

FIGHTING BETWEEN COWBOYS AND HORSE THIEVES.

A Cowboy Comes to St. Paul With Interesting Details of Hostilities over Horses in the Northwest.

(St. Paul Day.)

A Montana cowboy named James Weston arrived in St. Paul this morning from Miles City, and proceeded on his way to Chicago at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He reports a lively time with horse-thieving near Fort Macleod. To a Day reporter he told the following:

For some time past it has been known that there was an organized gang of horse thieves in the country awaiting an opportunity to make a haul, but just where they were was not definitely known. About two weeks ago a band of horses running on Mr. Ryan's ranges mysteriously disappeared and about a week ago a number of horses were taken from the vicinity of the town of Fort Macleod. The former were found on the other side of the Kootenai river, and the latter are being trailed, but are not all yet recovered. Last Wednesday at the Cochrane ranch, cowboys were on their way to the western end of the range, they discovered a band of horses, which turned out to be Mr. Ryan's.

Geo. Baker and A. Vice were waiting to drive down some steers for I. G. Baker & Co., and they recognized most of the horses. The Cochrane horsemen went on their way and Baker and Vice returned to Crow camp. During Tuesday and Wednesday two men, Sleepy Joe and Rothwell, were camped close by the Crow camp, and on Thursday visited the boys. They said they were looking for horses and started for Macleod in the morning. Along in the afternoon Baker and Vice met them and two others with eight horses. Baker recognized Ryan's horses and rode up to rescue them. Baker and Vice were surrounded and told to surrender their horses, upon which Vice fired, breaking one man's right arm. The other three thieves fired at Baker and Vice and Baker's horse was killed. The two cowboys returned the salute, wounding Rothwell. The three others then fled, but the two cowboys went after them, and brought back four of the horses, the three thieves escaping across the border. Rothwell was taken to Macleod and put in the guard house. The horse thieves were expected back with reinforcements and the cowboys, Baker and Vice, and some others from the Cochrane ranch, awaited their coming. On Sunday night they came back, six forming the party. They were met as they crossed the Kootenai river by the cowboys when a general fight took. The horse thieves all escaped but one, who was taken into camp and a guard put over him till morning. When the rest of the boys awoke in the morning they found the guard unconscious from a blow across the left temple and that the prisoner had escaped. They at once pursued them and in about two hours caught one. A scaffold was made by the boys with the intention of lynching the prisoner, but after consultation it was decided to take him to the fort, where he now lies. Armed men are after the rest of them, and it is expected they will be captured. It is estimated that over 100 horses have been stolen by the gang.

The Park Stables.

We call attention to the notice of the dissolution of the firm of Harris & Lewis of the Park stables, Mr. Howell Harris, who, for a number of years has been connected with the stable, retiring, his large stock interests in the county preventing an active participation in the business. We are sure the Park stables will lose none of its old time popularity under the new management. Mr. Lewis is a practical livery stable man and is deservedly popular wherever he is known. His acquaintance extends all over the territory. For a number of years he was largely interested in the freight business, and shippers found him quick and reliable. In assuming the exclusive management of the Park stables he brings to bear those ripe business qualifications which insure success. The RIVER PRESS wishes abundant prosperity to the new proprietor of the Park stables.

Clerks who Talked Their All.

WASHINGTON, November 7.—It is said that a great many department clerks will be financially embarrassed on account of their bets, if Cleveland is elected. They are probably thinking more of that than what may befall them after the 4th of March. Instead of hedging on their bets when the spasmodic reports favorable to Blaine had depressed the democrats, as it was thought they would do, many of them put up their last penny on Blaine, hoping to win largely. Many of them said this morning they had lost heavily the money which they had saved up against a democratic victory, which they feared meant loss of position. There will be a great rejoicing among those people if Blaine should, after all, be elected.

Opinions of the English Press.

LONDON, November 8.—It has long been an axiom in English politics that the provincial press is the real barometer of public opinion. In order to secure the reading of that barometer as applied to the American presidential election, your correspondent arranged for telegraphic summaries of the editorial expressions on the subject of sixty morning papers in provincial cities and towns to be sent to London to-day. A canvass of the result shows with but one exception a feeling of rejoicing and congratulation. The solitary exceptional paper is the York Gazette (Tory), which regards the election of Cleveland as a slap in the face of the Irish-Americans. The election expressed by the other fifty-nine papers seems not to be based upon any expectation that the democratic victory will improve British relations with the United States, as it

has long been believed England would be unaffected either way. The argument, generally, for approving the choice of the American people is that Blaine's past has been corrupt, and his future, if larger opportunity were afforded him, doubtless would be still more venal. The newspapers all make merry over Gould's dispatch congratulating Cleveland on his victory, after having, as was generally understood, done his very best to secure the election of Blaine. The Pall Mall Gazette expressed the hope that Cleveland would not respond to the dispatch, but would maintain a very distant attitude toward Gould and all persons and principles that are typified by his name.

Stock at Brainerd.

BRainerd, Nov. 2.—Thirteen trains of stock on the Northern Pacific is the record for the past twenty-four hours, aggregating close to six thousand head of Montana stock passing here, and there are en route out of Fargo six trains, or 2,400 head more.

Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, November 8.—The weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$291,000. The banks now hold \$241,095,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

The Swain Court Martial.

WASHINGTON, November 8.—It is understood that Judge Advocate General Swain, who is to be tried by court martial on the 15th inst., will make objections to several members of the court. Generals Schofield, Terry, Murray, Rochester and probably one other will be objected to on the ground that they are prejudiced for reasons which his council will explain to the war department. Such a course will probably necessitate a further postponement of trial.

Prominent Cattle Man Shot

SALT LAKE, November 9.—Gus Sorenson, an extensive cattle man near Cisco, on the D. & R. G. railway line, was shot and killed Friday by the Tidwell gang. They admit the shooting, but claim self-defense in the fight which arose on finding Sorenson stealing their cattle. Other parties say it is more likely to be the reverse.

Railroad War.

NEW YORK, November 10.—First class passenger rates to Chicago were reduced this morning to \$10.50 by the Erie, West Shore & Lackawanna roads, and brokers sell for less.

Republicans in Council.

NEW YORK, November 11.—The republican national committee have moved to Victors Hall, and Chairman Jones, Senator Hobart and Messrs. Elkins, Chaffee and Converse are to-day awaiting the reports of the official count in the state. Hon. Emery A. Storrs, in an interview this afternoon, said: "It is the duty of Blaine to insist for a fair count, for he has not been running for fun, but as the representative of some millions of people."

Newspaper Comments.

NEW YORK, November 11.—The Mail and Express says: "The official count of the ballot in every county in the state is now in progress. Neither party yields an inch and every figure will be closely scrutinized in all the counties of the state. A week is usually consumed at the work, but in this city and Kings county less time is required. Four years ago the official canvass of the state was not completed until November 20th, over a week distant. Prominent lawyers on both sides will watch the count."

The Fastest on Record.

LEXINGTON, November 11.—The slate is broken and Maud S., queen of the turf, has made the fastest time on record. Time, quarter, 32 1/4; half, 1:04 1/4; mile, 2:09 1/4.

The Next Congress.

WASHINGTON, November 11.—Secretary McPherson says that according to his figures, subject to correction but not likely to be changed, the democrats will have 183 members in the next house of representatives, the republicans 141, and the greenbackers 1 (Weller). This gives the democrats a majority of 41 over all. The republicans gain 22 over their present representation, the democrats lose 17 and the greenbackers and independents 4.

Washington's Monument.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The Washington monument to-day reached a greater height than that of any other structure in the world, being 510 feet and 10 inches above the floor of the monument. The next highest structure is the spire of the Cologne cathedral, which towers 515 feet above the floor of the building. It is estimated that it will take but twenty-five working days to complete the monument, so there is no doubt of its being finished in time for dedication on the 22d of February.

New Hampshire Official Vote.

CONCORD, N. H., November 12.—The official returns received by the secretary of state gives the following as the result of this state: Blaine 143,166; Cleveland 39,166; St. John 1,573; Butler 552; aggregate vote 84,447, Blaine's plurality 4,000, Blaine's majority 1,875. Conner, rep., for governor, has majority over all 498.

ONE of the features of the world's exposition at New Orleans will be a united encampment of the veterans of the federal confederate armies.

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