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LOUIS RIEL is writing a history of himself. It is a pity that he will not be able to put the finishing touches upon it.

GENERAL STRANGE is an older officer than General Middleton, and were he in active service would outrank him.

COL. IRVINE of the mounted police has received his vindication. He was acting under orders in everything he did or did not do during the rebellion.

THERE has been nothing heard from the Sweet Grass hills for several days. We are promised a recital of actual facts as soon as parties who are now there return. The arrival of large quantities of dust at different times would seem to justify the statements that have been made.

From the report, which appears elsewhere it would seem that a railroad to Fort Benton is seriously agitated by the management of the Galt Railway Co. We are glad to chronicle this resolve and hope that it will not end as many other surveys to this section have done. It will be only a question of a few months before actual work is commenced.

BOSTON Herald: The orations to be delivered upon Grant are not ended; but it seems to us desirable that their number should be few now, and that only those men who through position or talent are especially fitted to pronounce them should be invited to engage in the work. The subject is one with the main points of which the world is familiar, and whose detail is known in every household of the land.

The information regarding the Neihart mines will be read with pleasure by our people, who are interested in that locality. The purchase of the St. Julian mine and of interests in others, together with the probable purchase of the Hudson Mining property, will give a permanent boom to Neihart which will be felt perceptibly in this section. That the owners have confidence in the camp there is no doubt, and with unlimited capital can make it second to no mining camp in Montana.

There is a general shaking up in army circles caused by the recent order of the secretary of war in reference to detached service. That a good many gentlemen who have been luxuriating in extremely soft berths for many years past will find the order rather unpalatable, is pretty evident. But as many of them owe their nice positions to nothing but social and political influence, few will be inclined to sympathize with them greatly. The action of the war department is in the right direction, and can scarcely fail to have a beneficial influence on the army. It is said that other reforms of the same character are contemplated.

The papers in the Northwest are making a cry against the selling of liquor; not that they object to the selling of it, on the contrary, they would like laws made by which it could be legally introduced with restrictions, but they do object to its sale at Calgary. It is claimed that in that city it is sold openly in the face of the law, and other portions of the country must go without it or get it by the underground railway. We have been told that there is no scarcity of the stimulating fluid at Fort Macleod, at 50 cents per drink or \$5 a bottle, purchased on the sly. It grinds an Englishman or Canadian to have laws enacted by which he is deprived of his beer.

At the next session of congress we can rely upon something being done toward opening the reservation north of us. Mr. Toole has promised that when he is elected he would use his influence toward this end. From what we know of Mr. Toole he will do as he has said and will work heart and soul in order to bring about a result which should have been accomplished long ago. There is no reason in the world why this immense tract should be given over to the Indians. It is the garden spot of Montana, and if Mr. Toole desires the gratitude of the people of this section of the territory he will use his utmost endeavors to influence legislation on this, to us, important matter.

New York Herald: Capital is locked up; the banks are full of money and cannot lend it out at even the lowest rates of interest; the spirit of adventure is crushed; manufactures and commerce languish, mainly because no man who has money is willing to put gold dollars into a new enterprise, with the probability that he will be able to draw out of it only 93-cent silver dollars. If there is stagnation, if there is lack of employment among the laboring masses, if interest is low and money a drug and capital and labor both suffer, this is due mainly to the fact that we are cursed with two kinds of dollars, one worth seventeen cents less than the other, and both legal tender by act of congress.

The Woman's Journal has the following to say in regard to the treatment of women in securing appointments as teachers in the public schools: "Our public school system, as at present administered, not only discriminates in salaries on account of sex, but reserves first class positions solely for the men, thus condemning women to subordinate positions. In order to secure just treatment to women as teachers, appointments to all positions in the schools, including that of principal, should be based upon merit as tested by an examination analogous to that established by the civil service commissioners. To these examinations men and women should alike be admitted as candidates. This discrimination on account of sex is a relic of barbarism, in the schools as everywhere else."

W. L. COUCH, president of Capt. Payne's Oklahoma colony, maintains the right of the colonists to settle on the Oklahoma lands. The complaint of Payne and Couch has been that the cattle lords were allowed to occupy the lands and they were excluded. The government, however, has bounced the cattle lords, and for the same reason must prevent the Couch people from settling on the land until a proper arrangement can be made with the Indians, who have recognized rights as to white settlers on the Oklahoma reservation.

BELVA LOCKWOOD paid the Bozeman Chronicle office a visit recently. That paper says: "Belva is a talker from away back, and she proposes to see to it that the large Indian reservations of Montana are thrown open to settlement."

MONTANA medium wool was quoted in Boston on the 14th at 22@24c; fine at 20@22c.

River Convention.

The river convention to be held at St. Paul on the third day of next month, has for its first objects two propositions of great importance to all settlers in the upper Missouri valley, and of especial interest to Bismarck, Benton and the new river towns between these places. One is, that the appropriations for river improvement shall be fairly divided between the upper and lower rivers. The other is, that the plan of operations shall be reversed, and that the government work shall be directed to speedy improvement of the upper rivers, beginning at the head of navigation and leaving permanent work on the lower rivers, where navigation is comparatively unobstructed, for future consideration. Among other subjects of consideration will be some sort of proposition looking to the exclusion from river and harbor bills of all sorts of private and local jobs not necessary to their main purpose. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the interest all the people of the Missouri valley have in the objects of this convention. It is enough to say—what will be agreed to by every one who considers the present condition and prospective growth of the new settlements along the Missouri—that every Montana and Dakota settlements on or near the river banks ought to be represented in the convention. The suggestion is made, also, that it is desirable that the upper Missouri river delegates should, if possible, have a separate conference so as to bring out and consolidate the views they will be prepared to present to the convention. Gov. Pierce and Mayor Bragg will appoint, respectively, the Dakota and Bismarck delegations.—Bismarck Journal.

Contract Awarded.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Acting Commissioner Upsbur of the Indian Bureau has awarded the contract for furnishing 225,000 pounds of beef and 110,000 pounds of flour for the Northern Cheyenne Indians, to Thos. C. Power, of Chicago—the former as \$3.47 and the latter at \$2.70 per 100 pounds.

Spain Irritated.

MADRID, August 19.—Spanish irritation over Germany's assumption of the possession of the Caroline islands, is increasing. The newspapers are indignant at the annexation. They say the act ignores the ancient rights of Spain and declare that the Spanish consuls, long before the annexation was made, notified Germany that the Spanish government of the Philippine islands had, since last March, been making preparations for the effective occupation of the Caroline islands, and insist that in view of all these circumstances, Germany's violation of international law is inexcusable.

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