for the purpose of nominating a candidate for District Attorney, has been the subject of severe criticism among men of both parties in this and Jefferson county.

A Fort McLeod correspondent of the Independent says Benton will lose the fur trade of that country, as all traders, with one or two exceptions, propose to ship their robes either through to Canada or send them across the plains to Winnipeg.

The Montana of the 17th contains a detailed account of the capture at Point of Rocks, this Territory, of a man supposed to be the notorious Kansas murderer, "Old Man Bender."

In the case of Doreaux vs. Macleod, for false imprisonment, the defendant yesterday appeared by counsel before Judge Wade, and asked for a discharge on the grounds that in the arrest and prosecution of the defendant prisoners he was simply obeying the instructions of his government.

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MORE TROOPS.

The necessity for an increased number of troops to protect our frontiers, and especially the border settlements of Eastern Montana, which have been the scene of annual raids from hostile savages, has been characterized by murder and robbery, since the first pioneers marked the wilderness with the progress of civilization, is at last attracting the attention of our Territorial cotemporaries, and we are pleased to see that the people of Helena, who are somewhat removed from the scenes of blood and plunder, are taking an active interest in behalf of the exposed settlements, as will be seen by the following from the Herald:

"In view of the fact of a great falling off of military force in Montana, by expiration of term of enlistment, our citizens are energetically moving in the effort to have the military force increased at the earliest moment. A petition to this effect, setting forth the late Indian murders on the Yellowstone and in the Musschell country, and calling attention to the inadequate military establishment of the Territory, is being numerously signed by our citizens, and will be presented to Lieutenant General Sheridan for his consideration."

YELLOWSTONE RIVER.

Some time since our Fort Benton cotemporary, the Record, which is ever alive to, and a little over zealous in its support of, the interests of its locality, in the course of an editorial on the subject of navigating the Yellowstone river, published what it claimed was an extract from Gen. Forsyth's report, which stated that navigation on the Yellowstone was impracticable on account of an ever changing current.

"The mouth of the Big Horn may be regarded as the head of navigation on the Yellowstone River, and for three months of the year this river presents less obstacles to its navigation than the Upper Missouri, and indeed, many other rivers in this and other countries. The channel is unchanging, for it passes over a gravel bed from its head to its mouth, and there are no shoals, and the water is clear, and the shifting and unreliable water of the Upper Missouri, it ought to make the rates of insurance less on the Yellowstone than on the Upper Missouri."

Judge J. L. Murphy. The Poche Journal of the 3d inst. announces the death of Judge Murphy, who committed suicide at Panimit.

How a Helena Editor Does It. Van H. Fisk, of the Helena Herald, returned three or four days ago, after an absence of three or four months in Iowa and Illinois, with 1,600 head of live sheep, and after leaving them at Ogden came on to Corinne and purchased a couple of horses from Hardenbrook & London.

The Assay Office. Mr. Meyendorf, superintendent of construction, received last evening the working drawings of the Assay Office. The drawings are finely executed, showing in detail the front and side elevations of the building, which is three stories above the basement, containing the former apartment as essentially a third floor. It is certainly a tastefully designed edifice, and carried out according to the plans, will be the most attractive piece of building architecture in Montana.

Yellow Fever. Chicago, July 17. A Washington special says the medical officers of the Navy and Treasury Departments are very much excited over the reports of the existence of the yellow fever at Norfolk, Virginia. The report has not been fully verified, but the information comes from such sources and is so positive in character that there seems to be reason for apprehension that the scourge is in close proximity to the Northern States.

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ACALL FOR MORE TROOPS.

The petition printed below, which has received the signatures of a large number of our people, is a fair expression of public sentiment in this Territory on the present military situation and the necessity which exists for an increase of the military force in Montana. This document, we understand, will be forwarded to the War Department through Lieutenant-General Sheridan, whose arrival in the Territory is expected at an early day.

We the undersigned citizens of Montana, beg leave to represent that the military situation in this Territory at the present time urges upon us an earnest solicitude for our citizens and soldiers who are in that portion of the country exposed to the incursions of the hostile Sioux. It has been made known to us that within the last few days, three soldiers were murdered by the Indians near Camp Lewis, on Front Creek, in this Territory, and a large number of freighting animals stolen. We believe that the military force in Montana, as decreed as it is by expiration of terms of enlistment, is entirely inadequate for the protection of our citizens who are pursuing the business of transporting supplies for our people and carrying out precious metals to eastern markets for refinement and coinage.

Madison County. From the Montanan, July 15. The hot weather has excited the blood of our city hoodlums to fever heat and pugilistic encounters are of frequent occurrence.

On Monday the machinery for the new saw mill of Messrs. Taylor and Moore arrived from the railroad, and will soon be placed in position.

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Work on the new Methodist Church, on the Court-House and Jail, and on the new School House, is being pushed rapidly, and the contractors and builders are performing their labor in a satisfactory manner.

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THE TERRITORY.

Deer Lodge County. From the New North-West, July 15. During the heavy wind storm on Wednesday evening the Pioneer Press, at Poncha, and several hundred feet of the two high fumes between Pilgrim and Trade-water Bars were blown down doing several thousand dollars damage and killing and wounding a number of cattle.

Now if the President will see that his appointees, Goodwill Register, and Vesper Receiver, pack up their commissions and things and get out here he will be doing a Land Office business. It had been enough to have all our boys ignored and the offices given to carpet-baggers, but it is worse than that to have the appointees remain in the States when their duties are here.

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To the Voters of the First Judicial District, Comprising the Counties of Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin.

We, the undersigned Delegates elected to attend the District Convention, which convened at Gallatin City on the 15th day of July, 1875, would respectfully submit this statement, showing the true proceedings of the only Democratic Convention that met at the time and place aforesaid, and also the part that Madison county played in said convention.

It is a well known fact that Jefferson and Gallatin counties met in their respective County Conventions and elected six Delegates to attend the District Convention—this representation being based alone upon their Democratic vote for Delegate in Congress. Subsequently Madison county held her County Convention and proceeded to elect thirteen delegates to attend the District Convention, taking as a basis for this representation the entire vote of their county—a proceeding, in our opinion, that has not a precedent in the party; and to show the injustice of this action on the part of the Madison County Convention, we have only to call attention to the fact that Jefferson and Gallatin counties gave Maginnis 675 votes, Madison at the same election only gave him 721, a difference in favor of Jefferson and Gallatin of 143 votes.

Now we see that Jefferson and Gallatin have twelve delegates in the said District Convention, representing 873 voters, while Madison county attempts to force thirteen delegates upon the same convention, representing only 731 voters.

Now we appeal to the voters of the District, and ask them to decide at the polls whether or not this is right or just. Certainly it is not! and in our opinion it is an attempted fraud on the part of the delegates from Madison county, for the purpose of carrying out their own ends; and while we do not believe that the people of Madison county will endorse such a scheme, we regret to see that it is supported by men whom we have heretofore considered true to party, and true to their friends.

But the District Convention met pursuant to a call made by J. H. D. Street, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Gallatin county, J. R. Weston, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Jefferson county and Thomas Deyarmon, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Madison county, and at the time and place designated in the call thus made by the three counties through their legally authorized representatives. The Convention was called to order by J. H. D. Street, of the Central Committee.

On motion, J. H. D. Street was chosen temporary chairman and S. W. Langhorne temporary secretary.

A considerable discussion on the question as to the number of delegates each county was entitled to and the basis of representation (in which all the delegates participated), a committee of one from each county. Committee reported Gallatin county entitled to six delegates, Jefferson six, Madison ten; taking as a basis for their report the Democratic vote of the counties for delegate to Congress in 1874. Reported adopted and committee discharged, after which the convention was permanently organized by electing the Hon. Ohio Curtis Chairman and S. W. Langhorne Secretary.

On motion, convention took a recess until 10 o'clock, at which time the convention resumed its session, and J. H. D. Street, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, drew his name from the hat for the office of District Attorney of the First Judicial District by acclamation.

On motion, the convention adjourned sine die.

Now it will be seen that the delegates from Madison county, as also J. H. D. Street, took an active part in the proceedings of the convention until Spratt withdrew his name and until after the permanent organization, but failing to force their fraudulent representation upon the convention and the people, and determined to carry out their little scheme, they quietly bolted the convention and concluded to have a little side-show of their own, which for cheek has not a parallel in this or any other county.

But as to the proceedings of the District Convention, as reported in the Montanan of July 17th, 1875, we have to say that, in our opinion, such proceedings were never had at Gallatin City on the day designated, for the reason that 30 minutes did not elapse from the time Spratt withdrew his name from before the convention and the time of its adjournment; and after adjournment the delegates were all together at the hotel enjoying a game of "Pedro" until supper, after which all went home, the Madison county delegation leaving first.

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Now, by what right this second convention can call itself Democratic, or by what authority Street called it to order, is a mystery to us—that we are willing to venture the assertion that it was done without authority either expressed or implied, and that such a proceeding is only resorted to by bolters. This question we now submit to the Democratic voters of the District and the absurdity of the Judges' position, we leave to the people of the Territory at large.

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