

The President's message occupies seven columns of the daily Pioneer Press, being by far the longest document of the kind Mr. Hayes ever wrote.

Copies of the President's message were clandestinely abstracted from the government printing office, and sold to the leading newspaper men of the country, in advance of its delivery to Congress.

Nothing is more common now-days than for some prominent Republican to name the most available presidential candidate for the Democracy, unless it be some prominent Democrat, naming the most available candidate for the Republicans.

HOLDING FOR BETTER PRICES.

We are pleased to know that our Gallatin county farmers, many of them at least, are holding on to their grain and flour for more remunerative prices.

THE CROW RESERVE AND MINING INTERESTS ONCE MORE.

Now, that Congress has assembled, it would seem to be a favorable time for the people of Gallatin County and Eastern Montana in general to have something done, through our Delegate, towards segregating the mining ground from the Crow reserve.

By some strange oversight, or blunder—to call it by no harsher term—the people of Montana were in no way consulted nor their most sacred rights taken into consideration in making the treaty with the Crows.

Since the treaty, matters have been allowed to run along without any serious changes in the situation, and the miners have been allowed to pursue their legitimate avocation without formidable interference, although they have been threatened at times with summary expulsion from the reservation.

But outside of all considerations connected with Emigrant Gulch mines, which have been successfully worked upwards of fifteen years, there are other more extensive and complicated matters connected with more recent discoveries of rich gold quartz in Bear and Crevin mountains and the still richer and more extensive deposits of argentiferous galena ore in the vicinity of Soda Butte, or what is generally known as the Clark's Fork mines.

It is therefore in view of this highly probable condition of things in the near future, and which must inevitably lead to complications and difficulties between the whites and Crows that renders it absolutely necessary that some steps should be taken, without further delay, looking towards a peaceful, amicable and final adjustment of the matter.

News of the Week.

General Grant has delivered thirty-nine speeches since his return to America.—The Missouri river at Stevenson, 20 miles above Bismarck, was frozen over on the 24th ult.

Twenty-five thousand majority is about the average of the Republican candidates in Nebraska.

Jay Gould recently paid a business visit to Kansas in the interests of his railroads in that State.

The London Times says that it costs from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to run as a candidate for Parliament in England, the larger figure being in contesting the county seats.

The Merchants' Association, of Boston, has appointed a committee to co-operate with other organizations in the effort to secure the enactment of a national bankruptcy law.

A large amount of money will be spent for public improvements in Ireland, in order to give the laboring classes employment, with a view to relieving prevailing distress.

There is a whisky and tobacco boom, too. The report of the commissioners of internal revenue shows that the production of these staples has increased seven million dollars in the year.

An effort will be made to raise the sunken steamer Macleod. It will be remembered she had a large hole knocked in the side of her hull by another steamer sliding off the ways at Bismarck.

From the annual report of Postmaster-General Key, we learn that the expenses of the Post-Office Department have been reduced nearly \$1,000,000, and that the receipts have been increased \$1,000,000, making a difference of \$2,000,000 in favor of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.

The report of the Secretary of War shows the actual expenditures of the War Department for the twelve months ending June 30, 1879, were \$42,633,723.63—a pretty large sum in a time of peace with everybody but Indians; but the Secretary proposes to get along with two millions less for the next fiscal year.

One day lately, Governors Talbot, of Massachusetts, Brown of Tennessee, Robinson of New York, Van Zandt of Rhode Island, ex-Governor Rice of Mississippi, Curtin of Pennsylvania, and Lippitt of Rhode Island, all met together by accident in the vestibule of a New York hotel, and it was not considered a remarkably good day for Governors either.

Jay Gould's check for \$3,000,000, which was given to Commodore Garrison on the purchase of the securities of the Missouri Pacific railroad, a few days ago, is said to be the largest check ever drawn by any private individual in this country.

That amount," said Gould to the Commodore, when the little piece of paper passed between them, "is only a portion of the money I made in my operations in—," naming a certain stock now apparently on the down grade.

The Supreme Court of the U. S. has decided that the present law relating to trade-marks is unconstitutional. The Patent Office will therefore immediately suspend the trade-mark privileges. Those which have already been issued are of course now of no avail. There are now over 8,000 trade-marks registered, and 200 pending for registration. Of course, under the decision all operations under the head must be suspended. It in effect abolishes the trade-mark bureau of the Patent Office. This will cut off from the Patent Office revenues about \$400,000 yearly. Since the establishment of the trade-mark system the fees paid into the office have amounted to over \$250,000, which have been paid into the United States Treasury. Now that the law has been declared unconstitutional it is clear that this money was wrongfully collected, and actions for its recovery brought in the Court of Claims will hold good.

Neighboring Territories.

Bismarck has a new flouring mill with five run of burrs.

Virginia City, Nevada, property is taxed \$4.55 on each \$100.

This year Colorado has added 40,000 California sheep to her flocks.

General Miles has gone to Fargo, D. T., to testify in the trial of his son, John Burger.

An average of five car loads of passengers are now leaving Denver daily for Leadville.

Large numbers of immigrants from the New England States continue to stream into Dakota.

The Provo, Utah, woolen mills find themselves unable to supply the demand for their goods.

Eight years ago there were but three newspapers published in Dakota. Now there are over fifty.

Fred J. Keisel & Co. have sold their outer store at Fort Hall, and will hereafter concentrate their business at Ogden.

Sixteen miles of the Northern Pacific railroad are now graded eastward from the junction of the Columbia and Snake rivers.

The owner of the Blue Jacket mine in Nevada, has mortgaged his property for \$200,000. Two years ago he was a poor man.

Alaska promises to become the future wheat growing district of the world. The Ukan river is navigable for 2,500 miles which makes it next in size to the Mississippi.

The Robert E. Lee mine at Leadville, Colorado, produced \$125,000 in the last ten days of September. The mine is said to show the largest quantity of very rich ore ever found in Colorado.

The surveyors are reported as still at work on the new route up Malad Valley, for a railroad to Boise City, and thence to Oregon. The Banook mountain range was the chief barrier they had to encounter, but report says they have found a way to get past it.

D. J. McCann, who it will be remembered, was a delinquent Government transportation contractor for the Crow Indian service some three years ago, was recently tried and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000, and be imprisoned for six months in the Wyoming penitentiary for the embezzlement of Government sugar while he was transportation contractor.

Buchard, Director of the Mint at San Francisco, places the gold and silver yield of the Pacific States and Territories for 1879 approximately at \$78,400,000, apportioned as follows: California, \$30,000,000; Nevada, \$22,500,000; Colorado, \$14,925,000; Utah, \$8,225,000; Montana, \$4,725,000; Arizona, \$3,000,000; Dakota, \$2,430,000; Idaho, \$2,750,000; Oregon, \$1,170,000; New Mexico, \$725,000; Michigan, \$750,000 in silver; other sources, \$372,000.

Wm. Wilkes, Jr., who was stabbed by John Withers Booth on the night of the assassination of President Lincoln, now charms with his violin solos the audiences at the Virginia City, Nevada, opera house. Mr. Withers was married directly at Ford's theatre on the night of the great tragedy. He heard the pistol-shot, and a moment later saw Booth running toward the wing in which he happened to be standing. He got up before the assassin, when Booth gave an up-cut at him with a knife that he held in his hand. A long allit was made by the weapon in the coat of Mr. Withers, and the point scratched a mark across his chest.

Montana Condensed.

Virginia is taking the initiatory steps necessary to secure a rendition of "Pinafore" by home performers.

From the Boston Record. Cordwood sells readily for \$8, and the supply is limited at those figures.

The burning of Geo. Steed's saw mill is a most serious loss to Benton.

Mail service has been granted between Benton and Yago, with Wm. Buchanan as Postmaster.

The cattle disease seems to have abated in this county, from which no further complaint from stockmen.

We learn that a new bank is about to be opened at town. It is a much needed institution and will doubtless pay handsomely.

Geo. A. Baker, A. E. Rogers, and W. S. Baker, under the firm name of George A. Baker & Co., have purchased the Winchester sheep ranch, on Belt Creek. Consideration not known.

Prof. Hoff, formerly principal of the Helena school, and late of the Batt. Miner arrived in town on Friday last and remained over until Monday. The Professor was so well pleased with Benton that he understood he intends making his home permanently with us and will engage in the law business.

Montana Condensed.

Several Bentonites are stamping to the Belt mountains, on the strength of a reported prospect from Helena amounting to \$12 in value, claimed to have been taken from rock found in the Belt mountain country.

From the Husbands. J. G. Pickering has recently sold \$3,500 worth of barley to the Helena brewers.

T. E. Collins has recently purchased a one-third interest of J. H. Severance, of the Musselshell, in his fine ranch and flock of 6,000 sheep.

Yago is booming. Miners from all parts of the Territory are hurrying thither, and reports are encouraging. The region seems to be famous for quartz as well as placers.

Thomas Cooney and J. V. Stafford have been the heaviest losers on the Missouri valley from black-leg. Mr. Cooney lost over 150 calves and yearlings, and Mr. Stafford lost about 80 per cent.

One cold, windy night last week caused considerable loss among some flocks kept in open corrals. The new firm of Lewis & Co. lost thirty head, and Burr, Gans & Klein lost about 150, by plugging up. The wind carried them in piles up against the fences until they fell over. Many of those on the bottom, of course, suffocated.

Gen. A. J. Smith and partner, Col. Min. of New York, have just completed their filing upon 5,000 acres of Judith lands, and 1,300 acres of lands in Choteau county, six miles below Benton, on the Missouri river.

The Judith claim is outside of the public land survey, and the general opinion was under the necessity of employing a surveyor to run out and establish the lines. We understand they are entering into the project in earnest. Corral and shearing sheds are to be erected on their Missouri river ranch, to which point their flock will be driven in the spring for shearing. In addition to wool-growing on a large scale, they propose to farm to a considerable extent. They have ordered four gang plows and other farm machinery from T. C. Power & Co., and also fruit trees, shrubs, etc., for 30 acres of orchard, from Mr. Goodhue, of the Geneva (N. Y.) nursery. And this is but a beginning, as they have ample means at their command, and propose having one of the largest fruit orchards, grain and wool farms in the Rocky Mountains.

From the New North-West. The Public Schools of Deer Lodge have been closed, to run so much after the holidays, on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever.

A fifteen year prisoner gets six years and three months off for good behavior and the good time law.

Messrs. Naphtaly and Well have gone to Helena. It was anticipated a settlement of the Blum matter would be made before their return, but we hear negotiations failed and the suits will progress.

Charles Savage, who was erroneously reported to have crossed the Snake river at Yankee Fork mines some months ago, put in an appearance here this week looking hale and hearty as ever.

Mr. Danjen, District Clerk, reports 347 minors in this District entitled to school money against 294 last year. There have also been 20 scholars districted to another school since last enrollment leaving a net gain in this District of 73.

The assessment of Deer Lodge county as it stood December 1, aggregates about three million seven hundred thousand dollars. The assessor had it up in the close neighborhood of four million, but the board of Equalization cut it back on him. Mr. Murphy says that next year the assessment of Deer Lodge county will reach five millions—over one-half the assessment of the entire Territory three or four years ago.

The best public building belonging to this county, and one of the best Jail Buildings in the Territory has just been completed by the contractors and accepted by the County Commissioners. It is a two story building, with basement; the foundation walls of stone two feet thick are eight feet deep and surrounded by 16-inch brick walls. The roof is heavy iron with two coats of paint. The location of the building is pleasing; it is architecturally convenient to the Court House, and the work throughout appears to be substantial and workmanlike.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Manager's Report on Chicago.

Special Telegram to Pioneer Press. Mr. H. E. Sawyer, general manager of the Northern Pacific railway, is in the city. In course of conversation with your correspondent, Mr. Sawyer stated that never before were the prospects of this trans-continental line brighter than at present. Mr. Frederick Billings, of Woodstock, is the largest individual stock owner, and holds over \$600,000 in his own name. He is one of the original stock and bondholders, and his faith in this enterprise is as great as that of Jay Cooke ever was. He is energetically backed by directors who have as much faith as himself in the final success of this company. Two hundred miles of road, from the mouth of Snake river to Lake Pen d'Oreille, are now under contract. The steel rails have all been purchased, are on the way, and will be all laid before many months have passed. One hundred miles west of the Missouri river, which was contracted for last spring, is all graded and the iron laid two-thirds of the way. Track laying is still going on at the rate of one and one-half miles a day, and will be continued as long

THE RENO COURT MARTIAL.

DEADWOOD, December 4.—In the Reno court martial at Fort Meade to-day, the prosecution rested its case after examining Mrs. W. F. Fanshaw, without adding any other facts than those already telegraphed. The defense then opened. Dr. Irwin testified that moving from a cold place into a warm room might produce the same effects as those manifested by Reno at our supper table at Fanshaw's house, on the night of August 3rd. Major Marens A. Reno testified that on the night of November 10th, while walking in front of Sturges' house, he saw Ella in complete toilet. She presented such a beautiful picture that he could not resist the temptation of looking through the window upon her. He had no intention of alarming the interest of the court, or of suffering his right hand before he would cause them the slightest injury. He did not approach the window stealthily or suspiciously; he walked there as he would walk into a court room. He wrote a very polite note of apology to Mrs. Sturges for his action that night, but owing to his being in close arrest could not send it until two days after. He had always entertained the highest respect and admiration for Mrs. Ella and the Sturges family. He testified that on the night of October 25th, when he had an altercation with Nicholson, he was perfectly sober, and that Nicholson, repeating his brags of being able to whip him, drove him beyond the limits of patience, and in an angry passion he struck Nicholson with a billiard cue. The court adjourned till to-morrow, when the case will probably close.

New Concord HARNESS SHOP.

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Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Leander F. Marston, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of Leander F. Marston, deceased, to file their claims with the undersigned, within thirty days after the date of this notice, to the public administrator at Bozeman, Montana, at his place of abode, as follows: J. J. DAVIS, Administrator. Dated November 25th 1879.

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Advertisements under this head will be charged ten cents per line for the first and five cents per line for each additional insertion. Notices must be made a line.

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WANTED. A woman to assist in doing general house-work. Good wages and permanent employment guaranteed. Apply to A. J. FITCHER, Bozeman.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up by me, a sep. C on left shoulder. The owner can obtain it, more by calling at my office, six miles west of Gallatin City, on proving property and paying charges on same. THOMAS DUNN.

SEWING \$20 MACHINES \$20

A second-hand Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine, in first-class order, and warranted to do good work. Will be sold for \$20. For particulars enquire of MATT. W. ALDENSON.

Flour Wanted Immediately. Two hundred sacks of XXX flour will be taken on subscription to the AVANT COURIER, the highest market price being allowed for the same.

Notice to Creditors. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Benson & Clauson, or to the late Wm. Clauson, are requested to come forward and settle immediately, and save trouble and costs. PETER BENSON, Adm'r. Stillwater, Mont., Nov. 16, 1879.

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