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CHARLES WICK

L. S. WILLSON

THE AVANT COURIER.

The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1876

The Helena Independent was clamorous

short time ago for a railroad, let it

come from whatever quarter, and expressed

its convictions in the strongest possible

terms of the necessity of railroad communication

with the business centres of the country,

advocating the granting of a Territorial

subsidy as the only practicable means

of securing a road. It deprecated

the exhibition of local prejudices in the

matter of an enterprise looking to the

general prosperity of the Territory. Before

the meeting of the Legislature, it showed

a decided preference for the Utah

Northern, but at the same time expressed

itself favorable to any road the Legislature

could make the best arrangements with.

But since the extremely liberal proposition

of the Northern Pacific Company, made

in behalf of that Company by its representatives

Messrs. Stark and Robert, and the

universal favor with which it has been

received by the people and members of the

Legislature, the Independent has changed

its tone entirely, and is doing everything

in its power to cripple all efforts that may

be made to secure what it so recently re-

garded as indispensable to the prosperity

and material growth of the Territory—the

construction of a railroad into or through

our Territory.

By the terms of the proposition of the

Northern Pacific Company, we are not

only assured of early railroad connection

with the East, but also of a grand

continental trunk line, connecting the

Atlantic and Pacific oceans, giving us an

outlet both East and West, and opening

to settlement and civilization the vast

inhabited territory bordering on the East

and West of Montana, besides settling

forever the Indian objections and mur-

ders which have formed a bloody chapter

in the history of the West since its occu-

pation by the white man. The blood-

thirsty Indians are now shaking the fresh

scars of some of our bravest and most

enterprising pioneers in the face of civil-

ization, and the end is not yet, unless im-

mediate and decisive steps are taken to

check the Indians in their bloody career.

Past experience has demonstrated the fact

that the government is slow to work in

this matter, and has heretofore left the

pioneers of the West to virtually work

out their own salvation. The isolated

military posts scattered over the country

protect only the immediate vicinities in

which they are located. The government

has promised ample military protection to

the Northern Pacific road while in course

of construction, and when completed

strong posts will be located along the

line, which will settle all future trouble

with the Indians.

AT HIS OLD TRICKS.

We have been expecting it, but did

not know what shape it would assume.

Like a fish out of water, the editor of

the Times, since assuming the position,

has been out of his native element. His

forte as an editor consists of abuse. He

must have somebody or party to inveigh

against. Publishing a neutral independ-

ent Jeffersonian Democratic paper, cal-

culated to suit all classes, parties, dis-

tinctions and castes, he could not afford

to risk the prosperity of his shaky en-

terprise by indulging his propensities in

political issues, and he has been forced

necessarily to keep quiet, but he has been

looking around for a subject upon which

to vent his spleen without hazarding his

financial prospects, and which might be

the means of lifting the clouds of adver-

sity that surrounded him so early in his

newspaper career in Eastern Montana.

Eureka! He thinks that he struck it

and plunges, without guide or compass

save the doubtful testimony of irrespon-

sible parties, into the mysteries with

which disappointed agents, contractors

and employees (discharged for general

worthlessness) have enshrouded the man-

agement of Indian Affairs in this Ter-

ritory. He says the agencies are control-

led by a ring, more gigantic (in the imag-

ination of the Editor) in fraudulent trans-

actions than the Whisky Ring, and he

reaches for the edification of his read-

ers the old correspondence of the New York

Herald in reference to scripping brands off

sugar barrels at Fort Peck, which was

written by, or at the instance of, a trader

who had been boosted from the prairie

for violating the law. The Editor of

the Times asks us to rise up and explain

the meaning of that scolding process. It

means simply, that the author of the

charge burning with revenge because

he was prevented from accumulating mon-

ey in illicit trade, "scrippin" together as

many false heads as could be jammed into

a newspaper article and paid for its pub-

lication, in a newspaper hoping thereby

to wreak his vengeance by effecting the

removal of the Agent, and at the same

time possibly under a new administration

of the Agency to again ply his illicit traf-

fic.

The editor of the Times will find that

early all the charges of corruption and

fraud against agents and contractors

originated with persons who have been

prevented by the agents or contractors

against whom the charges are made from

windling the Government or Indians.

We believe the Editor is possessed of

sufficient intelligence to know that his

scolding charges are groundless.

His allusions to this paper as the or-

gan of the ring, and his personal distribu-

tion in reference to the editor, are too con-

temptible to notice. His invectives fall

as harmless as the "gentle patter of the

rain upon the back of a duck. Let him

indulge his appetite to its fullest extent.

A large railroad meeting was held at

Sheridan, Madison County, on the 26th.

Aule sees this were made, and a series

of resolutions adopted favoring the propo-

sition of the Northern Pacific Railroad

Company to extend their road to Montan-

territory.

Mr. Burkett, member of the House

from Deer Lodge county, gave notice

that he would introduce a bill for the

removal of the Territorial Seat of Govern-

ment from Helena to Deer Lodge City.

The bill will probably be introduced

next week.

Let the Capital take a rest.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Railroad Prospects.

HELENA, M. T., Feb. 1, '76.

ED. COURIER:—

I enclose the new railroad bill.—It has

just been printed and laid on the desks

of members. I think there is a majority

in both Houses in favor of it. The Council

is very decidedly for the bill. There is a

small majority in the House. The only

apprehension I entertain as to its passage

is that the time is too short. The Legis-

lature adjourns on the 11th inst. The

opposition may defeat the measure by

staying the bill off to so late a period in

the session as to prevent its passage

but the friends of the railroad will en-

deavor to pass it on time.

The Bozeman delegation have done

their duty in urging the merits of the

proposition, and have made a good im-

pression. Four fifths of the citizens of

Helena favor the passage of the bill, and

prefer the building of the Northern Pacific

Railroad through the Territory to any

other road. Yet, several of their repre-

sentatives are working against the North-

ern Pacific. The Territory never had a

better opportunity to get a railroad than

the present, and it will be an inexorable

outrage if the present Legislature does

not pass this bill.

Yours,

JNO. P. BRUCE.

COUNCIL BILL No. 44.

An Act to Encourage the Construction of the

Northern Pacific Railroad in the Territory

of Montana.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AS-

SEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF

MONTANA,

Section 1. The Treasurer of the Terri-

tory of Montana is hereby authorized and

instructed to issue on the credit of this

Territory, coupon bonds for the purpose

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