

The Avant Courier.

MATT. W. ALDERSON, Editor. THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1878. News of the Week.

The President has approved the bankrupt repeal bill. The Empress of Russia is seriously ill of fever and inflammation of the pleura. Gen. Fremont has been nominated by the President as Governor of Arizona.

NAVIGATION OF THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER.

The future prospects of Eastern Montana brighten with each succeeding season. After an unusually mild winter and consequent low water during the early part of the boating season, the navigability of the Yellowstone river has again been practically demonstrated by the arrival of no less than three large Missouri river steamers, heavily loaded, as far as Sherman, or the mouth of Big Horn, and about 230 miles from Bozeman.

CHURCH BUILDING IN MONTANA.

We believe it is the history of western towns that as soon as they begin to loom up in importance and people begin to consider their permanent and what would be the building of churches and school houses is commenced. Such, at least, has been the experience of most of the towns in Montana.

INDIANS LEAVING THEIR RESERVATIONS.

A petition is being circulated in Meagher county, praying General Sherman to prohibit the Flathead Indians from passing through the Northeastern settlements of Montana, giving as reasons therefor that such Indians although (so called) friendly, cannot always be distinguished from hostiles, whose actions they often counterfeited.

REDUCING THE ARMY.

General Gibbon on Bounding Banning's Scheme to Reduce the Army. Washington, June 3.—General Gibbon, of the army, has written a very pointed letter to Bounding Banning, the great army reducer, in regard to the misrepresentations made in the recent speech of Banning regarding the reduction of the army.

PUBLIC LANDS.

The following are brief summaries of important land bills that have passed the Senate and are now before the House: LAND FOR TERRITORIAL UNIVERSITIES. The House Committee on Public Lands has reported in favor of the passage of a bill providing seventy-two sections of land in each Territory, to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the support of a university in each of the Territories.

TRANSFER OF THE SIOUX.

The Seventh Cavalry on the Move. New York Herald, June 1st. "The transfer of the Sioux from the Red Cloud and Sotted Tail Agencies, on the Missouri, to White river will begin June 15. Advice received here goes to show that there will probably be serious trouble with these two strong bands, as all the young Indians are becoming very unruly, and the older ones will not be inclined to restrain them as soon as it is known that the places on White Earth which have been selected for the new reservations are not at all in accordance with the promises made to the chief here last fall."

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF HOMESTEAD SETTLERS ON RAILROAD LANDS.

provides that on and after its passage, the even sections within the limits of any grant of public lands to any railroad company, or to any military road company, or to any State in aid of any railroad or military road, shall be open to settlers under the homestead laws of the United States to each settler, and any person who has under existing laws, taken a homestead on any even section within the limits of any railroad or military road grant, and who, by existing laws shall have been restricted to eighty acres, may enter under the homestead laws an additional eighty acres adjoining the land embraced in his original entry, if such additional land be subject to entry, or if such person so choose, he may surrender his entry to the United States for the same length of time upon and of the land embraced in his additional entry, and shall be deducted from the five years' residence and cultivation required by law; provided, that in no case shall patent issue upon an additional or new homestead entry, unless the original entry with the homestead land occupied, resided upon, and cultivated the land embraced therein at least one year.

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emigrants in 1857, and he was to be tried at the September term of the First District Court. District Attorney Van Zile had a pretty sure case worked up against him, and thinks he would have secured his conviction, in which case Rockwell had promised his attorney to make a confession of all his crimes, and give the names of those who were guilty with him. It was well yesterday, and attended the theatre in the evening. He was driving some distance from the city to-day, and on his return to the stables got out of his buggy and died almost instantly. It is thought, in view of the facts of the case, that he was fatally dealt with by some of his fellow Danites. A post mortem will be held to-morrow. He was about 60 years of age. The Indian Bureau and War Department.

Washington, D. C.—The transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department is strenuously opposed in the Senate. A statement prepared at the Indian Office shows that Mr. Banning's assertion in a speech that such action would result in a saving of \$3,500,000 is incorrect. The total appropriations for the Indian Bureau were but \$1,570,000 for the last fiscal year, of which \$3,000,000 were for the fulfillment of treaty stipulations, leaving \$1,570,000 for all other expenses of the Indian service. The statement also shows that a large number of ex-officers and privates who served in the volunteer army are employed in the Indian service in various capacities. It is claimed that to transfer the Indian Bureau to the army would fail to accomplish the vast civil duties required and for which by education, training and experience military officers are unfitted. It was stated that to turn the Indian administration over to the army would be the same as turning the municipal government of a city over to the police.

—A statement is current in London that the dissolution of Parliament will shortly be announced. —A Senate committee has been appointed to investigate Senator Matthews' connection with Louisiana affairs. The committee met and agreed to defer business until next September. —On the 31st ult., Webb, a negro who murdered A. Finney, and left two ladies for dead, last December, was hung at Mansfield, Ohio. Over thirty thousand people were on the ground and witnessed the execution. One of the best speeches in the House on the army bill was delivered by Major Martin Maginnis, the delegate from Montana. His time was limited to five minutes, and a large number of Representatives were entitled to speak, but his entire original and eloquent style of argument, in opposition to the reduction, interested the House, and with one accord Representatives Kildler, Corlett, Ryan, Connor and others yielded him their time, and he was thus enabled to finish his remarks, which were greeted with great applause on the floor and in the galleries.—Pioneer Press.

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