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THURSDAY. : : : JAN. 3, 1878.

The News.

—The famous trotting mare, Flora Temple, is dead.

—There is talk of building a new steamer at Yankton for the Coulson line.

—England is trying to effect peace between the belligerent Turks and Russians.

—A bill has been introduced in Congress to tax all incomes of over $2,000 a year 3 per cent.

—President Hayes' message was the longest that has been sent to Congress for sixteen years.

—The civil suits against Jake Rehm, the leader of the Chicago Whisky Ring, have been withdrawn.

—Indian Commissioner Hayt has been confirmed by the Senate and has entered upon his duties.

—The striking cigar makers in New York city have opened out a factory on the co-operative principle.

—The people of Iowa pay five million dollars a year in school taxes, a sum equal to one-half of all the taxes paid.

—The report of the Postmaster General shows a deficiency in that department for the last fiscal year of nearly five million dollars.

—The steamer Huntsville, from Savannah to New York, burned at sea December 15. No lives lost. Her crew was picked up by a pilot boat.

—Senator Blaine has gone to the Arkansas Hot Springs to try the effects of the baths in eliminating the malarial poison from his system.

—In Paris, on the 20th ult., M. Prevost Paradel, aged 17 years, shot himself. His father committed suicide while French Minister to the United States.

—Senator Butler's friends are greatly excited over the discovery of an alleged plot on the part of Republican Senators to expel Butler from the Senate.

—The Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided that "mining claims may be located and held by either males or females upon compliance with law.

—At a recent race in England between Dover and London, 70 miles apart, a carrier pigeon made the trip in 56 minutes, an engine was 76 minutes in accomplishing the same.

—A new military post will likely be erected in Montana next yea near the forks of Milk river. It is said th 'eneral Terry located the site for it during is recent visit.

—San Francisco has eighty men whose fortunes vary from one to four millions each, not one of whom has inherited his wealth. They certainly have earned the right to enjoy it.

—The report that Whitelaw Reid, the editor of the New York *Tribune*, was to be succeeded by Col. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia *Times*, is pronounced untrue by the latter gentleman.

—The testimony of unprejudiced observers is to the effect that the Mormon Church, since the death of Brigham Young, is more vigorous and prosperous than at any time in its history.

—Crittenden, of Missouri, has introduced a bill in the House providing for a commission of five persons to consider and mature plans for the improvement of the Missouri river from Fort Benton to its mouth.

—The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McPherson recently died of diphtheria in Deadwood. Their other child, Clarence, was carried away only five weeks previous, from the effects of the same disease.

—Hon. Richard C. McCormick, late Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was nominated to the Senate by the President, as United States Commissioner General at the Paris Exposition of 1878, and promptly confirmed.

—MONTREAL, December 21.—Henry and Julius Davis, importing dry goods merchants, who swindled the banks and their general creditors out of a million and a half of dollars, have absconded. Warrants are out for them.

—A statement is published that ex-Senator Simon Cameron has compromised the suit that was brought against him, for alleged breach of promise, by Mrs. Mary A. Oliver, a widow, by the payment of $1,000. The suit has been withdrawn.

—A bottle of petroleum was brought in to Deadwood, Black Hills, from an oil well that was discovered a few weeks ago, eight miles from Fenny's stockade, 100 miles south of Deadwood. It is pronounced, by experts, superior to that of West Virginia.

—A great fire occurred in New York on the 20th ult., in which a large 5-story building was blown down by the bursting of a copper tank filled with material for making candy. The loss of life was about 40, and the pecuniary loss about $400,000.

—A Rochester, N. Y., girl who was afraid to let her lover in at the door, received him through the window. While he was going in the usual way the other night, he was collared and taken to the station, where he was booked as a burglar. She cleared him.

—LONDON, December 28.—A Paris correspondent telegraphs that it is reported that Don Carlos was ordered to quit France, partly in consequence of ex-Queen Isabella's overtures to him. Those overtures are regarded as an expression of his displeasure at the marriage of King Alphonso.

—Peter B. Sweeney, of the old Tweed ring, lately compromised the suits against him by paying $400,000 to the city. This settlement leaves Sweeney reduced to poverty, but as he is a lawyer of ability and has important suits on hand in Philadelphia, he will soon be on his feet again.

—The land sales of the Northern Pacific railroad company in November aggregate 5,732 acres, the consideration being $284,-. The purchases were made by seventy ns, all but two or three for actual set- and improvement. The sales of three months amounted to 222,924 he consideration received, $100,- 680 pers tlemen the past acres, and 630. s of the fourth class, have ernment by selling stamps defrauded the gov f their proper sphere of to parties outside o mission allowed to delivery. The com ss by the govern- postmasters of this c Salaried post- ment is 40 to 60 per cen ire proceeds of masters have to give the e government. the sale of stamps to the arge quan- Country postmasters, by selling us aug- tities of stamps in large cities, th come ment their salary. The abuse has be ly so glaring that Congress will undoubtedly hasten to amend the law so as to provide that the compensation of fourth class post- offices be determined either by the number of stamps canceled or the number of letters delivered by them.

—A prominent merchant of Rockport, Ill., was enticed from his bed by three men who claimed that they wanted a coat for a man who had just died and was being dressed for burial. Arriving at the store they offered a $20 bill for the coat, and as the merchant was unlocking his safe to change the money, he was knocked on the head, and the safe robbed of $7,000 in currency.

—The Wyoming legislature has adjourned. It has redistricted the Territory, giving Wm. Ware Peck, associate justice, what is known as the sage-brush district, or Peace and Crook counties, which extend across the northern portion of the Territory, taking in the Wind river and reaching to Dakota. A memorial was also passed by both Houses, asking the president to remove Judge Peck from his office. His reappointment and confirmation by the Senate is felt keenly there, as the legislature had sent one memorial to the president, setting forth their grievances, which was entirely disregarded. While all the members acknowledge his ability as a lawyer, they claim he is totally unfit for a judge on a western bench.

—The subject of economy in the use of timber receives considerable attention in the report of the Secretary of the Interior. The prospect that the supply may become exhausted at no distant day and that our country, like ancient Asia and Europe, become a barren waste, is sufficient to excite apprehension and induce measures for economizing in the use of timber and for its propagation in places where it has been removed and upon the extensive prairies of the west. Maine, which once was the great lumber region of the United States, now imports its pine wood from the south, and New York, having used up its own extensive supply, now draws on Canada. These two illustrations indicate that the destroying process is at work, and some steps must be taken to counteract it.

TELEGRAMS.

Captured by the Russians.

PARIS, December 17.—A Russian official dispatch states that the steamer Russland commanded by Adjutant Baronaff, has returned to Sebastopol from a cruise in the Bosphorus, bringing as a prize the Turkish transport steamer Messina, with 700 Turkish troops on board.

Horrible Accident.

MEMPHIS, December 24.—This morning detective Wm. C. Pride, while half asleep imagined that he heard a burglar at the window. He took his pistol from under the pillow, and in attempting to cock it, the weapon was discharged, the ball passing through the body of his five-months-old child and also through the body of his wife, causing the death of both in a few hours. An inquest is now being held. Pride is almost crazed in consequence of this terrible accident.

The Creighton Murder.

CINCINNATI, December 18.—The jury in the Creighton murder case, after a deliberation of 26 hours, returned a verdict of manslaughter, at 12 o'clock to-day, which is considered a compromise verdict.

The circumstances of the case were that the 2nd of last January, Henry Creighton was found dead in his house by the neighbors aroused by his wife, who confessed to having killed him in self defense, there being no witnesses but Eddie Garland, her 12 year old son, by her former husband. His wife is believed, according to testimony, to have married his property rather than the man with whom she lived in continuous warfare. On the morning of his death, she says that he had chased her about the house, shooting at her, and finally with a broad ax drove her to defend herself, when she killed him by throwing an iron mortar, and a nail puller. A motion of a new trial by her counsel is now being entertained by Judge Wright.

A Tragedy.

FARMVILLE, (Va.,) December 27.—A shocking tragedy occurred here to-day. Col. Wm. Randolph Berkley, an eminent lawyer of this place, was seated in his office conversing with Alfred Moth, cashier of the English & American Bank, when a knock was heard at the door and Colonel Berkley got up and answered it. On opening the door a shot was fired from without and the Colonel fell back, with a ball in his temple. Immediately afterward Captain Wm. H. Kennedy entered the office, and stepping behind Colonel Berkley's desk, placed a pistol to his own head and fired. Mr. Moth says that all he heard was a remark by Capt. Kennedy as he first fired, which intimated that he had some grievance against the Colonel. It is stated that Kennedy made three previous attempts on his own life, and for a long time had been in a moody and despondent condition. Colonel Berkley died instantly, and leaves a large family. Kennedy still lives, but there is no hope of his recovery.

The Slaughter of Rusian Wounded and Prisoners.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The *Herald's* London special says: A correspondent at Bucharest telegraphs that it is currently rumored and generally believed there that Osman Pasha will be tried by a military court of the highest jurisdiction for the slaughter of the wounded after the great battle of July 31st, the fight before the Grivitza redoubt on September 11th, and several other minor engagements. The discoveries made by the Russians since occupying the fortifications at Plevna, the information gained from Turkish officers, and above all, the absence of Russian prisoners, although several hundred had been captured during all the engagements, leave no reasonable doubt that the Turks under Osman Pasha have been guilty of deeds which will render his illustrious name forever infamous. Every day brings to light some new horror at Plevna.

A Train Wrecked on the U. P. Railroad.

CHEYENNE, December 26.—Express train No. 4 and freight train No. 7 collided one mile east of this city at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A dense fog prevailed at the time and neither saw the other's approach till they were within 100 yards of each other. When engineer Weeks of the express discovered the freight approaching, he at once reversed his engine and applied the air brakes, when he and his fireman jumped, the fireman receiving no injury, while Weeks escaped with a dislocated ankle. On the freight engine were Michael Maguire, engineer, and Michael Callahan, fireman. The latter was killed instantly, and the legs of the former were cut off, his death occurring two hours later. Conductor Curtis of the freight train was on the engine and jumped, saving his life. The trains were neither moving at more than ten miles per hour. The engine of the freight train was driven entirely thro' the first freight car and badly wrecked. The passenger engine was less damaged, and the train behind the first baggage car was very little injured. The express messenger was thrown from one end of the car to the other and not injured. The responsibility for the accident rested with the dispatcher, Mr. Langdon, who, it is said, realized his failure to hold No. 4 for No. 7 too late to stop her.

SUN RIVER LETTER.

SUN RIVER HOTEL.

Messrs. Largent Brothers have formally opened their new and elegant brick hotel to the public. The building, though not as large or pretentious as some, is perhaps the neatest and handsomest structure of the kind in the Territory and reflects great credit on the architect and principal builder, W. P. Burchard, and speaks well for the enterprise and public spirit of the proprietors. The Largent Brothers had a good run of custom in the old log building adjoining, which no doubt will rapidly increase in the new and commodious quarters they now occupy. Their proverbial generosity is the best guarantee of success. We believe Mr. John Largent, the senior member of the firm, is one of the first, if not the first, settlers in Sun River valley, and is well and favorably known throughout the Territory as an "old-time Montanian."

SALES—BEEF CATTLE.

Robert Ford and O. H. Churchill have recently sold and delivered to Major Alderson about 400 head of beef cattle which are to be driven to Poplar creek—Fort Peck Agency. This is the second sale which has been made this Fall by these gentlemen. The first was made about two months since to the Tingley Bros. for their Government contract at the military Post—mouth of Tongue river—and numbered upwards of 500 head. About the same time, Lepley and Austin, J. R. Cox and Wm. Mulchay sold in the aggregate 500 head to fill contracts at the Fort Peck and Blackfeet Agencies, making a total of more than 14,000 head of beef cattle sold and delivered from the range within the past two months. These sales amount to at least $28,000.

LARGE CROP.

Mr. Robert Vaughan, if not the most extensive farmer, appears to have been the most successful one in the Sun River valley the past season. We are informed that he threshed out eight hundred bushels of excellent grain, the largest crop raised by any one man in the valley. This with the increase in his herds of cattle and horses will insure a competent income for a middle-aged bachelor of even greater pretentions than Robert. There is nothing mean about Robert, though, and we are confident he would willingly share his entire earthly possessions with a fair young damsel, provided she was of the "right stripe."

N. B.—None over 40 need apply.

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LUMBER AND TIMBER.

Letter From Att'y General Devens.

The following letter from Attorney General Devens to U. S. Attorney Anderson was received last night:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
General Land Office,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8, 1877.

Robert S. Anderson, Esq., U. S. Attorney, Helena, Montana:

SIR:—The Secretary of the Interior, by letter of the 7th inst., has furnished me with copies of dispatches from Messrs. Holter & Bro., and Sanford & Evans, looking towards some arrangement by which upon payment therefor the lumber and timber seized may be released to them and the suit brought dismissed, and also asking that permission be given them to continue cutting upon Government lands at certain rates.

As recommended by the Secretary, you may, if suit has been brought against these parties, settle with them for the lumber now on hand at $2 per thousand feet. Since the law does not allow the granting of permission to cut timber on public lands, their request for such permission must be denied.

Very respectfully,
CHAS. DEVENS,
Attorney Ceneral.

—*Herald, 21st ult.*

Mail Lettings.

The Postal Department ask for bids for carrying mails in the Territory of Montana, service beginning July 1st, 1878, and ending June 30th, 1882. As the routes have been published in nearly every newspaper in the Territory, we give only local routes. Persons desiring to bid for carrying the mails, should bear in mind that all proposals should be sent in prior to 3 o'clock p. m. of February 2, 1878. The awards will be made on or before March 30, 1878 Contracts and bonds must be filed in the Department before June 1, 1878, or they will be considered forfeited.

From Virginia City, by Meadow creek, Pony, Sterling, Red Bluff and Lewis to Bozeman, 90 miles and back six times a week. Bond required with bid, $14,000.

From Helena, by Beaver creek, Springville, Radersburg, Gallatin, Hamilton and Central Park, to Bozeman, 110 miles and back six times a week. Bond $26,000. Proposals are also invited for seven times a week over this route.

From Pony, by Harrison and Willow creek to Gallatin City, 35 miles and back twice a week. Bond, $1,400.

From Pony, by Jefferson Island, Cold Springs and Clagget, to Boulder Valley, 56 miles and back once a week. Bond, $1,200.

From Bozeman, by Hayden to Chico, 46 miles and back once a week. Bond, $900.

From Bozeman, by Shields River, Crow Agency, Stillwater, Head of Navigation (n. o.), Pompey's Pillar (n. o.) Fort Pease (n. o.) and Big Horn City (n. o.) to Tongue River, 326 miles and back, three times a week. Bond, $25,000; check, $1,250.

From Bozeman, by Spring Hill and East Gallatin to Gallatin City, 95 miles and back twice a week. Bond, $900.

MONTANA NEWS.

[*New North-West, 28th ult.*]

Daily coaches, Sundays excepted, now run to and from Deer Lodge, Ryan's and Franklin.

In the case of the Territory vs. Edward B. Connell, indicted for perjury in making false assessments returns. The assessor's return was offered in evidence, but there being a clerical error in the dating of said return, it was not admitted, and the Court instructed the jury they would, therefore, have to bring in a verdict of not guilty, which was accordingly done.

In the case of the Territory vs. James E. Owings, for rape, the jury, after being out eighteen hours, returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment, with a recommendation to the Court for mercy. A motion for a new trial is now pending, and sentence has been twice deferred. The shortest term is five years in the penitentiary.

In the case of the Territory vs. Ah Chin for grand larceny, in stealing $350 in Henderson gulch, the jury found him guilty as charged, and he was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary.

[*Husbandman.*]

A joint stock company, with a capital of six thousand dollars, has been formed by some of the enterprising citizens of Smith river valley for the purpose of engaging in the wool growing business.

We learn that a young man living on Crow creek, whose name we have forgotten, recently went out hunting and shot down what he supposed to be a mountain sheep, but upon approaching it, it proved to be one of the large merino rams lost by Edwards & Bro. in September last. It is a pity he did not go nearer him before shooting, as he might have recognized the ram and thereby saved Messrs. Edwards their valuable property.

[*Daily Herald.*]

Charles Cameron, an old farmer in the Prickly Pear valley, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning (25 ult.), and from the appearance of the corpse it is thought that he had been dead for three or four days. Intemperance, it is thought, was the cause of his death. Coroner Ingersoll went down to hold an inquest yesterday, but finding a number of men in the house who all agreed as to the cause of his demise, it was not considered necessary to proceed further. Deceased was 67 years of age and unmarried.

Pardon of Joyce.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The President to-day signed the pardon for John A. Joyce, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States of taxes on distilled spirits. The pardon is full and unconditional. Joyce, it will be remembered, was sentenced to pay $2000 fine in addition to imprisonment.

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