

THE AVANT COURIER.

The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.

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The next number of the Semi-Weekly AVANT-COURIER will be dated January 1st, 1877. We desire to return thanks for the encouragement given us during the closing months of 1876; numbers have come forward and settled up their subscription accounts, but there are scores of names upon our books that are still delinquent. I may be that some of these are unfortunate and unable to pay; to those we say we can sympathize with you, and as long as you rustle you can have the COURIER. There are others perfectly able to pay, and to those we say, we need money—we are giving you a good paper, improvement is our motto, and you should help by prompt payment of bills. Our subscription price is the cheapest of any in Montana, and our terms should be invariably in advance, but as long as our more powerful neighbors run on the credit system, we are compelled to. Ninety per cent of our patrons are perfectly able to settle up old scores, and pay a year in advance, and we earnestly request you to do it for this reason: As soon as a collection opens we intend to thoroughly equip the COURIER office with new presses, new type, and new material of all kinds, and hope to have an office second to none in Montana. We want to pay cash for it, because we can save 25 per cent of the total amount by doing so. If only 500 of our subscribers will do as we have requested, the way is plain. We have more than redeemed every pledge made, have done more than was expected of us, and to-day we promise, that by the 25th of next August, Bozeman and Eastern Montana, shall have a newspaper equal in every respect, to the best in the Territory. Help us.

The Supreme Court of Montana meets January 1st.

The John D. Lee case has been appealed to the supreme court of Utah.

The various Congressional Committees to investigate the alleged election frauds are a work, and it is to be hoped that they will do their duty untrammeled by partisan bias and with an eye single to the nation's good.

We've got our Tilden roster rattening up. When the February Count comes off the rock will be able to crow with vigor. He's only waiting and fattening.—Madisonian.

He did look a little thin when he was trotted out last.

The United States Supreme Court is now engaged in hearing the case of the United States vs. the Union Pacific Railroad Company, on an appeal from the District Court of Connecticut. This is known as the Credit Mobilier case.

The AVANT COURIER won't it understand that this country is NOT to engage in war.—[Independent.]

Correct, Bro. Barrett; and we are glad you supplied the word "not" and italicized it.

The New York Herald's Bozeman special reporting the massacre of Major Randall, had only street rumors for its foundation; when the news was first mentioned here we endeavored to trace the matter to some reliable source, but there was none, it was all hearsay.

Here is another sensation that belongs to the New York World: Senator Sherman is intriguing to get Ferry's place, and then will declare neither Hayes or Tilden elect, and thus hold over himself. His brother, Gen. Sherman, will of course be at the head of the army and is in the secret.

The following, bearing date Washington December 20th, came to hand:

"The Committee on Pacific Railroads today reconsidered the vote by which they heretofore authorized the Chairman to report for passage the Senate bill extending the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific."

The committee is considering other schemes in regard to the trans-continental railroads, and it is to be hoped that they will hit upon some plan that will either assist or force the Northern and Southern roads to "shoot Luke or give up the gun."

EMIGRANT GULCH.

This gulch is rapidly assuming the public importance its riches deserve, and better than this, is rewarding its hardy toilers handsomely. The gulch was first worked in '64, and hundreds of thousands of dollars taken out, but in those days of excitement but little attention was paid to Emigrant, because other diggings that were not so isolated were equally rich. The gulch is divided into two districts, the upper and lower, and in order to give our readers an idea of the present and future prospects of this rich placer deposit, we will take up each claim or company beginning at the lower end of the Lower District and numbering up the gulch.

LOWER DISTRICT.

No. 1, is the Star Mining Company, Don L. Byam, superintendent. This company is running a flume 20 inch bottom in two foot sections, having a 725 feet in length, and red rock, but pays wages. This company are now sinking a shaft about 500 feet ahead of the flume.

No. 2, A. Campbell is running a flume, has in 500 feet, and has rigged a hydraulic derrick for removing large boulders, which works like a charm. This company are not on the true bed rock, but have averaged about wages. (Wages is \$4 per day to the man.)

No. 3, Glydden & Co., are down 30 feet with their flume and are now drifting for bed rock. This company also realized at least wages during the past season.

No. 4, is the now celebrated claim of Cone & Lee. This company have the flume on bed rock, and have fully demonstrated the fact that the Emigrant will take her place in Montana's history side by side with Alder, Last Chance and Confidence. The ground has paid during the past season never less than \$13 per day to the hand, and from that to \$43. The streak in the gulch is 175 feet wide, and a tunnel has been driven under the mountain for a distance of 130 feet, the dirt paying \$15 per set of 8 foot bobs; that is Messrs Cone & Lee are paying that much for taking the dirt out, and making a handsome profit. The streak has not yet been crossed, and it is held to tell how wide it is.

No. 5, is the flume of McDonald, Hash & Co., whose ground is shallow, averaging from 6 to 10 feet deep, being in pot-holes. This company have taken out good pay.

No. 6, O'Brien & Co., struck bed rock with their flume late this fall, and have prospects equal to any yet found in the gulch.

No. 7, A. J. Ringlesby has his flume on bed rock with a bank 15 foot deep, and splendid pay.

No. 8, is Bechelder & Co., or as it is better known, the Drain Ditch Company. This is drifting diggings and they are about 60 feet deep, from the surface, and are now paying an average of \$50 to the set of eight foot timbers.

Most of these companies are now at work, but the flume companies from necessity are generally getting ready for next seasons operations.

UPPER DISTRICT.

It was in this district that the big pay was taken out in early days. The old Culver ground was worked with a flume in '67 and '68, and big pay taken out, but the streak was lost. McDonald & Co., are now working this claim, but have not yet found the main pay streak.

No. 2, This is owned by Tom Reynolds, and is proving very rich. The ground is about 14 feet deep, and is worked by ground sluicing the top bed of to within about two feet of bed rock, and then shoveling it into sluice boxes. The last pit cleared was about 12 feet long and 6 or 7 wide, and paid \$30, which is about \$25 per day to the man. Mr. Reynolds will put in a flume in the spring.

No. 3, Tritt & Rounts are not working in the gulch, but on a bar, or more correctly speaking, are drifting under the mountain, and are supposed to be on the same streak that Reynolds is working. This ground has paid about \$20 to the 8 foot set last summer.

No. 4, Mr. Woods is working a bar, and is using a hydraulic, and while piping realized \$7 per day to the man, and while cleaning bed rock the average was \$22.55.

No. 5, Is Clifford and Co., who have also bar

diggings, and work with a hydraulic. This company did not do much in the way of taking out pay last season, but they now know where the pay streak is, and will catch it next season.

No. 6, is a new company whose location is in the mouth of the left hand fork of the gulch. They are drifting and are down about 22 feet.

From this hurried sketch it will be seen that this gulch is hardly opened up yet, and from present appearances, it will soon be the most important placer camp in Montana.

J. V. Bogert's articles that have appeared in the New North-West, entitled "Yellowstone Field Notes," are valuable to the country at large, for the facts and figures they contain, and should be preserved in some more permanent and accessible shape than the files of a newspaper. Mr. Bogert winds up the sixth article as follows:

In conclusion I add: In these notes I have desired to give only data appealing to me necessary; at the same time admitting nothing not positively stated by good authority.

The evidence of Lt. McClernand, distinguished as it must be, supports much of the reported claims regarding the Yellowstone and Big Horn regions, and must settle many points until now in dispute. Indeed, the assertion is indisputable that the near future must witness the industrial settlement of its valleys and the grazing of the cattle of a thousand hills upon the plateaus of the Yellowstone.

A New York Herald correspondent gives this story Hayes' utterance:

"I have examined the situation carefully and thoroughly, besides having solicited and obtained opinions of the best constitutional lawyers of the country, and I can now say that I have been honestly elected President of the United States and am entitled to the office, and I fully expect to be inaugurated as such."

Jay Gould has been in Washington as the representative of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, to make a uniform rate of twenty-five cents for messages of ten words to every part of the United States. He will extend the company's wires all over the land, and furnish important news to the newspapers for nothing. Bull for Jay; hope he will get his leg out this way.

[From the New North West.]

The United States Grand Jury last week indicted Major Charles S. Medary, Indian Agent at Jocko with having at that agency on or about July 18, 1876, feloniously taken and carried away 5,000 shingles, value \$25 being the property of the United States; also having at the same time and in like manner taken away 2,000 feet of lumber, value \$50, also the property of the United States. Major Medary is making every exertion to have his witnesses here this morning and to get the cases to trial this term. He says the shingles and lumber were traded to the blacksmith in Missoula on payment for work done for and charged to the United States.

LAND OFFICE NOTICES.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bozeman, Montana, DECEMBER 19, 1876

Complaint having been entered at this Office by STEPHEN D. PARSONS against WILLIAM G. WYATT, for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 766, dated April 17, 1872, upon the W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Section 33 in Township 1, South of Range 5 East and W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 of Section 5 in Township 2, South of Range 5 East, in Gallatin County, Montana Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 21 day of February, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

DAVIS WILSON, Register. J. V. BOGERT, Receiver.

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NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bozeman, for the purpose of choosing Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House of the Association on the second Tuesday in January proximo.

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