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NEWS AND NOTES.

The Secretary of War has reduced his estimates this year below any point since 1861.

Jack Gilmer and George Hurst have purchased a lead carrying \$10,000 ore at Newton Forks, Black Hills.

The Homestake Mining Company, Black Hills, cleared up \$55,700.43 from a two weeks run a few days ago.

The Republican candidate for governor in California was elected by a plurality of twenty-one thousand.

The failure of crops in Great Britain is as extensive as it was during the year of Ireland's great famine.

The *Enterprise* says New Yorkers representing a capital of \$60,000,000 are expected this week in Deadwood.

The *Enterprise* reports a very rich strike of quartz showing big chunks of free gold on Poor Man gulch, Black Hills.

The *Alert* says Jamestown is building a \$2,800 school house. Jamestown is making wonderful progress this summer.

A Louisville man recently poured coal oil over himself and set fire to it. A short but terrible cut for the infernal regions.

A Sisters' fair at Deadwood recently netted two thousand five hundred dollars. The money will be used for building a hospital.

Maine, at the last election, adopted the biennial legislative plan being the twenty-fourth state in the Union to adopt that system.

The Okalono statesman is not a success as a lecturer in the north. Republicans will not listen to him and Democrats fear to endorse him.

Sank Center people are searching enthusiastically for twenty-five thousand dollars supposed to have been buried in that city by a female swindler.

The James river, from its source to its mouth, passes over five hundred and twenty-five miles of country and would measure not less than one thousand miles.

The Homestake mining company, Black Hills, the *Enterprise* says, has paid dividends to the extent of \$270,000 during the past nine months. Pretty good stock to own.

Wheat is shipped by barge from Breckenridge, on the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad to Fargo in order to take advantage of the market on the North Pacific which has the advantage of a lake outlet.

J. S. Wallace, well known at Bismarck, the Black Hills *News* says, is interested with Gilmer & Hurst in the Newton Fork discovery, which is likely to prove the biggest thing in the Hills.

It is now believed that Keene, the bank defaulter, has "salted" twenty thousand dollars of the stolen funds and unless he gives up it is proposed to make the counts against him numerous enough to send him to the penitentiary for life.

The *Pioneer-Press* says: "Charlie Collins, the founder of Brule City, on the Missouri, and its principal proprietor, is a veteran newspaper man. He now lives in a mansion of logs, as many founders of cities have before him, but the streets of Brule City have been named from First to Fourteenth, a court-house site provided, and a desirable place set apart as a place where the capitol buildings of Dakota are to be erected. Mr. Collins possesses energy and liberality, and if Brule City does not become the business point it will not be his fault."

It is now just thirty-one years since the grand discovery of gold was made in California. During this period there has been produced in the States and territories west of the Missouri river bullion to the value of \$1,685,927,900. Of this amount about \$1,581,443,693 has consisted of gold and \$405,094,245 of silver. Besides this there has been produced to date in the several Atlantic states, something like \$300,000,000, the most of it in North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. If to this be added the entire yield of British Columbia to date, \$38,000,000, San Francisco receipts from the northwest coast of Mexico, \$9,000,000 and the product of the Atlantic States, \$30,000,000, we have a total of \$2,257,527,893 produced from the above sources, all but \$42,000,000 being from mines within the limits of the United States.

"Heroes!" shouted Nestor, as the Trojans came a sally on the besieging Greeks. "Hither come the ensanguined hirelings, whose machinations have torn us from our peaceful homes to brave the terrors of the death-haunted battlefield. By all the sacred legends by which our mothers taught us to revere the valor of our sires, by every ounce of patriotic blood that courses through your veins, by all the admonitions of those revered sages, whose God-given wisdom and unflinching courage—" "I move that leave be given to profit the balance of that speech," interrupted Achilles. "Hump yourselves, boys, and warm 'em." And in about ten minutes, the Greeks were toasting Trojan steaks at the evening camp-fire, and awaiting the issue of the "extra," containing the unfinished portions of Mr. Nestor's oration.

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DEADWOOD IN RUINS

EVERY BUSINESS HOUSE IN THE CITY BURNED.

Seven Thousand People Without Food or Shelter—Gen. Sturgis Providing for the Refugees—Heavy Loss.

MILITARY LINES AHEAD.

The news of the fire came this morning by the military lines, and the brief statement that "Deadwood is in ashes," was sent from Bismarck to nearly every city in the East in the shape of newspaper specials and by the Associated Press. The line is down by Cheyenne and the news has not yet got out that way. The wires are so crowded with commercial business that it is impossible to obtain the whole particulars. Upwards of one hundred dispatches of this nature have been sent to-day to St. Paul and Chicago wholesale houses. The purport of them is about as follows: "Send \$5,000 worth of provisions."

DEADWOOD IS ON FIRE; my stock is now burning." "Ship immediately \$20,000 stock dry goods, Deadwood is in ashes." "The whole city is in ashes, not a business house being left. Send \$50,000 worth of groceries and general supplies." "Twenty thousand people are out on the hills without shelter. Provisions from government stores at Meade have been telegraphed for. Use your judgement and send \$20,000 worth of clothing via Bismarck."

THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR is outside of the city on a barrel doing all he can with an imperfect ground wire. The wind is reported as being very high and but a short time was required to lay the city in ashes. Not only the business houses are all burned but many of the supposed fire-proof cellars succumbed to the fiery element. Gen. Sturgis, of Fort Meade, is receiving the refugees and providing them with shelter and food.

NOTHING LEFT. (Special Dispatch to The Tribune.)

DEADWOOD, D. T., Sept. 26.—The city is almost totally destroyed. Every business house is burned, and the wildest confusion exists. Only three grocery fire-proofs, the Northwestern Stage Company fire proof and six dwelling houses remain.

THE "HUNGRY HOLOCAUST." The Danger We Are In—What the Fire Fiend Might Do.

EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Through your columns permit me to respectfully call the attention of his Honor, the Mayor, the City Council, and fire wardens and citizens generally to the great danger from fire and total destruction of Block 54, and possibly the entire city, that exists from the daily violation of city ordinance relating to the stove pipes that protrude through the roof of a dwelling in said block, owned, I think, by Col. Wilson, for whom Col. Sweet is or was agent, and whose attention has been called to the great risk daily incurred, but without remedy to the extent that the law requires. As I have already put out one blazing fire that caught in the roof of this dwelling from this same stove pipe cause, then occupied by Justice Ware, I am reasonably apprehensive of another. As a tax payer I ask that the city government rigidly enforce the city ordinance, in all its details, and compel those who have not complied with it to do so. Let them build more chimneys and less tinder boxes in the form of stove pipes and day stacks, within the city limits, before we have occasion to mourn heavy loss by fire fanned by the fearful gales now daily being experienced.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

The gentleman who writes the above, properly realizes that on some dark night "the sleeping city may be bounced out on the floor barking its shins on chairs and things in a mad, burnt for its pantaloons." The "hungry holocaust" may lick up the sign "mackerel, bacon, flour, feed and provisions as if he hadn't tasted a bite for a month." Without any nonsense that stove pipe may turn the fire fiend loose on some windy day and not even the devil knows where he would let up. We don't want the fire fiend rushing through town "like a war horse, leaving destruction in his trail," neither can we afford to have him gorge himself on our lady's bowser and scale "your corner grocery as a kitchen maid would scale a fish" with his fiery, forked tongue lick the white paint of the building. "We want protection, even as Grant wants peace."

River News

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MONTANA CATTLE TRADE.

Its Importance to the North Pacific—A Glance at the Future.

The importance of the Montana cattle trade to the North Pacific is not yet scarcely realized though it is increasing year by year. This week and next 1,700 head will be shipped and as the *Bozeman Courier* concludes this is but the beginning. The *Courier* says: "No approximate estimate can be made of the number of beef and stock cattle that will be shipped East from Montana over the Northern Pacific railroad when it once reaches the Yellowstone valley. The cattle ranges of Montana are almost limitless in extent and are beyond comparison the most nutritious and favorable, summer and winter, ranges to be found on the continent. During the past eight or ten years the stock business here has been gradually and steadily increasing until it now assumes an importance second to no other industry in the Territory, while in actual value if not in numbers, the cattle herds of Montana are beginning to bear a favorable comparison with those of Texas and Colorado, with a reasonable prospect of outstripping them both at no distant day. If to the beef herds which hereafter Montana will annually turn out, are added the mutton, wool and hides produced each year in the Territory, and which will have to seek an eastern market, then no estimate heretofore made will indicate the magnitude of the carrying trade in these lines, that the Northern Pacific will control the moment the road penetrates into the settlements of Montana."

THE DUCK BOOM.

Long Lake Ahead—The Champion String.

Long Lake, Thirty miles southeast of Bismarck, is six miles long and covered with ducks. Geo. P. Flannery and Judge Bowen returned Friday evening with one hundred ducks. The Judge shot a buffalo head, thinking it was a goose, and claims that he was justifiable on the ground that the goose was just twenty yards beyond. Bell and Thurston returned on Monday from the same lake with 438 ducks, 175 jack snipe and one goose. In one hour before breakfast they shot fifty-four ducks. Altogether the accomplishment of Bell and Thurston surpasses anything on record among Bismarck sportsmen. They report three days in the field. Col. E. D. Baker, Jno. J. Jackman and a friend were out on Tuesday and brought in 130 ducks—all mallards. Jackman wouldn't shoot anything else; neither did the party go to Long Lake. This is the country for ducks.

Indian Farming in Dakota. (Washington Telegram.)

A report from George Brown, second lieutenant Eleventh Infantry, commanding Indian scouts at Fort Bennett, gives an account of a tour of inspection made by him to several Indian camps in the Cheyenne River agency, Dakota, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of cattle purchased in 1877 and 1878 for the Indians. This report shows that there were in possession of Indians on August 14, 584 cows and 556 calves. He says: "At all camps the cattle showed evidence in their appearance and gentleness of good attention and careful handling, and while a few of the Indians do not appear fully to realize the advantages which accrue to them from careful management of their cattle, and would doubtless dispose of them if not restrained by fears of punishment, I am convinced that a majority do now realize the value of their cattle, and would not part with them under any circumstances. The Indians are becoming firmly attached to their cattle, and as a consequence are less ruthless and discontented. Many are locating on the separate claims, breaking up land, collecting pigs and chickens and articles of household utility from the legitimate results of their personal labor."

Northern Pacific Lands. (Glyndon News.)

Traffic in Dakota lands may be said to be booming. The *News* can make mention of but a tithe of the purchases by eastern capitalists and western farmers, besides colony movements of foreign immigrants. A Swedish colony of seventy-five families are about locating near Valley City, on the Cheyenne, in Barnes county; and a larger party of German Lutheran people from Illinois, have just perfected arrangements for making homes near Jamestown, for whom the Rev. Dr. Heret, President of the Northwestern German Lutheran College of Illinois, has recently purchased most of the land in a township near the railroad. Messrs. Robt. Hadwin and J. B. Chapin, of Fargo, have lately effected the purchase, from J. A. Bowman, of Detroit, of a number of thousands of acres in range 62, near Sanborn, on which to open a mammoth farm which is to rival Dalrymple's cluster in extent. Col. Charlemagne Tower, of Philadelphia, becomes the purchaser of N. P. lands amounting to \$150,000, in the same region, which goes so much farther toward making him a landlord in deed as well as in name. These are but few of many who have done and are doing the same thing, and the transactions foretell a significant story of the work that the Northern Pacific freight trains are going to have to do next year and the years after.

THE OUTSIDE WORLD

STEAMER HELENA ON A SNAG NEAR BONHOMME.

Her Cargo Will be Saved—Wreck of the Peninah—Democratic Convention at St. Paul—Miscellaneous.

(Special Dispatches to The Tribune.)

HELENA SNAGGED.

YANKTON, D. T., Sept. 26.—Steamer Helena was snagged yesterday afternoon near Bonhomme, about a half a mile below the wrecked Peninah, which ran on a snag Monday. The cargo of the Helena has all been taken off in order. The boat is held up fore and aft by the spars and some stumps in the river bottom. There is seven feet of water under her and she will be saved if nothing unforeseen occurs.

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 26.—The Democrats of the State in convention yesterday made the following nominations: Governor, Edmund Rice, of St. Paul; Lieut. Gov., E. P. Barnum; Secretary of State, Felix A. Borer; Attorney General, Judge P. M. Babcock, and Lyman P. Cowdry, State Treasurer. The platform favors hard money, and unlimited silver.

N. P. OFFICIALS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The Directors of the Northern Pacific have elected Frederick Billings president, Samuel Wilkinson, secretary and Lenox Belknap treasurer.

THE GRANT BOOM.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—Gen. Grant, accompanied by Mayor Lorge, and a number of other city officials and dignitaries and a bevy of ladies, left the city this morning to partake of the hospitalities of Oakland. Gen. Grant was drawn through the streets of the latter place in an open carriage drawn by six white horses. Among the other notable events of the day was five thousand school children gathered in one assemblage with bouquets and flags in their hands and the girls dressed in white.

HAYES IN KANSAS.

NEOSHO FALLS, KAN., Sept. 26.—This comparatively unimportant place is thronged to-day by not less than twelve thousand people who assembled to attend the annual district fair and more especially to welcome President Hayes and Gen. Sherman. The President addressed the gathering.

BOLD BURGLARS.

LACROSSE, WIS., Sept. 26.—Burglars entered the brewery of L. G. Moore and rolled the safe to a shed some two hundred feet distant and blew it open, securing one thousand dollars in cash. No clue to the robbers.

THE PEDESTRIANS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—In the walking match the score stood as follows at eleven p. m. last evening: Weston, 317; Hazael, 360; Ennis, 305; Hoyt, 361; Rowell, 397; Guyon, 313; Merritt, 358. Weston seems indifferent but says he will soon get in his business.

THE FEVER.

MEMPHIS, Sept. 26.—Seven new cases are reported and seven deaths. Five cases of fever are reported among the negroes five miles south of this city. Donations to the Howards to-day amounted to \$490.

PRUSSIA AND THE VATICAN.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The *Provincial Correspondence* publishes an appeal to Prussian electors in behalf of Bismarck, urging them to trust him once more in the approaching elections. The *Germania* says that it has reason to believe that the negotiations between Bismarck and the Jacobini papal Curia have not improved the chances of peace between Prussia and the Vatican.

FRIENDLY TO FRANCE.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—Debort, ambassador at Vienna, telegraphs the minister of foreign affairs that Bismarck called on him and expressed a desire to maintain the existing cordial relation to France.

High-Priced Horses.

Mr. Bonner paid more for Rarus than he has ever paid for a trotter before, but there is one in Mr. Bonner's stud that cost him more, that one being Pocahontas, whom Simmons sold to Mr. Bonner for \$45,000, eight-ninths of which was in actual money, and the remainder in trade. Startle cost him \$20,000; Dexter \$33,000, and Grafton \$15,000. Goldsmith Maid and Jay Gould represent \$35,000 each; Lady Thorn, \$30,000; Socrates, \$26,000; Lucy, \$25,000; Tattler, \$17,000; Rosalind, \$13,000, and General Knox, \$10,000. The great fatherless stands \$1,000, therefore, beyond all save Pocahontas.

Removal.

John Ludewig has removed his stock of goods into the new store No. 88 Main Street, next door to the Western House. Mr. Ludewig has a fine stock of Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, etc., which he is selling at a very low figure. His new stand will be one of the finest in the city and centrally located. Parties in want of fall and winter clothing can find the best bargains in the city at this new stand.

PURELY PERSONAL.

There is a little St. John Chubb, at Ft. Yates. J. C. Iler, the large distillery man of Omaha, is in town.

E. McMurtrie, collector of customs, Pembina, is in town.

Gen. Geo. B. Smith was buried at Madison, Wis., on the 20th inst.

C. W. Darling, formerly trader at Berthold, is prospering finely at Fargo.

Gen. Whistler, of Keogh, arrived on the steamer or Rose Bud, eastward bound.

E. F. Brown, retired lawyer of New York City, owns the townsite of Westland.

James K. Miller, the big grocery man of Deadwood, passed westward this week.

P. J. Callahan, the Mandan hotel man, has determined to locate in Bismarck.

Dan Eisenberg returned last night from Chicago. He bought a large stock of goods.

Mrs. Kelleher, of Jamestown, died recently. The traveling public will remember her kindly.

Capt. O'Toole and wife, Fort Keogh, are passengers on the Rose Bud, homeward bound via Buford.

M. Woodhull, of Washington, a holder of N. P. bonds, has been here and gone. He was satisfied.

Mrs. Frank Mead and family moved into their new house to-day on their claim, west side of Mandan.