

The Avant Courier.

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PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Price of the Courier Reduced to \$2.50 per Annum.

In order to place the AVANT COURIER within the reach of all, and enable our patrons to send the paper to their friends and acquaintances East, we have decided to make a most liberal reduction to all our subscribers. THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS, in Advance, will pay for the Courier for one year. Five dollars will pay for the Courier and any one of the leading eastern papers published, when subscription price does not exceed two dollars. We thus offer two papers for the price of one; less, even, than the subscription price of several of our Territorial papers.

The AVANT COURIER is the pioneer, and the largest paper ever published in Eastern Montana, and, at present, is the only newspaper published in that section of the Territory that has been fully termed "the garden of Montana," viz: the Gallatin and Yellowstone Valleys, the two largest valleys in the Territory. Under its present management, the steady increase to its subscription list demonstrates, beyond a doubt, that it is constantly gaining in popular favor, and the liberal advertising patronage it receives, while being one of the best guarantees of success, proves that the paper is read extensively and thus made valuable to advertisers. We therefore take this opportunity of returning thanks for the many we have received, and desire to show our appreciation of the same by giving our patrons the benefit of our present and prospective success.

It is our purpose, eventually, to work up the business of the COURIER, especially the subscription portion, to a cash basis, believing that it will be for the best interests of our subscribers as well as ourselves to do so. Our reduced rates to cash subscribers must commend themselves to all who study economy, or know the value of money. The price is certainly low; so low that it is not to be without the Territory can afford to be without the paper. So low, that were the patronage divided between two or more papers, there would be no margin for us, but, with a clear field, we push forward, giving our patrons the benefit of our good fortune, with faith in the appreciation and good judgment of the people, as well as in the development and future greatness of Eastern Montana.

It is our intention to make the COURIER the people's paper by continuing it on its course, untrammelled by political ties, outspoken on all subjects of public interest, fearless and truthful in the discussion of all the important questions of the day. It will continue to hold the position that the material advancement, worth and prosperity of this, the fairest portion of Montana, is of paramount importance to all the political issues or squabbles that can possibly be raised.

A military telegraph line is now being erected that will connect Bozeman directly with all the commercial and political centres of the world, and it is our purpose, if possible, to secure the very latest news by telegraph from all points of the world, thus making the COURIER, in all respects, as it is now conceded to be in many, the very best and most desirable newspaper in Montana.

In our efforts to make the COURIER a good, wholesome, and reliable newspaper, one of which the people of Eastern Montana will have reason to be proud, we ask our friends to continue their patronage and assistance by subscribing and paying for the paper; by sending a copy to some friend or acquaintance East; by contributing articles of interest and all items of news to its columns; by a continuation of liberal advertising patronage, and, in lieu of giving the preference to the rhombic printing office.

Being the first newspaper in the Territory to make a wholesale reduction in subscription rates, and that without solicitation on our part, we confidently rely on an appreciative and a discerning public for that success to which, in any sense, we may be entitled.

ALDERSON & SON, THE COING ELECTION.

A little less than two months hence, one of the most important elections will be held that has ever taken place in the Territory. A Delegate to Congress is almost, if not an entire, new Legislature, District Attorneys, and a full corps of county officials are to be elected at the biennial election, to be held on the 7th day of November next. In regard to the strife and contest for office outside of our own county, we propose to have little, if anything, to do or say, but touching the election of members of the Territorial Legislature and officers for Gallatin county, we think it is the duty, and it should be the business, of every citizen of the county to take a deep and lively interest, not only in the election itself, but in the primary acts and movements which invariably precede it. We have sometimes thought that our system of caucuses and primaries is a most pernicious one inaugurated and kept up by a small clique or ring of office-seekers who thereby thoroughly thwart the will of the people.

News of the Week.

—Ex-Governor Haight, of California, died on the 23d inst.
—At New Orleans 1,001 persons have died of yellow fever.
—Within the past year 6,000,000 people have died of starvation in India.

—The yellow fever still rages with unabated fury in Mississippi and Louisiana.
—One hundred and five deaths from yellow fever occurred in Memphis on the 6th inst.

—New York, Sept. 2.—Subscriptions for the yellow fever sufferers, \$2,000; total date, \$44,637.
—Rarus has again beaten Goldsmith Maid's best time. August 23d he made his mile in 2:13-1/2.

—Winter wheat in Chicago is eighty-nine to ninety-one and a half cents per September delivery.
—The wool shipments from Colorado Springs, Col., from January 1 to August 1, aggregated 6,000,000 pounds.

—Postmaster Filley, of St. Louis, has been removed for disobeying the President's civil service reform order.
—The Kearneyites have caused the value of property to depreciate \$10,250,000 during the past year in San Francisco.

—An article in the London Railway News on "The Railroads of Montana," begins with "Montana has no railroads."
—In certain parts of Vermont they are discussing a proposal to establish vigilance committees, for protection against depredations by tramps.

—Two hundred petitions were filed in bankruptcy at Chicago the last two days in August. These took up many millions, with very small assets.
—For Delegate, in Dakota, the Republicans have nominated Judge Bennett, of Yankton, and the Democrats, Bartlett Tripp, of the same town.

—Ex-President Grant's brother, Orville, has become insane, and has been sent to the Asylum at Morris-town, N. J. His mind runs on gigantic speculations.
—A number of box and stock cars are being built at the Ogden Car Works to supply the demand of the increased traffic on the Ogden & Northern road. The stock cars are made of oak.

—According to dispatches, the whole of the lower Mississippi and Red River country is demoralized through fear of the yellow fever scourge. Many towns in western Tennessee are nearly depopulated.
—It does not strike the Omaha Republican that times are very hard, or a country very "hard up," which consumes fifty million gallons of whisky, ten million barrels of beer, and two thousand million cigars in a single year.

—The Pioneer Press of St. Paul proposes during the week of the State Fair to enlarge its proportions to twelve pages or twenty-two columns. This is evidence of journalistic enterprise commendable in the proprietors, and a credit to Minnesota.
—Matt. Carpenter received twenty dollars per word for a written legal opinion.

—Detroit liquor dealers paid him one hundred dollars to study up the constitutionality of the Michigan liquor law. He studied, and rendered the following opinion: "You can't break the law."

—The Yellow fever scourge still rages in the Southern cities. Dispatches of 2nd inst., state that at Port Gibson, Miss., 52 deaths occurred out of 400 cases. At Memphis, the same day, the undertakers reported 43 yellow fever interments up to noon. In New Orleans there were 200 new cases and 88 deaths.

—The terrible flood that occurred in Colorado a week ago washed away the railroad on the Denver & Rio Grande route for fifteen miles in one place, near St. Charles, and did much damage at other points. The cloud burst lasted all night, and all the crops, a great deal of live stock and dwellings were destroyed, and several men were drowned.

—The Union Pacific authorities have ordered the freight hurried north from Omaha to the camps of Montana and Idaho. There are now stored at the end of the track about 800 tons, some of which has been here several months. The property is to get the wayward word to be to offer freighters enough to induce them to haul.—Ogden Freeman.

—The N. P. R. Co. has two parties out, under Chief Engineer Roberts, thoroughly examining proposed railroad routes over the Cascade Mountains. The parties together number 30 men, and the necessary expenditures on their account are said to exceed \$100 a day—the unaccounted delight of the Teosomans. The completion of the surveys is not expected until November.

—The chief engineer of the Chicago & Northwestern road, to test the smoothness of the track placed a glass of water on the seat of a Pullman car the other day, and carried it through from Chicago to Omaha without losing a drop. Thinking specific gravity might have something to do with it, next trip he tried a glass of whisky, and when he examined the glass at the first station out he found it as dry as the desert of Sahara at high noon.

Montana in a Nut-Shell.
An appeal has been made by Governor Potts for contributions for the yellow fever sufferers.

The Assay Office melted and assayed, on the 5th inst., \$9,000 in gold and \$4,300 in silver.

A number of the prominent merchants and others of Helena are on a trip down the Missouri river, from Stubbs Ferry to Fort Benton.

Scott, from Missoula county, and Rudolf, from Gallatin, having been pronounced cured, were discharged from the Territorial Asylum on the 1st inst.

The Republicans of Montana will meet their delegates in Territorial Convention at the Court House in Helena, at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, September 24th, 1878.

On the offer of ten percent of Lewis and Clarke county \$12,000 bonds for sale, bids were received, the two highest of which were: E. Wilcox for \$500—\$1.00. R. S. Hale for \$12,000—50 cents.

M. H. Courtwright has sold the Mt. Pleasant mill to Messrs. Cotter & Hickey. The price paid was \$3,000 cash. The mill will be run on Fenoboc ore, from now until next Spring.

The steamer Helena arrived at Fort Benton on the 2nd inst. She is the first boat to arrive at that Port as late as September. It was her sixth trip. Her only freight for Eastern Montana was 298 packages for the Crow Agency.

A correspondent of the Helena Herald, speaking of the Butte Road says: "Great credit is due Col. Black for the energy with which he has pushed forward work under his contract and the faithful manner in which he has performed it."

Bids were recently opened in Helena for four Forts Shaw and Missoula. G. S. Lewis, of Gallatin Valley, was the lowest bidder for Shaw, his bid being \$8.50 for 150,000 pounds. T. J. Demers was the lowest for Missoula, 23,000 pounds at \$2.75.

LETTER FROM PROF. HAYDEN.

Horses Stolen from his Party, etc.

Camp of U. S. Geographical Survey of the Territories, Upper Geyser Basin, August 31, 1878.

To Editor of Courier: On the evening of August 25th the division of the U. S. Geological Survey, under my charge, conducted by A. D. Wilson, in charge of the primary triangulation, was robbed of its entire outfit by a supposed band of Indians, probably Blackfeet. The party was in camp near Sawtooth Peak, and at half past eight o'clock in the evening, as the party sat around the camp fire, two shots were fired into camp, and at the same moment the entire herd of animals, consisting of twelve mules and two horses, were driven away. The party escaped by concealing themselves in the bushes until morning, when they started for the Upper Geyser Basin, a distance of sixty miles. Fortunately no one was hurt. Thirteen of the animals were branded, "G. S." (Geological Survey) on the left shoulder, and a portion of them were also branded "G. S." on the right shoulder.

Information that the people of Montana can procure in regard to the robbers, whether white men or Indians, or of the animals, will be gratefully received. The party found one horse in the valley of Henry's Fork, which had been abandoned by the marauding party, marked "3d Cavalry, Co. H." They appeared to have about fifty animals, most of them shod, and from them came up from the direction of Fort Hall, and the trail led toward the northeast. I trust that Government officials will take possession of this property, wherever it may be found.

F. V. HAYDEN, U. S. Geologist.

EXTENSION OF THE N. P. R. Bismarck Tribune.

The writer met Mr. Chas. B. Wright, President of the Northern Pacific railroad, yesterday, and from him learned the following interesting facts: The contract for the extension of the N. P. two hundred miles west of Bismarck will be let within ten days, and the work of getting out ties, bridge timber, etc., will immediately commence. The ties, timber and iron will be forwarded during the fall and winter, and crossed on the ice, together with the necessary rolling stock. It has not yet been determined whether grading will be commenced this fall, but it probably will be, the object being to put the Yellowstone division in running order in time for fall Montana business.

Engineers are now at work locating the line from Minneapolis and Sauk Rapids, and grading on this line will commence within ten days. That section may be completed yet this fall. It surely will be so the third of next spring.

The lands west of the Missouri will be put on the market as fast as sections of ten miles or less is completed, and at very low rates—certainly at \$2.50 per acre—the object being to realize funds for construction from sales of land.

Five townships west of the Missouri, three on the Missouri, and two up the Heart river, will be surveyed this fall—in fact, work on the survey has already commenced.

MORE INDIAN ATROCITIES DOWN THE ROAD. Pleasant Valley, Sept. 8, 1878.

The Banacks at Acker Creek station, on the Salmon city road, this morning, they shot the stock-tender through the head and the driver through the leg, and burned the coach. The return stage picked up the wounded men, who had escaped from the station after the shooting, and brought them to Sand Hole station. The stock-tender is believed to be mortally wounded.

The Cavalry company now at Red Rock has been ordered down the road to near Hole-in-the-Rock station, and a squad of about twenty men has been sent north from Fort Hall by Capt. Hamilton.—Herald.

Stinking Water, Bear Paw, Etc. Samuel Odell, of Springfield, Mo., at the head of a party of seven prospectors, arrived from the Stinking Water region, through the Hole-in-the-Rock station, and have prospected the Big Horn mountains, the Bear Paw, and the Upper Yellowstone generally, for a company of capitalists, of which C. A. Tompkins, of New York, is vice president, and Colonel Budnot, of Washington, is secretary. They were accompanied by two experienced assessors.

They found the water very warm, with quartz pebbles from \$20 to \$80 per day, with quartz croppings which assayed from \$5 to \$8 per ton. They believe the country richer and more extensive than the Black Hills. In the Bear Paw they found fair placer diggings and quartz paying \$16 to the ton. On the Powder river they found eight feet veins of cannel-coal, and in unlimited quantities. They found many tributaries of streams not located on the maps, and a country of unsurpassed excellence. Mr. Odell returns for a colony of settlers for the agricultural lands on the Upper Yellowstone, and will operate in the mines from the settlement to be made.—Bismarck Tribune.

Telegrams. Terrible Flood. Vienna, September 1.—Later accounts from Mickale, Hungary, state that over 400 corpses have already been recovered, and two hundred persons are still missing.

At Erlau, about sixty-five miles from Pesth, the river Eger broke through the walls of the town, and whole rows of houses were demolished and many persons drowned.

Destruction of the Grand Central Hotel at Omaha. Chicago, September 5.—Dispatches from Omaha state that the Grand Central Hotel, the finest west of the Mississippi, outside of San Francisco and Salt Lake, caught fire mysteriously in the fifth story last night, and, after burning over six hours, was completely destroyed. The building was a five story brick, 132 feet square, and cost \$300,000. It was opened in 1873, and had been refitted under the management of Hutchins Bros., of Leavenworth, who leased it from the proprietors, Kountze Bros. and others, they having just freed it from vexatious litigation, which had been going on ever since it was erected. The new carpets and furniture were being put in, and in a few weeks it would have been ready for occupation.

The insurance was about \$100,000 on the building and \$5,000 on the furniture. The loss on the furniture is estimated at \$25,000.

Six firemen were seriously hurt, and three men, James McNamara, Alonzo Randall and Charles Rapp, were killed. Al. Hartley, fireman, was injured severely and Henry Lockett totally. The bodies of four firemen have been unearthed during the night, William McNamara, single, Lewis Wilson, single, Alonzo Randall and John Lee, both married; all young men. Identification was made by means of the

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Five or six men and four boys, all unknown, are said to be missing, and are supposed to have been burned.

No guests were in the house, which was not to have been opened till the 15th of September.

The Herald office was crushed in by the falling wall. The other business establishments which lost by the removal of goods, breakage, water, thefts, etc., were insured. The new furniture, carpets and other equipments were three-fourths saved, although considerably damaged.

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