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LETTER FROM CHARLES ANGENEY

Stock Interests of Gallatin County.

Present System Bad, and Why.

Driving Stock Out of the County.

Legislation Needed, &c., &c.

We have been silent for quite a while in regard to stock growing, and it may be excusable for us to bring the question into argument again.

I said in my last letter that two more years of experience proved to us the urgency of help for the improvement of cattle.

In this we will add one more year, that will well confirm what we said before.

Being at the eye of another session of our Legislature, the Hon. Representatives and trust them to their good judgment.

We admit that the Legislature cannot do a great deal on this matter, but between a great deal and nothing there is something.

We sought to be entitled to a shadow of disposition at any rate.

Some of our newspapers, the Hustonham and the Independent, have taken a benevolent interest in reproducing our arguments.

In regard to stock growing, we have also given us an addition of valuable suggestions in regard to it, which should be appreciated by the subscribers.

It is to be hoped that the newspapers will keep helping us in our efforts.

For realizing the best of the columns of our papers one in a while an article concerning the interest of Montana ought to be at least interesting to taxpayers as the need of an insubstantial novel.

We are not lawyers, hence we were not expected to know to what extent the Legislature can go.

We are only enabled by common sense and what we believe reasonable according to our own judgment, and what we have learned by experience and from people residing out of Montana.

I said in my last letter: Why has the Legislature found a good reason to order the scrub stallions out of the way, while the scrub bulls are permitted to occupy the first positions in the cattle herds?

The Hustonham replied: "Because they were dangerous to ladies and children."

We admitted that such was the reason and not for the improvement of horses.

Nevertheless, the horses receive the benefit of the Stallion law, in material aids to their improvement.

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We can add to this some more facts which occurred since the last writing.

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Invest their money in valuable property and by so doing receive the return both in wealth and satisfaction, would be both beneficial and highly satisfactory to those most deeply interested.

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News of the Week.

—Twenty-four degrees below zero on the morning of the 19th ult., at Butte.

—At Wilmington, N. C., December 24th, the steamer J. P. Underhill was burned at her wharf.

—A batch of five road agents were captured near Rock Creek, Wyoming, on December 23rd.

—Orders for \$20,000 in standard silver coins were received at the Department on the 23rd of December.

—Foster's Day was appropriately celebrated by the New England Societies in New York and San Francisco on the 23rd ult.

—The fight over the transfer of the Indian Bureau grows more and more in earnest, and each side is searching eagerly for effective ammunition.

—The New York World recently discharged all its compositors belonging to the Typographical Union and substituted others in their stead.

—The Governor of Kansas is desirous of having a strong military force along the southern border of Kansas to hold the Indians in check.

—The heaviest snow fall in thirty years recently visited Great Britain and many parts of the Continent, blocking railways and suspending traffic.

—The Treasury Department regards resumption as an accomplished fact. Bondholders now prefer greenbacks to gold in payment of gold coupons.

—The Gold bill, which contains half the quantity of gold in a gold dollar and half the quantity of silver in a silver dollar, is the last monetary proposition.

—Trox (N. Y.), December 23.—A boiler explosion at Star Forge killed Alfred St. Charles, water tender, and Thomas Gentlemen, publisher, and four others injured.

—Buffalo, December 23.—The severest snow storm since 1871 visited this section last night, and is still raging. Fully three feet of snow has fallen and badly drifted.

—The German Fishery Verein intend building an international exhibition at Berlin, April, 1880, and invite the co-operation of all nations engaged in catching and drying fish.

—The Northwestern States were visited with an extremely cold snap, accompanied by wind and snow, last week. The thermometer ranged from 15 to 30 degrees below zero.

—An immense fissure has been discovered in the Blue Ridge Mountains, extending from the middle fork of the Rapidan river to the Shenandoah, a distance of twelve or fourteen miles.

—Portland, O., December 23.—One hundred and twenty-five men, under Col. Forsyth, left Washburn to reconnoiter for the proposed route of the Northern Pacific.

It is reported that Chief Moss and several of his chosen warriors have been taken prisoners by the Yakima volunteers.

—Mrs. Malinda Mack, infatuated at Jamesville, Wis., for the murder of her husband last July, was on the 26th ult. found guilty and sentenced to the State prison for life, the utmost limit in Wisconsin.

Decker, the hired man, who turned State's evidence, will be tried soon.

—Washington, December 24.—The suit against the Government, brought by the heirs of Stephen A. Douglas for certain copyright entered by the U. S. Government in Mississippi during the war and sold as abandoned property, was settled finally in the Court of Claims today, by judgment in favor of claimants.

—Chicago, December 24.—S. D. Richards, a young man 23 years old, was arrested at Southville, Ohio, last night on a charge of the murder of Mrs. Harrison and three children at Keokuk, Va., on the 20th inst. After the arrest he confessed to seven murders and said he expected to die, but that his death would be avenged.

COMMENTED.—Pronouncements.

For the interposition of farmers who have XXX wheat, we give the following facts derived from a gentleman who is, doubtless, better posted than any other person in Montana: Butte will need 1,000 sacks of flour per month. There is no chance to get any there this winter from Missouri on account of the roads and adverse weather. Hence, a supply must come from Gallatin county, and flour is going in there daily from this county and those taking it in get from \$4 to \$4.50 per sack.

The wheat crop in Madison is not half as much as in 1877, and Virginia City will buy not less than 500 sacks from Gallatin county for the property is gone and the money is very liable to a change of location. Others—Mr. John McDonald, who is one of the most notable—have moved their herds away. Mr. McDonald is the only cattle grower of the Lower Madison valley that owned decent herds. He had to supply his neighbors in order to breed his own cows. He stood the imposition as long as he could, but finally had to come to the conclusion either to sell out or move away where he would have better control of his herd, and decided to move. Now he is out of one trouble and into another. He has his business on one side of the range and his family on the other, which is very disagreeable. The next thing he will have to do will be to move his family to his new location. Others will have to do like him. Though, while they are dividing such a class of settlers from Gallatin valley because we are afraid of displeasing those bold Communists who have got a natural inclination to make as much as they can off their neighbors, we don't show much justice to ourselves, for even if the latter class of settlement could be self-exacting, get along better and in harmony with neighbors by doing the fair thing between man and man, such is not their disposition. They are naturally enemies to progress and are strongly in favor of having everything in common and mixed up in business matters in order not to permit any one to take the lead towards advancement. And as I have stated before, this class of people will never feel fairly with their fellowmen until compelled to by proper authorities; and if that is not the thorough foundation of the Communist principle, I never to some one else the care to find the inventor it.

We need help for the improvement of our cattle. Good bulls are wanted now more than ever. A great many fine calves, bred under enclosure, are castrated every year, which could be of great value to the improvement of the breed, if they were purchased for breeding purposes instead of being castrated among the steers, for the reason before mentioned. If the Legislature does not deem it reasonable to give us the benefit of a Bull law, after the same pattern of the Stallion law, they may appoint a committee with power to condemn such bulls as they be considered worthy by them. Anything that would induce the indolent cattle growers to take better care of their cattle, and give a chance to those in favor of improving their herds.

W. W. Wickes, President of the Montana Company, is en route to Montana with funds to the First National Bank of Helena to the amount of \$27,000, with which the company is to be put on once upon a sound footing and furnished with a working capital.

WILSON'S LETTERS.

Down the Yellowstone From Stillwater to Coulson.

For several miles above Stillwater the valley is not more than half a mile in width and flanked on either side by lightly timbered hills. Below the station the road winds over a bench, crosses a sage-grove bottom, climbs another bench and soon emerges on the broad prairie of Clark's Fork Bottom. After leaving Young's Point we have a ride of thirty miles before reaching another timbered hill. Passing down the valley the scenery is quiet and would be almost tame, were it not for the far-away views which are occasionally had of the mountain range whose mighty crags piled up on each other in savage confusion, snow-covered and glistening in the sunlight, tower high up into the heavens. But returning, this ride is one of the most charming the tourist can find in Montana. The long level of the prairie is broken by the rocky ledges that rise from the river bank, while above all, the magnificent Big Horn range circling and facing the valley is constantly before him. Like a vast kaleidoscope, its beauties at every step from new combinations, constantly changing, never the same. The bottom is about forty miles long and varies in width from one to nine miles. The grass found here is of the quality and in quantity very abundant. Hour after hour, mile after mile, we jog along, finally approaching the outskirts of another settlement. Here we find quite a delegation from Boston who arrived but a few months ago. One of these men, Mr. Tim Rendon has built about his house and stable a complete stockade, and has made "insurance doubly sure" by the addition of soil which is like a foot thick and piled up against it. Were it not for one defect in the construction of this young Gibraltar we are of the opinion that Mr. Rendon, aided by a howitzer and a few coils of ammunition, could defend his residence against the whole Sioux nation, but unfortunately he has neglected to make any loopholes, so that in the event of any hostilities in order to do any very effective fighting it would be necessary for "Tim" either to climb up on top of his house or else go outside of the structure altogether.

Half a mile further on is the station kept by Ed. Forest. This place was visited by the Nez Percés when they were passing through with General Howard at their heels. They approached the place just as the coach arrived and the driver, the late passenger, B. B. Brockway and Ed. Forest retreated as rapidly as possible to the covering of the neighboring timber. This delegation from Boston's hand, however, were after fun rather than fighting, so were after giving Ed a chance to draw a "head" on any of them, which he certainly would have done had he not been at the moment in something of a hurry, they ascended the coach and started off on a wild frolic over the prairie. Edward prefaces a "split" in his, however, and has improved his leisure time by raising vegetables, etc., particularly cucumbers, and making pickles of them, samples of which we found to be as good as any ever raised in the Old Empire State.

Two miles further on, we reach the ranch of Joseph Cochran. By the river bank and within a few yards of his cabin stands a stately cottonwood, which may perhaps be properly called the Josephine tree. It marks the highest point in the Yellowstone river ever reached by a steamboat. On one side a large piece of bark has been taken off and the inscription carved upon the smooth surface, "Josephine Arrived June 7th, 1877, Grand March Captain." But while this tree is always in good running order. Respecting a continuation of the voyage heretofore extended to the house, and given to the following:

Law, respectively.

JAMES MANEY.

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