

MONTANA MITES.

[Herald]

The production of pork in the Territory this year will exceed by one-third that of any other season. Notwithstanding the high price of grain, our farmers find that swine growing is profitable.

Lieut. Reynold, quartermaster at Fort Hall, was robbed lately by two recruits, named Marion and Fitzgerald, of \$750, by breaking open the safe. They were caught at Laramie city.

The following came in from Benton on the 29th: "Thermometer 59 deg. below zero this morning. Mean temperature for the day, 54 deg. below zero, and not a d—d stick of wood in town.

A gentleman who came in recently from Granville Stuart's cattle ranch in the Judith Basin country, says that the storm did not reach much beyond Diamond city. He said there was no snow in Smith River valley and but little in the Musselshell.

[Husbandman.]

The Canadian prophet who said we were to have a snow storm on the 22nd that would continue until it reached a depth of eleven feet, has thus far missed it only by about ten feet.

It is proposed to make a good road over the Duck creek divide next summer. This route is several miles shorter than any other route from the Springs to Helena.

The Benton Line, it is thought, will have all the transportation it can do next year and it is estimated that it will be able to move five or six thousand tons of freight, besides thousands of passengers. Montana may well be proud of her enterprising citizen, T. C. Power, the owner of this line.

A mountain lion which made several visits to Wm. Ford's sheep corrals last week and killed six or eight head of sheep finally came to grief at the hands of James Ramsey. It was night and the moon gave a poor light, but a random shot pierced a vital part, though only 40 yards distant a needle gun did not drive a ball through him. Mr. Ford brought the beast to town and sent it to Gen. A. J. Smith, who will have the skin stuffed by a taxidermist and ship it East to friends.

The school census of Meagher county reveals the fact that the rising generation is about evenly mated in regard to sex, there being 195 boys and 193 girls. The census of the county taken last June shows that there are three males in the county to every female. If grown persons alone were enumerated there would be about seven men to every woman. The Territorial census gives the same proportion, three males to one female.

The public has been exercised to a considerable degree for some time past in regard to the probable course of the Northern Pacific railroad. The Yellowstone Journal publishes it as authentic that the road is to come via the Musselshell, while the Courier argues that it will go up the Yellowstone. Other journals of the Territory take sides as their various interests dictate. As for ourself we have thought but little about it as we are confident that the matter will be determined in the councils of the company who know nothing and care less as to what any Montana journal may say. But while we are willing to admit that the Yellowstone route is and has long been the favorite one with the company, we are quite sure that when the advantages of the Musselshell route are brought before the company and are thrown into the scales against those of the Yellowstone, the former is as liable to be adopted.

[Independent.]

We learn that a mail bag was found on the overland road last Friday evening between Helena and Montana city. It was not brought to town, but left on the roadside, and perhaps did not reach its destination at all.

The *Missoulian*, the 25th inst., says: "Baptiste Ducharme, of Frenchtown, who, a few weeks since, made final entry on his pre-emption claim at Frenchtown, quite astonished Judge Moody, when he swore his age was 99 years. Ducharme has lived on his farm since 1860, and says he came to Montana with a trapper named Ashley before Captain Bonneville made his famous explorations hereabouts. The old man appears stout and healthy yet, and rustles for himself just the same as if he was fifty years younger."

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

Cold Blooded Murder Near New Chicago—Sutcliffe by the Murderer.

The following from the *Independent* describes the latest Montana horror: "From what particulars can be obtained, it appears that up to last Sunday three men, known familiarly as Boulder Fritz, Phil Heenal and Dougherty, together occupied a cabin on the Hell Gate river, about three miles above New Chicago. They had alternately followed the business of mining and ranching, and held a common interest in considerable property in the vicinity of New Chicago. On Sunday last the three men were seen alive and living in apparent peace together, though it was known to some of their friends that disputes had several times arisen between them in reference to their ground.

On Monday some men having occasion to pass the cabin which the three men occupied concluded to call in and see how they were spending the holidays, but were horrified on opening the door to behold two of the three lying dead on the floor. The other one was no where to be seen, nor could any trace of him be discovered. Dougherty was lying full length in pool of blood, and Phil Heenal was found in a sitting posture, his back leaning against the wall and the top of his head blown

entirely off. A double-barrelled gun, unloaded, its stock clasped tightly between his feet, and the muzzle pointed toward his face, was regarded as an evidence that he had suicided. Two theories have been offered as explanations of the revolting deed.

The first is that the three men became involved in a quarrel about their property, in the course of which Phil Heenal procured a gun and shot Dougherty and Boulder Fritz, and supposing them both dead, was so overcome with remorse, or agitated by the fear of punishment, that he reloaded the gun and blew his own brains out. It is supposed by those who hold this theory that Fritz was not killed outright; that after being wounded he attempted to leave the cabin to seek assistance and that he probably perished in the snow.

It is claimed, on the other hand, that Fritz is the man who committed the deed; that he placed the gun in the hands of Phil Heenal after the latter had been murdered in order to make it appear that he had suicided. The culprit then, it is asserted, left the house and is now doubtless beyond the reach of the law.

Which of these two stories is correct, or whether or not either of them is correct, it is impossible definitely to ascertain.

A Dreary Ending.

[Salt Lake Tribune.]

The pitiable Sprague business is on the tapis again. A brilliant, beautiful and slightly "fast" woman married a man because he was rich. She was sustained by a secret hope that through her new position her father's political ambition might be gratified and she made the lady of the White House. The father's hopes were blighted and he soon grieved himself to death; the fortune that she sold her soul and body for passed away, and the husband, whom she had married under the belief that he was a harmless millionaire, developed into a drunkard and is now revealed as too mean to live. Hence there is a separation and a suit for divorce. The husband refuses the woman her clothes and abuses her and her children. The wonder is that a woman like Kate Chase Sprague has consented to bear his name so long. There is little pity for her, because she deliberately outraged her womanhood in becoming his wife; but while this is so, only the deepest contempt is due Sprague. He is that style of man which any self-respecting woman would withdraw from with infinite loathing. The marriage tie is growing very much relaxed from what it was once in the United States; but one idea of modern times is surely right, and that is, that gross abuse of a woman by a man, not only makes a divorce excusable but makes it a duty. For a woman to live with and raise children to a man that her soul justly loathes, is a crime which does not end with the lives of the husband and wife, but descends to the children and makes them, and those who are near them, infinite unhappiness. Kate Chase shut up the doors of her heart when she became Mrs. Sprague. She but listened to the whisperings of ambition and knew in advance that a world of suffering was in store for her. But she did not dream of the petty meanness on which her husband's character was builded. Had there been anything manly or noble in him, the pride of the wife would have been on guard, and would have saved the home. But when with the other misfortunes, that pride changed to unspeakable contempt; when, building without affection, she discovered that there was not enough material in the man in whom her life had been merged, to found common respect upon, then her despair was complete indeed. And the public that judges her harshly forgets that indifference to public opinion is apt to come to a soul when it realizes that, no matter how much it may awaken the world's scorn, all that the world may think or feel will not equal the scorn which that soul feels for itself. The stream that carries life and growth to the region through which it flows, if choked or dammed is liable, in a rage to devastate the region that it before had blessed. Kate Sprague's life is a choked stream, and is only useful now as a lesson to young women. She wounded her own heart to gratify ambition, and now, as the glamor of her brilliant girl and young woman life has passed, she realizes that there is but one abiding blessing for woman, which is to be the loving centre of a loving home, and that is denied her, because in her plans she did not consider this greatest need, and did nothing to secure it. Women always fare that way when, on a higher or lower plane, their hopes and their acts take the same direction.

The Chinese Treaty.

The following comment on the Chinese Treaty by the New York *Herald* discusses the case with more than ordinary clearness and freedom from prejudice: The question of Chinese immigration to the United States has not probably been difficult to settle on such terms as will leave it for us to deal with as we choose. Very few Chinese have ever come to this country direct from a Chinese port; the great bulk of the immigration has come from the British port of Hong Kong, over which the Chinese have no jurisdiction, and an agreement by the Chinese government that it will not hereafter grant passports or permission to leave China for the United States to any of its subjects with the exception of such as may come over here for the purposes of study, travel or commerce would cover the whole ground. With the Chinese who may come hither from British ports, Hong Kong or Sydney, or Spanish ports, such as Havana, or Peruvian or other

ports, the Chinese government cannot, of course, interfere with those. It can leave the United States to deal with them at their pleasure, either admitting or rejecting them.

It is well known that the Government of China has never encouraged the immigration of its people to other countries, and it was understood here before the American commission left for Peking, that its members would discover when they got there that the Chinese question, so-called, concerned less the Chinese than the British authorities and the American consul at Hong Kong. It is already known that in the commercial treaty the United States agree to forbid their citizens to import opium or nicotine into China or to engage in any way in trade in these articles under severe penalty. In return for this the Chinese government, it is believed, has granted to the United States very favorable tariff rates on the importation of cotton goods and some other manufactures with the condition that other nations in like manner prohibiting to their people the importation of opium and nicotine into China and the traffic in them there, shall be placed on the same footing.

China, with its 450,000,000 of people, may become some day a vast market for American grain stuffs, and particularly for the enormous surplus wheat of California. Flour now enters Chinese ports free. California is one of the largest quicksilver producing countries in the world, and China last year took one-half the entire product of the State. On this product a duty is now collected.

Disbanded.

[Bismarck Tribune.]

Thirteen of the engineers who have been engaged on the preliminary survey of the Yellowstone country, arrived in this city Wednesday night, having finished their labors in that locality. They will disband for the winter. Mr. Reif, of the corps, has been ordered to Brainard, and went East Monday last. Gen. Dodge has made the headquarters of division at Miles city and will remain at that point during the winter and will be on hand to watch the difficulties to be overcome by the spring break-up of the Yellowstone.

The paper wheels on the new cars of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad cost \$106 each. Steel ones cost a little more than half that sum.

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