

The News.

The loss of the Omaha bridge is estimated at \$300,000. It will take two or three months to rebuild the structure.

There is over half a million dollars worth of opium consumed in the United States yearly, and the consumption is rapidly increasing.

ALEX ASPINA, August 23.—The French man-of-war Boreas has passed Aden with cholera on board. Fifty of the crew died and 130 still sick.

Salt Lake city is to have another paper in a short time. It will be issued monthly in magazine form, and be devoted to commercial and mining interests.

The Yankton Press and Dakotian says the steamer Red Cloud, E. G. Baker & Co.'s boat, is to be re-modeled this winter, and about thirty feet added to her length.

Kansas has a population of half a million, and her agricultural products this year are estimated at the value of \$60,000,000. There is not much chance for poverty there.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—The Governors of West Virginia and Maryland have notified the War Department that the United States troops are no longer needed, and they will be withdrawn.

The proprietors of two rival dance houses in Las Animas, Col., and their friends had a little fight on the 10th inst., in which about 30 shots were fired. One man was killed and several wounded—five severely.

LONDON, August 23.—A dispatch from Shum states that the Turks, last night, at Pampas, after a severe engagement, turned the Russian left wing. The Russians were repulsed along the whole line, and suffered heavy loss.

The not ordinary expenses of the Government for the fiscal year just ended, not including interest, were \$16,454,000, many of the items, however, growing out of the war. This is \$18,000,000 less than the ordinary expenses of last year, \$35,000,000 less than those of 1875, and \$10,000,000 less than those of 1874.

The following is the appointment of the \$100,000 given by Vanderbilt to his employees: Of 11,000 men on the rails, \$3,041 will be paid as follows: Passenger conductors, \$20; train baggagemen, \$10; brakemen, \$9; freight conductors, \$15; engineers, \$30; firemen, \$15; switchmen, \$8; laborers and watchmen, \$7; mechanics, \$14; foremen, \$16; track foremen, \$11; all others, \$9.

WASH. ST. P., Aug. 22.—Knapp's lettered orders to proceed to Pittsburgh to recruit up to the full standard. Three companies of the 13th Infantry passed through here during the night, reaching Scranton this morning. The headquarters of the 3d regulars is transferred from Scranton to this place. The strikers yesterday afternoon stopped the pumps at one of the Erie colliers near Cambria, and Co. B, 20th Militia, left this city last night to protect the works.

It is reported that Major Runkle's name has been restored to the retired list. It will be remembered that he was court-martialed in 1873 for misappropriation of public money. He was convicted, but the Secretary of War restored his innocence, and he was dismissed from the service. He has always asserted his innocence, and has at length brought sufficient evidence to substantiate the truth of his assertion. His reinstatement carries with it the restoration of his pay, which amounts to over \$11,000.

NEW YORK, August 23.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Cuban League today, an address to the people of the United States was adopted, together with a resolution that the inhabitants of the large cities form into Cuban Leagues for the purpose of exerting moral influence upon our own and other civilized governments in favor of the suppression of the filibuster war which has been waged against Cuba for the last eight years, and invoking the aid of the press to demand recognition as belligerent.

AM. ROBINSON, Nesh, August 24.—The Sydney coach from New South Wales stopped last night about Buffalo Gap by 2 roadsters, who fired into the coach before the word was given to halt. Edward Cook, the Division Superintendent of the stage line, was shot through the ear. The robbers secured about \$12 out of about \$100 in the possession of the passengers. One of his hands, obeying the order to throw up his hands, drew up \$500 with them. It being dark, it was not noticed by the robbers.

A party of 20, who were on the Little Missouri returned to Deadwood Saturday. While out, they discovered Indians close to them, and they selected high ground and dug rifle pits. They had been digging about twelve minutes when nearly 500 Indians appeared on the bluff opposite, about 400 yards off, and commenced firing on them. The fight lasted about 4 hours. Thomas H. Carr, quarter recorder of Deadwood district, was shot through the head and killed. Twenty-seven horses belonging to the miners were also killed. After dark the Indians withdrew, and the miners escaped, being obliged to walk 150 miles to reach Deadwood.

COLUMBUS, O., August 23.—There is intense feeling and much personal bitterness in Westerville because of the appointment by the President of Mrs. Coggeshall, widow of the late Minister to Ecuador, as Postmistress. An indignation meeting has been held and resolutions adopted declaring by the citizens, and certainly not in favor of the President, who is not in favor of the resolutions, who is not in favor of the resolutions, who is not in favor of the resolutions.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., August 24.—At a meeting of the greenback men last night resolutions were passed calling for the unconditional repeal of the resumption act, full monetization of silver; the passage of an act making greenbacks a full legal tender and interchangeable with bonds; opposing subsidies, and condemning Secretary Sherman, and calling for his removal.

The new convention concluded between Great Britain and Egypt for the suppression of the slave trade entirely prohibits the export or import of negro slaves. Egyptian slave traders will be tried by court martial as assassins. The Khedive engages to abolish all private traffic in slaves in Egypt within seven years, and within twelve years in Sudan and the frontier provinces.

The two telegraph companies have mutually adjusted their dispute. The contract entered into provides for the pooling the gross earnings at the rate of seven per cent for the Western Union and one per cent for the Atlantic & Pacific. No exchange is to be made by either.

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THE NEZ PERCE WAR.

News of a startling and heart-rending character reached us on Monday. Sixteen inoffensive peace-seekers were reported murdered in the National Park by hostile Indians, and the Territory is again in mourning for her dead.

But what a spectacle is this! A body of men, having for their avowed object the moral elevation of the people, working with the people and for the people, meets in council, and a newspaper print, professing to represent the sentiment of the people—

—their servant and exponent, up and slaps them in the face with a base and shallow insult! This is a public matter, and in condemning it we give expression to the indignation of the community. It was a simple demonstration of the lowest order of journalism imaginable; and it does not take a "life-long journalist" to comprehend it. The "great reading public" knows it at a glance, and "disrespectable" we repeat, is the best term to give it.

And how does the Times reply? Why, it admits the fact and glories in it. "Only two members of the Conference, Biglin and Duncan," it says, "sought our acquaintance or extended any courtesy to us (strange that they did not adjourn in a body for that purpose) and if we have not been very courteous to them, contrivances may be considered about even." Did this courtesy on the part of Rev. Biglin save him from personal abuse and insult? Not a bit of it. Upon the strength of this we rest the case. It is self-condemned.

To further show the barrenness of its course, it devotes nearly half a column of the weekly to personal abuse and vilification of the W. P. Alderson. Here they beat us. We cordially extend to them all the glory of this kind of warfare and argument. We choose rather to profit by the experience of another, who appears to have been placed in a somewhat similar predicament.

"The Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, some years since, was going home one night with a volume of an encyclopedia under his arm, when he saw a small animal standing in his path. The doctor knew that it was a skunk, but very imprudently hurried the book at him. The skunk, as might have been expected, opened his battery of return of fire, so well directed that the divine was glad to retreat. When he arrived at home, his friends could scarcely come near him, and his clothes were so infested that he was obliged to burn them. Some time after this, he wrote one published pamphlet, speaking very abjectly of the worthy doctor, who was asked, "Why don't you publish a book, and put him down as a skunk?" "I have written a book," says the Rev. gentleman, who is covered by this time that "a pocket derringer, a sword-can and a cocked hat" are more formidable and effective weapons in such an unequal contest.

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MONTANA SHEEP.

The following record of sheep herds in Upper Smith's river valley is condensed from the Helena Herald correspondence:

Cook Bros. have one of the best locations in the valley, and their flocks number over 7,000 head. Their clip this year averaged 5-1-4 pounds. Their wool next year will net them close to \$10,000, and their increase will be from 2,500 to 3,000.

When we consider that the Cook boys started five years ago with only 300 ewes, it strikes me that they would have to wear out a good many pencils to figure out a better paying business than sheep-raising, when intelligently and economically managed. The Cook Bros. breed almost entirely to long wool, although they are now experimenting with a certain cross with the Merino. They keep none but pure blood, first-class rams.

Cook & Hinsey have a flock of 3,400 head, well bred up to Merino, and J. O. Hinsey's private flock numbers 1,900, also bred to short-wool. Their clip averaged nearly six pounds.

Dr. Farbery has 2,900 head, high grade Merino, and another spring will probably show a clip unsurpassed by any flock in the valley, the scab having been entirely cured.

Hugh Morrow has charge of Auerbach & Beverage's flock of 1,500. The band is smelly, and cannot be profitably handled until the disease is cured.

L. D. Burt recently bought out his partner, Hatch, and his band now numbers 2,900. Mr. Burt is an old California sheep raiser and thoroughly understands the business. Mr. Hatch is about to return to California to bring out another band of sheep. It is perhaps needless to say that the Californians believe in and breed the Merino sheep.

John Potter three years ago bought 500 ewes. He has had three lambings and now has nearly 2,400 sheep. Another good opportunity for figuring. His clip was 5-1-4 pounds, and from 863 ewes over one year old this year raised 845 lambs. His rams are half-blood Cotswold.

Smith Bros. & McDonald, who are on upper North Fork, have a band of 2,700. They started with 500 Merino-bred ewes, have had two lambings, and bred to long wools. In two years the band has trebled.

"This year they raise 1,100 lambs—over 100 per cent of the ewes. There were 226 pairs, and one ewe took the sweepstakes by dropping four lambs, and all of them live. This firm have a record of a breeder of Boise, Idaho, 2,000 head of yearling ewes, and Wm. Smith has gone down to drive them up this fall.

Leonard Lewis' flock number 2,100. He breeds Cotswold and Merino, crossing backwards and forwards. His band for several years was very scabby, but after five dippings last summer cured the disease, and the sheep are now in fine condition.

DeLary & McFarland's band, at a count taken last week, numbered 1,300. They breed Cotswolds, and record over 100 per cent increase this year.

Bennett & Goodale, breeders exclusively of thoroughbred Cotswold sheep, are advantageously located on South Branch Creek. Their flock numbers 183 head, at the head of which stands the fine imported ram "British Prince." They have a large, warm stable, in which to have their lambs drop in the month of March. An inspection of their stock and ranch is well worth the while to any one who delights in fine sheep and believes in good improvements.

Smith & Crittenden, also on South Branch Creek, have 1,000 sheep. Hank Crittenden is in charge of the ranch. They breed to Merinos.

Alex. Watson, on Benton Gulch, has 400 head of Merino-bred sheep, which run on the hills month in and month out without any feeder. It frequently happens that the band is not seen for a week, and it is seldom that any one is lost or killed by wild animals. A mountain lion got in the band a few weeks ago and carried off three, which were afterwards found carefully covered over with leaves and branches of trees.

There are over 30,000 sheep now in Smith's River Valley, and a stranger can drive through and see a valley and not see a single flock. That would indicate that there is plenty of sea-room. The increase this year is carefully estimated at 12,000. The clip and increase, at a low estimate, will net \$50,000, and probably \$60,000.

THE DOG RETURNED TO HIS VOMIT.

Under the head of "Disrespectable Journalism," the Times of last week attempts a sort of reply to an article which appeared under the same caption in the COURIER the week previous.

The result is this: It admits the truth of the charges we then made, and attempts a most miserable justification of its course. It regards its self-justification we have nothing to say. It has an unquestionable right to put itself in that way if it so desires, but it must not lay the flattering unction to its soul that it is thereby either deceiving the public or "shaming the devil."

We readily admit that we have not spent a lifetime at journalism, and never in the past professed to be a journalist; but we have all our life long belonged to that great family from whom the journalist has derived his only support and appreciation—namely: the great reading public of America, and of whom the true journalist is only a faithful servant and exponent. In this position we were always compelled to use more or less sound judgment, taste, refinement of our reading and in discharging the patronage we held worthy, and such experience as it has brought us, together with the education that has been profitably fallen to our lot, we have endeavored to give to this same public in the form and character of the AVANT COURIER.

In the future, as in the past, our efforts shall be to educate, uplift and sustain character; to advance the material interests of the community, and to condemn the wrong, and all public abuses, wherever met. In doing so, we see no necessity for, and shall not stoop to, blackguardism, vulgar vituperation, and slander and abuse of private character. Personalities are mean, low, and contemptible. But when any thing of a public nature presents itself, it is always a subject of honest criticism, and we feel it our duty to bring it to the notice of our motives and our efforts.

But the editor of the Times does not profess to belong to the great family we have just alluded to. It is his boast that he has been a journalist of his life long; and his life has been a long one at that. It fairly discounts that of the old Hebrew Patriarch, whose 130 years were "few and evil."

He says we do not write grammatically—that we are not a journalist, but a usurper of the title. This, we judge, was a proper subject for criticism. It had been well enough to point out our errors, and we should have thanked him, and profited thereby. But this "life-long journalist" adds: "All the trouble; all the robberies, swindling and speculations—and the Indian wars that now prevail on our Eastern and Western border, is the result of the policy Alderson, and, in part the late Conference here reported."

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