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Scotch that printing law humbug.

Give us a railroad that will not enrich some, and impoverish others.

A new school house is what Bozeman needs. Vote on the 20th to have one.

Insurance rates are the same on the Yellowstone river as on the upper Missouri.

The business interests of Bozeman demands the building of a new school house.

The steamer Yellowstone draws 16 inches light, and was built to run on just such water as that which Buck's miracle was performed on.

There will be more steamboats on the Yellowstone river this season than on the upper Missouri, and they will deliver more tons of freight.

The telegraph operator from Oregon who refuses to divulge the contents of the telegrams bases his action on the fact that the laws of Oregon makes such performances a felony.

The Republicans in Washington are jubilant over the House Committee's South Carolina report, which gives the Hayes electors an average majority of about 600 votes over the Tilden electors in that State.

A measure that our legislators should give early and earnest attention is one making provision for the care of the insane and the erection or purchase of a building for an asylum. It is demanded as a measure of humanity and economy.--New North-West.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads have agreed to report the Senate bill extending the time for the completing of the Northern Pacific railroad eight years without amendment, except section 1, providing that the company shall not be required to locate the route throughout Idaho before July, 1879.

The bill granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the Mexican, Florida and Black Hawk wars has passed the House of Representatives. It allows pensions of \$8 per month to all who served sixty days in the Mexican war or thirty days in the Florida or Black Hawk wars, and to their surviving widows, unmarried.

The New York correspondent of the Cleveland Leader repeats the story of the sale of the New York World, and says: "A few days since it was purchased outright by a wealthy young business man of New York named Wesley. Mr. Wesley is a Republican, and the report published yesterday was to the effect that from the first of next month it will appear as an independent newspaper."

The New York Times in an editorial says: The fact that C. P. Huntington and his Central Pacific lobby have struck hands with Tom Scott and his Texas Pacific lobby, to push through a compromise bill for the purpose of pledging the credit of the government for the construction of a new road connecting the two oceans, shows the necessity of increased vigilance to resist dangerous and costly pieces of jobbing.

The news of Commodore Vanderbilt's death had but little effect on the stock market, his death having been so long expected. Commodore Vanderbilt was the owner of securities having a present market value of about \$85,000,000, and of this total fully \$55,000,000 consisted of stock of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroads. It is understood that the bulk of this property is to be kept together, and that provision has been made for re-investing accruing interest on it in his favorite securities.

Senator Conkling in presenting a petition of the New York bankers and merchants in favor of an amicable adjustment of the Presidential question, made a speech setting forth the prominence of the signers and the importance of their interest. It was signed by Democrats and Republicans, being honorably associated with nearly every branch of industry. The signers are 150 in number. He, himself, was in complete sympathy with the petitioners; this was a question beyond party feeling and above it; it was right or parties to contend, but when the contest had been settled at the ballot-box, the final arbitrament of popular contests, the only duty and lawful proceeding is to find the honest and true result and declare it, bow to it and stand by it; Congress and the Nation should do it; whoever stands on truth and right will not fall; whoever stands on wrong falls and therefore will be overthrown.

MONTANA NOTES.

Mr. Logan, successor to Mr. Maston, as Superintendent of the Monroe Company, arrived a few days ago and has taken charge.

Poindexter & Orr lately started a band of 200 head of beef cattle for K...s' Fork Ind an Agency. Four cents per pound, dressed, delivered in quantities to suit poor Lo. The same firm have lately lost forty head of horses--disease supposed to be Mountain fever.

W. A. Clark reviews in the New North West the mineral exhibit at the Centennial Exposition, and gives Montana the first place.

J. P. Woolman, Montana's Centennial Commissioner, returned to the Treasury of the Territory an unexpended balance of \$1,561.10 of the \$5,000 appropriation. Tally one for Joe.

The brewery of H. J. Ramapeck, at Diamond City, was burned on the 4th inst. Loss, \$2,000. Mr. Jonas Higgins was also damaged to the extent of \$300.

The National Mining Company's mill at Unionville is running steadily on good ore. Miners are sinking a shaft on the mine and doing other necessary preparatory work to enable mining of ore to be resumed at an early day.

The population of Pony City, including the mines, is estimated at 600.

The Strawberry lead, Pony Gulch, at the depth of sixty-five feet, shows six feet of quartz varying in width from three to eight feet. The lead is developed to the depth of forty seven feet, shows a four-foot crevice and the quartz is worth from \$60 to \$114 per ton. These lodes are owned by Messrs. Moreland, Mason, Mallory and Barnes.

The Court House at Virginia City came near being burned down. Wooden spittoons and cigar stumps caused the danger.

Twenty-nine deaths in Madison county last year.

The dance at Mood's Hall, Pony, on Christmas night was a grand success. Seventy four tickets were sold. The supper was provided by Jones & Cox, and consisted of every delicacy of the season.

The Christmas Ball, under the auspices of Band of Hope Lodge No. 20, I. O. G. T., Philipsburg, was a splendid success and largely attended.

The jury that tried Major Medary at Deer Lodge in addition to finding him not guilty, publish a card over their signatures, and use the following language:

"We as citizens consider the said Agent fully and entirely exonerated from even the suspicion of any improper disposition of United States property in the cases named. We believe this expression due an official brought into Court charged with crime and who has been triumphantly exonerated."

Mr. Masten ex-Superintendent of the Monroe Silver Mining Company, will organize another Company in the east to operate in Montana.

The Odd Fellows of the Territory have established a life insurance society called the "I. O. O. F. Life Insurance Society," and Dr. L. E. Holmes, Jas. L. Davis and Massena Bullard have been appointed a committee to issue an address on the subject.

Mr. L. H. Herzhfeld, banker of Helena, started for the States on the 4th inst., and will be absent several months.

The miners on Avalanche and adjoining gulches are still sluicing.

The Agent at Jocko wants a detachment of cavalry at that place.

One hundred and thirty-seven pupils attend the Deer Lodge public school.

The Yanktons have declared war against the hostile Sioux, the latter having attempted to kill a Yankton buck.

On or about the 5th ult, the U. S. troop stationed at Fort Peck had a slight brush with the Indians, under Sitting Bull, on the bank of the river nearly opposite the fort. After the fight, Sitting Bull retired to Tongue River.

An election was held in Indiana Dec. 26th, to fill a vacancy in the State Senate, caused by the death of the former incumbent. The district in which the election was held has heretofore been Democratic and in view of the fact that the political control of the Senate depended on the result, unusual efforts were made by the Democrats to elect their candidate. The election of the Democrat would have made the Senate Democratic by one, while the election of the Republican candidate makes it Republican by one majority. The district is composed of the counties of Madison and Delaware; Madison at the Presidential election in November gave Tilden over 800 majority, while on the 26th of December it gave Doxey, Republican candidate, one hundred and sixty majority, thus securing his election.

NEWS ITEMS.

Chas Conrad put two bullets into Frank McMahon at Yankton, seriously wounding him.

The "Weather Prophet" at Washington city has dropped "Probabilities" and will hereafter call it Indications.

A Washington correspondent says that Cronin's face looks like the map of Ireland and his nose like a calcium light.

A few miles west of Dubuque there was a path recently where a Spiritualist tried the case and tried to perform a resurrection miracle. He persisted till the corpse was hideous putrefaction.

The President has pardoned Madison Doon imprisoned in Virginia for violation of the civil rights act. This action forestalls proceedings in the Supreme Court and as this is the only known case of imprisonment under the civil rights act, consideration of its constitutionality by the Supreme Court is indefinitely postponed.

The friends of Mrs. Senator Sargent of California, who are now going to present her with a bust of her husband, ought to consult the lady first. There are ladies who do not enjoy the busts of their husbands at all--in fluid form, at least.

It is said that the heir-at-law of Lord Macaulay has been discovered in a venerable citizen of Illinois, Mr. George Macaulay. He is the nearest male relative of the distinguished historian and consequently, under the English law, heir to his landed property. He was discovered through an advertisement in the London Times inquiring for the heirs of Lord Macaulay.

Dick Brown, who killed Edward Shanahessy in Deadwood, Black Hills, recently, and one Cook, of Deadwood, whose hands are also stained with the blood of a few low men, have been arrested and are now en route to Yankton, Dakota, where they will be tried.

From September 20 to December 11, nearly \$16,000,000 in gold arrived from Europe at the port of New York.

The permanent exhibition scheme at Philadelphia is pronounced a success. All the space in the main Centennial building has been applied for.

Carl Wood, once a noted desperado in Denver, is now adjutant general of Arkansas, and as well behaved as a bishop. Indeed he is said to be thoroughly changed in style and manner from what he was in his wilder years.

Sam Bowles says a new election for President will undoubtedly result from the present complications and says that Tilden's view. The President of the Senate in the mean time will be acting President.

Advertising.

Nothing, says the Agriculturist, is more characteristic of our modern life than the extent to which advertising is used as a medium between individuals and the public. A stranger in a town, large or small by looking over the advertisements of the local paper can form a very correct idea of the place. If the advertisements are few, and have the appearance of being "standing," he is quite safe in concluding that he is in one of those slow going, dead and-alive places, that were finished some years ago, and that the people are of a kind that know little about change, whether social or financial. On the other hand if the advertisements appear fresh, and snappy, if it only be to announce the fresh arrival of salt fish, or a new invoice of clothes pins, it is fair to infer that the paper is published in a wide awake community.

Our Side Still Ahead!

Lockey's brand of Crackers, Hard Bread and other goods, manufactured by THE MONTANA STEAM CRACKER COMPANY,

Helena, are still in the lead, (Eastern goods thrown in the shade) because they are fresh and made of Montana materials in Montana by Montana men. They pay cash for Lard, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Flour and Grain. Send them orders and consignments.

Dr. James Shaw, U. S. Army, Fort Ellis, M. T., For near twenty years a regular Physician and Surgeon of the city of Philadelphia, and for some time a resident Physician of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and Consulting Physician in other public medical institutions of that city, with a number of years experience as a Surgeon in the volunteer service and regular army of the United States. Can be consulted on long standing and chronic diseases at that Fort. The diseases of women and children a speciality. December 10th, 1875.

Meat Market RICH & WILLS

PROFITT & MILLS,

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

I Keep the very best of Meats on the block both at wholesale and retail at

Reduced Prices!

All kinds of Game in its season. Satisfaction Guaranteed. [441f]

A. Lamme, J. S. Mendenhall, J. L. Harlowe. A. LAMME & CO.,

Dealers in

General

Merchandise,

Have just received a large and well selected stock of

Staple and Fancy

GROCERIES,

Dry Goods,

Clothing, Boots & Shoes

Cutlery, and all kinds of

HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE

AGRI CULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c.

In fact, everything used by

The Farmer, Miner and Mechanic,

all of which will be sold

FOR CASH as LOW as the LOWEST

Ladies' Goods.

We have a full line of Ladies' Goods, embracing as complete an assortment as can be found in this market, all of which is marked down at a

VERY LOW PER CENT. of PROFIT.

Old customers will find us up to the times, and new ones are invited to call and examine goods and learn prices.

J. B. Finch, BLACKSMITH & MACHINIST BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

HAVING resumed business at my old stand, I respectfully solicit a share of patronage. All work guaranteed, and prices as low as good work can be obtained at any other place.

COME AND SEE ME. J. B. FINCH, BOZEMAN, M. T., Nov. 30, 1876.

Dealers in General

Merchandise

and Freight

Corner Main and Bozeman

Bozeman

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We are now receiving and

The Largest and Best

of goods ever brought to Eastern which we offer at

WHOLESALE OR

A Mammoth Stock of

GROCERIES

and the most complete

Tobaccos and

ever offered in this market

Every Department

DRY GOODS

Carpets, Ladies' Furnishings

Hardware

FARMING UTENSILS

House Furnishing Goods, Lamps

and Glassware

Miners' Tools and Outfits, Rubber Goods, Boots

CLOTHING

Gent's Furnishing Goods, Notions, &c., &c.

A full supply of the PARED FRUITS 25 per cent than ever before. California Fruits of all kinds

A full assortment of the best Canned Goods.

A full supply of California Woolen Goods.

Harness, Saddlery, Saddles, Whips and Lashes

The only place to find the mouth Buck Glove.

The Maine River Drive, Bozeman, expressed to our order.

The old motto

Quick Sales and Small

Terms cash, or such exchange readily convert into cash.

Rich & Wills