

THE AVANT COURIER

The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.

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The News.

—Bismark claims a population of 1,000. —The Turks lost over 7,000 in the battle of Shilpa Pass.

—Real estate is lively in Bismark—when the wind blows. —Bismark is to have a four thousand dollar school house.

—Passenger traffic over the Northern Pacific to Bismark is light. —Dakota expects to market over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat this fall.

—The rioters fettered \$2,000,000 of indebtedness on the city of Bismark. —There have been 100 deaths in Bismark, now have their first brick building to erect.

—A fire in New York, Monday, burned over 100 persons and destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of property. —Never, in the history of the State, has there been such a beautiful harvest as Minnesota secured this season.

—Twelve wholesale liquor dealers here: 354 retail dealers, and 238 retail liquor dealers in the Black Hills. —The India famine continues with unabated severity and there is no prospect of relief.

—Eight companies of the Second Cavalry are to be transferred immediately from the Department of the Platte to the new posts on the Tongue and Custer rivers. —One of the Pittsburg paper estimates the liability of the county for the property destroyed during the railroad riots a \$114 per voter in it. Rather costly protection.

—A sanguinary battle was fought at Shilpa, on the 27th ult., between the Turks and Russians. Seraman Pasha captured nearly all the Russian positions. The Russians lost 3,000 killed and wounded. —The Government loses about \$1,000,000 by the strikes, principally in falling off of receipts in Internal Revenue and Customs. Besides the expense incurred in transporting soldiers to and from the scenes of disturbance.

—On the 29th ult., an accident occurred on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, killing and wounding a large number of persons. Sixteen dead bodies have been recovered. It is said the number of dead may reach fifty. —A new counter-claim bill on Union Bank of Chicago, is now afoot. They are easily told on account of the inferior quality, and the word "Union," designating the bank, is evidently "missed" from the old counter-claim on the Treasury National.

—An exchange says that Omaha is trying to build up its prospects for a big Government appropriation by sending out dispatches telling of the frightful manner in which the Missouri is sliding off its banks. Omaha will have room enough for its size even if it is whittled down a little. —Chas. E. Hodges' corpse was discovered near Lower Brule Agency, Dakota, last month, with a bullet hole through his head. His biggy and other property were undisturbed. He had endeavored to staunch the wound with his handkerchief and clothes. The cause of his death is altogether a mystery. His home was in Iowa. He was quite a prominent man.

—A Yankton man recently bought a pair of new boots. He concluded that they were tight. A friend advised him to put whiskey in them. Accordingly he held in a supply of prime "family disturbance" and the result is the boots are still tight but the Yankton man has been tighter. He says he forgot all about the pinching of the boots whilst looking at the "snax and things."

DEATH OF BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Our dispatches announce the death of Brigham Young as having occurred Aug. 29th, from an attack of cholera morbus and inflammation of the bowels. He had been sick but four or five days. He was a man of strong intellect and a natural leader. As Prophet and leader of the Mormon church, after the death of Joseph Smith in 1844, he held the Latter Day Saints across the "Wilderness," as it was then called, to the "promised land," arriving at Great Salt Lake in 1847. His history since is familiar to all our readers. But for the great crimes that have been committed by his subordinate, and which he has provided fine for, as being necessary to save the institution, and the material practice of polygamy, which he was the cause of bringing into his church, he would have been regarded as a man by all who heard of him. The New North-west says: —The Mormon "Gum" is now without a leader. Brigham's wish was that one of his sons should succeed him, but from our telegrams it appears the leadership will be contested, each of the "Fathers" would not doubt thinking himself entitled to the place. John Taylor, the brother of the Prophet, will doubtless be the leader for the time being. Gov. C. Cannon, delegate to Congress, seems willing to relinquish that position to get the more powerful and representative one made vacant by the death of Brigham.

—He was born in Vermont, June 1st, 1801. —The Corinne Board says: "He passed away very quietly and was buried four feet below the ground. He was buried in the morning, many Gentiles as well as Mormons hoisting the flags to half-mast. All is quiet but the death of the Prophet seems to have thrown a terrible gloom over the entire Mormon community.

COMPLIMENTARY.

The Herald of the 31st ult., gives us quite a complimentary "send off." Unlike other first-class notices of honorable obit and invariable eulogies, however, it lacks the essential ingredients of generosity and truth. Mr. J. V. Bogert has not been in editorial charge of the COURIER for the past year or more. Matt. W. Alderson does not entertain successful claims. The "occasional contributions from the head-centre of official literature" have no existence whatever, except in the "little brain" of the editor of the Herald, who has evidently become somewhat "rattled" on that subject.

The Herald's advice was never sought previous to our embarking in the newspaper business, and should financial embarrassments overtake us we shall not yet assessments on it for relief. But we cannot see why it should be attended in any case. —We have always regarded the Herald "boys" as jolly good fellows and friends of ours, and we should surely to say a mean personal thing against any one of them—even if true—unless driven to it in self-defence or in defence. But we find ourselves occasionally obliged to differ from friends even in matters of public policy. We must be accorded this privilege, surely, either as private citizens or as public journalists. We regard the side-sling at religion as

LETTER FROM MARIE.

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Into what depths of inquiry our Republic must be plunged in its little century of life to need such a scathing fire of reform as we are now enduring? And how blind our Executives have been heretofore, or how clear-sighted our present one, that all at once be shown up so plainly? Verily, this is an age to live in! The latest necessity Mr. Carl Schurz has discovered, and is now endeavoring to persuade the President and his honorable fellow Cabinet members to adopt a rule that no editor or publisher of a newspaper shall be part or parcel of the political world, to hold any office of honor or trust under the Government. Well spoken, Mr. Carl Schurz! Editors need not object. Their chief aim in life is to respect public opinion worthily. To do so they must be free from suspicion of any wish to appropriate spoils or distribute office, and if no application for office made by an editor is to be heeded, the press must of necessity be above all suspicion of guile. Horace Greeley's career is warning enough. Of a truth, the press of the country should be as entirely divorced from politics as the army, or as our civil service will be if President Hayes accomplishes his avowed purposes.

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