

NEW NORTH-WEST.

Jos. H. Mills, Editor

DEER LODGE CITY, FRIDAY, MAY 6.

"1,000 CHINESE FOR MONTANA."

So we were informed from the railroad, and already the influx has begun. As a curiosity, the Chinaman is a success. As a waterman he is muscular, vigilant and prompt in presenting his bills. As a miner he is shrewd and accumulative. As a resident he is peaceable, industrious and provident. As a specimen of biped architecture he is a limited mistake. As an element of American population he is yet a comparatively undemonstrated theory with unfavorable indications. His occupation of the immediate Pacific coast has been, to him, profitable but unpleasing; and as he seeks the interior mining regions, the first vague curiosity resolves itself slowly but surely into distrust, dislike and hostility. We deem it almost inevitable that collisions similar to those of California, Nevada and Idaho, will occur in Montana. As their numbers multiply, distrust increases, and as they acquire mining lands and banish white labor the conflict comes. Purchasing their ground, protected by treaty and law, the final result of physical collision is injury to those who attempt their exclusion, and would never be resorted to from calm deliberation by considerate men.

The view is entertained by many that the development of our quartz leads requires cheap labor, and that this will be more speedily acquired by the influx of Chinese. This may be true. It entails, however, consequences of serious injury to the country, even if admitted that they would be advantageous laborers to employ in the leads. They have a penchant for placer mining and possession of the mines. In California they were content with diggings abandoned or almost valueless. Even here they work ground that will not yield wages to the white laborer. But John has an eye to the main chance, and very discreetly chooses the better in preference to the worse. Not only have they bought up exhausted and poor ground, but in many places they are paying large sums for the best ground in the camps, the money being paid here or by the Chinese bankers in San Francisco. At Bannack and Silver Bow they have acquired a large area of rich ground, and at Gold Creek last week negotiated for some of the best claims in the camp. With one thousand additional Chinamen immigrating here this season, we may expect to see their possessions doubled or trebled within a year, and that of the best paying claims. As long as they can procure placers they will not work for wages, and especially in leads. And as they acquire rich placers they displace and cut off from employment the number of white laborers before employed on them. If the results to the community were equally good from Chinese as from white laborers there would still remain the objection of citizens thrown out of employ by aliens. But beyond this, they are of no benefit to the country, save paltry patronage to one merchant in a place. The money they consume is carried to China, from whence comes the most, they consume. They do not assist public enterprises, churches, or schools, or do ought to develop, and advance the country. Their God, is not our God, or their ways our ways. They absorb our sustenance, and leave on us the burden while they depart. The gold they dig is needed by this government, and instead of going into the channels of trade and enterprise to invigorate and expand them, it sinks, as a subterranean outlet, to the pagan antipodes. Thus we see no advantage and much evil in the occupation of Montana by the Mongolians, and it is with regret we note the advent of another thousand in the Territory. As long as our mine owners will sell to them, however, there is no apparent preventive of the evil. In the agricultural States John may be an advantageous laborer; here he is only a leech, and depletion aggravates the case. The feeling against them in Bannack, Silver Bow and Gold Creek is becoming very strong. Laborers are idle; business men less of patronage; property owners, depreciation, for all those things would become accomplished facts should three or four thousand Chinese miners get a foothold in this county. We suggest no remedy for this evil for we know none, but merely point to it as a question that will be important more months if the "1,000 Chinamen for Montana" should be added to those already here and rapidly acquiring possession of rich placers.

THE FLATHEADS.

We published April 8th the contents of the Flatheads as taken by Mr. Thomas Adams in 1890, giving the total number at 848, all told, and suggesting the probability that their numbers had considerably diminished in the last year. Reverend Father Gordon, Superior of the Mission, sends us a transcript from the Mission Record, in which is kept complete statistics of the tribe, stating that the Flatheads are not on the decrease. The following shows the increase and decrease of the past three years:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Number of Flatheads. 1887: 1000, 1888: 1000, 1889: 1000, 1890: 848.

FROM SILVER BOW.

ALL AT WORK. To the Editor of the New North-West: "The Riot" is entitled: peace reigns throughout the town water has come down to its level, and Labor has acquired a victory over Capital. The League have made an agreement with the directors of the mine's ditch Company to sell water during the season of 1870 at the following rates:

Table with 2 columns: Rate, Description. 10 cents per 100 feet, 20 cents per 100 feet, 30 cents per 100 feet.

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THE INSANE PLAN.

There may be some of our readers who will remember in 1870, when they will remember, in the old time, when our people took away the life of another, it was the law to try them for the deed, and, if proven guilty, they were punished. Have you noticed that such old-fashioned notions are obsolete? There has come a new order of things. The lawyers have had given unto them a new revelation. It is strange how stupidly the world, for centuries, adhered to the simple law of God and man, that if proven guilty of the crime, the murderer should expiate his offense. The exhaustive physiological research of this decade, entering the mysterious arcana of the soul, and fathoming the profound depths of reason, has shown that murder may be no crime, and that insanity vindicates assassination; and in this the courts have sustained them. It is not yet demonstrated that all murder is done in insanity; that would be a step too far; react against the theory, and displace the occupation of the theater. But in remembrance of the Sickles, Harris, Cole and numberless other cases already determined, it is demonstrated that persons who can procure good counsel, always have an opportune fit of insanity while committing murder, are cleared upon that plea, and become exceedingly rational thereafter. The McFarland-Richardson case is being tried by the defense wholly and solely upon that point. If cleared, we may well anticipate a repetition of the Sickles domestic reconciliation, while, perhaps, the last guilty of the three has gone out from life. The Courts have not only to demonstrate their power to protect, but to punish—else they acquire disrepute. As the law and practice runs, insanity excuses murder; insanity is no crime, and any wealthy murderer who ever had an insane second cousin, or talks manilla nonsense in his cups, can evade punishment for the deed. Insanity is not treated as a crime, and in these instances is merely temporary. It lasts long enough to attract sympathy and evade punishment, and then the assassin walks high-headed through the world. Are not these things a travesty upon justice? Do they not belittle the courts, inspire contempt for law, and incite communities to take the administration of justice in their own hands? Is not the frequency of these successful pleas of insanity alarming and increasing? and does not the better sense of the communities condemn the majority as evasive evasions of meeting the charge upon its merits? What is the remedy? Insanity proven and a life taken thereby, is the perpetrator safe to be set free among his fellows to repeat the deed? This insanity evasion cannot go much farther. If it incites deliberate murder, it should be held a crime. But the fact that it is merely a dodge to avoid meeting the consequences of a deed, and nine times out of ten is a lie legally choked down the throats of an outraged community, will result in amended legislation or mob law retribution on offenders. The country has had enough of it.

UNEQUIVOCAL.

The Capital Times asks if our article mentioning Mr. Church as Revenue Assessor of Montana is not equivocal in its implications. We think not, certainly not so intended. We stated he was one of the twenty-five Detectives of the Revenue Department appointed by President Grant. The Times thinks "Detective" a synonym for "Spy," and that spies are despicable. It is the name that troubles the Times. Do you despise Sheriffs or Police officers? Their duty is to detect and arrest violators of law. The same duties devolve on Revenue Detectives. Criminals do not advertise their offenses, demand admittance to prison, or seek punishment for their crimes. Still, laws must be enforced, and violators punished, else the innocent are at the mercy of the mercies. We have seen history accord able Detectives, high credit, and to be chosen one of twenty-five principal Detectives in the land, certainly suggest administrative ability, and his appointment to this District, afterwards, confidence in his integrity. Mr. Church will do.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

Territory of Montana, County of Deer Lodge.

We, the Grand Jury of Deer Lodge County, Montana Territory, duly empaneled for the May Term of the 2nd Judicial District Court, A. D. 1870, respectfully make the following report:

That we have visited the public buildings belonging to the County; that we find the prisoners in jail well cared for, and due vigilance used by the attending officers; that we would recommend some improvement in the ventilation of the apartments, which we deem necessary for the health of the occupants. We also think the windows insecure, and recommend a wire grating or screw placed over the same. We also recommend that a high fence be built around the jail. We also find that some of the streets and alleys belonging to the town of Deer Lodge have been obstructed by building, fences, and other obstructions, and would call the attention of the Court to the necessity of having these obstructions removed. All of which we respectfully submit to the Court.

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DELEGATE IN BARR.

In the United States, April 28, the Indian question is the subject of much discussion in West on a large scale.

NEW YORK.

April 28.—Special dispatches from Washington state there is almost a certain prospect of an Indian war. 20,000 Sioux are on the war path, and troops are being hurried to the frontier to meet the crisis. Besides the 10th regiment, ordered to Sioux from Fort Union, the 11th and 12th regiments are sent every available recruit to Sioux at Fort Leavenworth.

THE OUTSIDE OF HELM.

The outside of Hon. Anson Burlingame approximated to \$60,000 in personal property. His son is admitted to the estate.

LEAVELAND, APRIL 28.

The returns from the districts so far received indicate that the election has gone Democratic by a majority of 4,000 to 4,000.

PETER COOPER.

Vincent meeting in Cooper Institute, N. Y., April 28.

EX-JUDGE A. D. RUSSELL.

Of New York, died of heart disease, April 28.

Governor Wood.

Has resigned the editorship of the Brooklyn Union and has been succeeded by Theodore Tilton.

A DISPATCH SAYS.

It is believed that General Lee's health is failing. He has gained some strength by his southern trip, but not enough to keep his friends from desponding.

WASHINGTON SPECIALS.

They speak of the trouble among the Indians of Dakota lies simply in the fact that the House at its last session refused to pass appropriations to carry out the treaties.

THE STORY OF "20,000 SIUX ON THE WAR PATH."

Is officially and emphatically denied.

THE 20 REGIMENTS, INFANTRY, AND ONE CAVALRY.

Called for by the proclamation of May 3d, 1861, are entitled to bounty under decision of the Supreme Court.

NEW YORK, APRIL 28.

A meeting of property owners, representing over \$200,000, to-day denounced the Arcade Railroad and called upon the Governor to veto the bill. It was resolved that in case of its becoming a law, to contest the matter in the courts.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT.

Albany Barker, and several others were arrested for fast driving in New York a few days ago, and put in the station house.

COLLECTOR PATTERSON.

Has received instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury to take possession of all the property held in Washington during the war for taxes and afterwards redelivered. Millions are involved in it.

GENERAL LEE IS RECOVERING.

A fire in No. 203 State street, Chicago, at midnight April 28, destroyed property to the value of \$10,000.