

LAMENTATION.

Independent. There are 3 wings to the Republican party, with widely divergent views. The New England Republicans are represented by such men as Blaine and Edmunds. Statesmen like Sherman, Hayes and Garfield represent the "Ohio idea," while politicians of the Conkling, Cameron, and Logan stamp belong to the imperialist wing, and adhere to the fortunes of Grant. The latter is the strongest and most dangerous of the Republican factions. It promises, too, to increase rapidly. It is said Garfield has surrendered to this wing as a condition precedent to obtaining its support. If so, Grant will probably be the power behind the throne during Garfield's administration. He will be the nominee of the party in 1880, if it exists. In the meantime divisions will increase and disintegration go on. Some of the Southern States, hopeless of the continued perpetuity of our free institutions, and anxious to withdraw from the "solid South," will probably step into the Grant column.

Herald. Our latest Choteau advices report Mr. Healy's Wildcat and Willow Cope precincts as still panning out majorities for Maginnis and the Democratic ticket. *Herald.* So far as the result in the Territory is concerned it is apparently Democratic by a larger majority than in some former years. The combined influence of post-traders Indian agents, mail contractors and two or three other engines of demoralization too well known even to require mention, have seized, bound, and debauched the body politic of the Territory. With the administration just elected we will venture to say that there will be no more hostile influence to contend against in future. The pretended Republicans in and out of Montana who have taken a hand in this disreputable business will be forced to lay aside their masks and quit the posts in which they have played the traitor. The campaign is not yet ended, as some may wish to suppose, nor will by-gones be allowed to remain by-gones to be unnoticed and forgotten. It is possible not only to prevent a repetition of this debauchery, but further to see that those who betrayed their trust and sold their principles and influence for expected rewards do not reap them.

Atlanta Chronicle and Constitutionalist.—The South at least has the satisfaction of knowing that she kept her part of the bargain. And if the hero of Gettysburg is not President, it is not her fault. We think, too she has for the last time been led like a lamb to slaughter. Her experiments with loyal civilians and military heroes have not been propitious in the past, and the future holds out no hopes.

The Artful Dodger.

General Garfield is presented a cane by the Cleveland Catholics and replies:

"You have offered it as a symbol, and I accept it with the meaning you have given to it. The head of gold may not unfitly represent the solid basis of our National credit, based upon the solid value of specie; the strength, stability and beauty of the wood that supports it indicate the symmetry and strength of our institutions. I believe it is said that the patriarch Jacob worshipped leaning on the top of his staff. Our institutions are safe so long as our people and Government are found leaning upon the staff of solid worth and of public and private virtue. I accept this all the more gladly because it comes across one of the lines that divide us religiously, for in our country men may adopt whatever religion they choose, or no religion at all if they prefer; the religion of our people is left to their voluntary choice and not to the control of any human law."

MONTANA MOTES.

[Independent.]

There is a movement on foot to get up a skating rink in Helena for the amusement of our girls and boys during the winter.

Butte, Deer Lodge and New Chicago precincts ran fusion Legislative tickets on the question of dividing Deer Lodge county.

The Bonanza Chief mine is panning out splendidly. At the depth of sixty feet the mine shows a width on fifty six feet of solid pay ore. The mill is steadily running and the returns are entirely satisfactory. The last brick from the mine of the mint value of \$3,622.47, has just been brought in to Helena by Chas. E. Stevens, Superintendent, being the result of only a few days' run.

The Good Templars of Helena have of late enjoyed several pleasant social occasions in the way of excursions, mountain climblings, etc., and on Friday evening enjoyed one of the most pleasant of all, the occasion being a surprise party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kirkendall. A large number of the members of the Lodge were present, and the evening was passed in such a manner that each and all were highly entertained.

[Herald.]

Wm. Bret, one of the Kan Kan proprietors, who was arrested last Friday evening on the charge of robbing Dora Reese, a *nymphe au pays* residing on Wood street of \$75, was ordered to give bail in the sum of \$800, to await the action of the Grand Jury at the November term of the District Court. In default of the required bonds the prisoner was committed to jail.

Whole number of pupils enrolled in the public schools last month, 434; average number belonging, 390; average daily attendance 264; number of new pupils enrolled, 25; number of tardiness, 47; general average percentage of scholarship, deportment and

attendance, 84. The schools are well attended at present, notwithstanding the amount of sickness among the children.

The Helena and Bozeman stage line commenced running on winter schedule on the 1st inst. It now requires two days instead of one for the through trip.

John A. Jamieson, after his annual successful hunt in the Musselshell country, left to-day for San Francisco, and will shortly sail for his winter headquarters, London, England.

[Husbandman.]

The Musselshell round up closed Saturday, and the camp disbanded, a portion of the boys arriving here Sunday afternoon. Their labors were very successful.

Ft. Logan is now garrisoned by two soldiers only, these are left behind to take care of the property there until such a time as the government sees fit to sell it.

A purse of \$70 was raised on the 3d for the purpose of buying a flag.

The herdsmen and sportsmen of the Musselshell have had plenty of sport this fall hunting buffalo. The lower portion of the valley has been black with this species of the bovine race all this season.

[Avant Courier.]

The *Husbandman* missed its reckoning last week, the issue being dated Thursday, October 29; which shows that either the editor was excited on politics or the foreman is under the impression that White Sulphur Springs is one day ahead of the remainder of Montana.

The military telegraph line west has now been completed to Walla Walla. As soon as the new repairs between this city and Helena are completed, this will give a through telegraph line from the Atlantic to the Pacific via Bozeman and Helena.

Four inches of snow, on Friday morning, gave the country a decidedly wintry appearance and caused a temporary suspension of building operations in town. Under the genial influence of a warm sun and clear sky, the congealed moisture is gradually disappearing and everything bids fair for a spell of pleasant weather before the setting in of winter.

Bozeman can now boast of the neatest, most elegant and commodious post office in Montana. We are bound to take the lead in everything in time.

[New North-West.]

The telegraph line let down just when it should have held up. It has occurred once before.

One of the worst bets we have heard made was by a Republican in Butte, who, it is stated, last week wagered \$1,500, even up, that New York city would go Republican. The money had been sent up from Salt Lake city with instructions to "bet it on New York," but it seemed the party instructed to bet was not posted on the difference between "City" and "State."

A couple of weeks ago, after they had been some months on the road, our new fonts of type arrived, are laid, and have been brought into service. When the wire edge gets worn off a little and the type gets acclimated, we hope to present a readable paper. The adoption of a smaller type for the local page enables us to present more reading, and we trust it will still be found large enough for the eyes of those who have grown up with the country a long time.

Butte proposes to establish an east and west line, when it divides the county, that will cross the Deer Lodge valley north of Dempsey Creek—about 5 1/2 miles south of Deer Lodge. This is necessary to take in Phillipsburg. Now we are advised there are not a dozen men in the entire valley and Phillipsburg in favor of division and would have voted against it had the issue been raised.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Larabee returned on the 2nd, the former having waited at Dillon and Ogdon for Mrs. Larabee, who was detained several days on account of the heavy snow storms in Wisconsin blocking the railroad. Think of that, Montanians, and thank your stars you live in a temperate climate.

There were 321 votes cast in Deer Lodge precinct. There were 20 straight Democratic and 16 Republican, the balance being scratched. The Judges and Clerks were engaged until 6:30 a. m. Wednesday in counting the votes.

[Miner.]

In the mining journals of the East the mines of Montana are receiving more attention than those of any other Territory. One year ago these same journals scarcely ever made mention of the matchless resources of this favored section of the Union.

We were informed by an old pioneer of Montana that the man is yet living in this Territory who, in 1863, soon after the alleged Fort Union returns were received, was appointed a committee of one to "suggest" to Gov. Edgerton the propriety of signing McLean's certificate of election, and who very delicately hinted that unless such certificate was signed the consequences would be very unpleasant, as Mr. Plummer might have observed if he had lived long enough. The "committee" resides in Beaverhead county, and his address will be furnished to inquiring friends on application at this office.

The Parrot copper-silver smelter already begins to loom up a short distance southeast of Butte. A large amount of lumber has been delivered on the ground, and a force of twenty men is now engaged in putting up the frame work for the buildings, which will be three in number. The work of construction, in the absence of Mr. Migeon, is under the supervision of Dr. Ernest Grenier, formerly chief engineer for the Wickes Company in

Jefferson county. Within a very short time it is expected to have the structures covered in so as to be ready for the machinery at the earliest possible date after the opening of freight communication next spring.

Recent Decisions on Disputed Points

The mining law does not prohibit the same party from holding more than one claim on the same lode.

A party is not authorized to go within the claim in possession of another party and discover a ledge on which he may base a location.

The location of a third party upon a location outside of the first location but within the second, will probably be recognized as legal.

A locator's record should conform to the actual location on the ground and the proper method to correct a mistake in this matter would be to make a new record.

It cannot properly be stated just how far a locator may deviate from the plain requirements of section 3,024 of the revised statutes in making his location and yet save his claim. Strict compliance with the law is the only security with the locator.

Bismark Items.

[From the Tribune.]

There are now 1,500 barrels of flour on the road bound for up river points, but as the Terry is the last boat up, overland transportation will have to be resorted to.

Stages now leave Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the Black Hills and arrive Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Northern Pacific is running some very heavy trains at present. One came in on the 29th ult. with thirty heavily loaded cars.

Dr. Bently, of Bismarck, was elected Deputy Grand Master by the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., which convened at Sioux Falls, recently.

Harry Hudson, commissary Sergeant of Major Merrill's command, who has a four month's furlough, with permission to go beyond the sea, went East Monday morning.

The Rosebud arrived on the 28th of October with 140 mechanics from Assinaboin, and a number of discharged soldiers and cabin passengers. She has done a very successful season's work and will winter at Yankton.

Mr. W. P. McLay, a superintendent of the bonanza farms, visited the city last week. He will invest in a Montana ranche.

Steele is busy thrashing again and it is estimated that the yield will be not less than thirty-five bushels per acre. He has sold 15,000 bushels to the Northwestern Mills, Minneapolis at five cents per bushel in advance of market price.

Opinions of the English Press on the Presidential Elections.

The *Daily Telegraph* devotes its leading article to the election, and says: "So far as National issues are concerned the Democratic party have fought and lost its last great battle. No future Presidential campaign will be conducted under banners which were originally hoisted by Thomas Jefferson, and which symbolized hatred to England upon the foremost plank of its platform. That this feeling has passed away is clearly evinced by the fact that in the struggle between Garfield and Hancock the sympathies of Englishmen have been all along in favor of the former."

The *Manchester Guardian*, the most influential of the provincial press, joins with the London press in congratulating both parties on the decisive result of the election, leaving no opening for disputes. It says: "There seems to be no reason why, if the Democrats do not change their tactics, the Republicans should not hold office for another twenty years. The former would do well to let the question of States rights drop as far as possible, into obscurity. It behooves them to find another rallying cry. This may eventually be furnished by free trade, which a succession of bad harvests or gradual exhaustion of the soil may bring into the range of practical politics. There is no possibility of a modification of the tariff at least for four years. There is, however, some consolation for this in the fact that the Republican policy is otherwise friendly to England."

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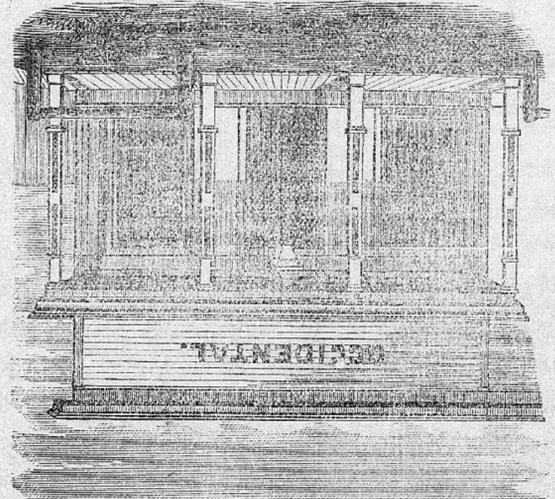
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