

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The population of Dakota as shown by the census just taken is 416,000.

The dredge boat was tested this afternoon and everything found to work like a charm.

The new management of the Grand Union hotel propose to have the house conducted on first-class principles.

The gate receipts at the Fair were \$5,678.34. There will probably be twice that much from the sale of pools and other sources, such as bar privileges, etc.

Major Maginnis, Hugh McQuaid, R. G. Merrill and J. S. Tooker have gone to the waterways convention from Helena. Major Maginnis will, in a measure, represent Fort Benton and talk for the upper river between Bismarck and this city.

The members of the river surveying party who were here a few weeks ago, report that from the head of the rapids below the mouth of Sun River to Fort Benton there is a fall in the river of 717 feet and to the mouth of Belt 574 feet.

Last Monday a band of Pieigans attempted to run off 180 horses of Tom La Forge's but Mr. LaForge came on them suddenly when they had the whole band nearly rounded up. Tom commenced shooting and the Pieigans ran off. By the time the boys came up to his assistance the Pieigans were across the river.—Billings Gazette.

We made mention yesterday of a rumor that horses had been stolen from miners in the Sweet Grass hills by Indians. Since then we have seen parties who have confirmed the rumor. The animals were allowed to run loose where mining operations are carried on, and all of the animals on one side of the coulee were gobbled up by the marauders.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Missouri river and the country adjacent has been patrolled by troops from Assinaboine and Maginnis, a returning war party of Bloods passed over the Milk river country in the vicinity of Box Elder, recently, with thirty or forty head of stolen horses. It is supposed to be the party whom the cowboys from the Yellowstone pursued.

From Thursday's Daily.

The first execution in Minnesota since 1868 occurred at Duluth on the 28th ult.

Montana wools were quoted in Chicago on, the 24th ult., for fine and medium, at 19@20c.

The losses by the cyclone which recently visited Charleston, S. C., as revised, show a loss of \$1,690,000.

The celebrated Gros Ventre chief, Painted Nose, was recently employed at Fort Assinaboine as interpreter.

The Fort Assinaboine hay contract is being filled in first class shape; over three hundred tons have already been delivered at the post.

The dredge boat has been accepted by the government. The trial yesterday satisfied Capt. Quinn that the boat has been well constructed.

A local weather prophet, after "making medicine" for several days, has come to the conclusion that Montana will be treated to a deep fall of snow next winter, and advises all stock owners to look after their stock.

R. P. Hamill will return in a few days from Ulidia. In case he does not effect the sale of his sheep he will send for his family, who are now residing at Wells, Nevada, and take up his residence in Fort Benton.

The members of the A. O. U. W. of Helena are excited over the coming of Father Upchurch, the founder of the order, who will be there in a few days. It is hoped to have 500 workmen parade at the reception.

Several army officers affected by the recent order of the secretary of war declare that they will resign rather than rejoin their regiments. Nobody will mourn if they do. The army has no use for silk-stockinged, feather-ted gentlemen who are afraid of real service.

Col. Leaming killed a chicken hawk at Mose Solomon's place a day or two ago. Mose says he has wasted hundreds of rounds of ammunition on the birds, but never succeeded in killing one. The colonel brought down his bird the first round. Mose says it strained the gun a little.

Capt. Durage informs us that it is his intention to construct a small dam opposite the old fort to confine the river to the main channel. This will have a tendency to increase the volume of water and at the same time improve the main channel. Capt. Durage will remain with the boat during the season. Capt. Horton will handle the valves.

From Friday's Daily.

P. B. Gallagher, formerly of this city, is now the proprietor of the leading hotel at Marysville.

Frank Coombs will go to Neihart in a few days to look after some mining property in which he is interested.

Mr. Goodrich, with T. C. Power & Bro., will start Monday next on a trip east, to be absent five or six weeks.

The Buchanan Bros., of Maiden, were in the city yesterday en route north after a number of horses recently stolen from them by Indians.

The 500 head of sheep purchased of J. F. Patterson & Co. by parties from the north were crossed on Mike Lynch's ferry yesterday and are now en route to their destination.

T. C. Power & Bro's. mule train in charge of Pres. Lewis will make one or two trips to the Coal Banks and then go to Rocky Point to bring up what freight may be left at that place.

The steamer Batchelor passed Rocky Point last evening en route to the Coal Banks, where she will arrive in a few days. This will probably be the last boat to come up as far as Coal Banks.

John W. Power has just received from New York a bust of Gen. Grant, which is an excellent likeness of the old commander and something to be prized as a work of art, although by no means an expensive affair.

Mr. A. Nathan, of this city, has leased a building at Butte, and will before long establish a first class clothing store at that place. Mr. Nathan's visit to Butte convinced him that it is the boss camp of the country.

Messrs. Gans & Klien are building a mammoth new store at Butte. It has a front of forty feet and will certainly be, when completed and stocked, the finest clothing store in Montana. The location is an excellent one, the ground, at present prices, being worth many thousand dollars.

Mr. J. C. Irving, who was one of the earliest miners in the Little Rockies, arrived in the city from Oregon a few days ago, en route to the Rockies to represent his interests there. He has several quartz claims that he thinks are worth holding on to. He will probably go down from the Coal Banks on the Batchelor.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Fort Benton & Fort Conrad stage line. Passengers and express matter are carried at very reasonable rates and we expect to see the line do a good business. Connection is made at Fort Conrad with the stage line to Fort Macleod and parties going to the Sweet Grass mines will find this the most convenient route.

Duncan T. Hunter, a young Englishman, who is interested with Mr. Henage and Chandler & Chater in the investment at Three Forks and at the lower or great falls of the Missouri, arrived at 28-Mile Springs Tuesday and that same day proceeded to the falls, where the company is prospecting for coal. He feels much encouraged as to the outlook for striking a permanent vein of good coal at that place, and in the event of success thinks it will have an important bearing in the development of northern Montana. Mr. Hunter told a RIVER PRESS representative that Fort Benton would not be long without a railroad, even if the enterprises now talked of are not put into effect. There is a scheme to build a road to the head of navigation not yet made public, which he says will be under full headway before very long. Persistent quizzing would not lead to any further revelations.

Too Many Newspapers.

The picture Sol. Smith Russell draws of Felix McKusick, as the editor of a weekly newspaper expending his energy in an attempt to discover how the wolf can be kept from the door, is not so much of an exaggeration after all. It is a wonder to everybody at all acquainted with the cost of printing even a small weekly newspaper and the sources of income, how some of the weeklies live at all. I have in my mind now a Dakota town, where the number of business men does not exceed fifteen, and where the surrounding population is scattered and poor. The town itself has all the evidence of suffering from the collapse of an unwarranted boom, and yet two papers are struggling for an existence in the town. Nowhere is the newspaper business so much overdone as in Dakota, and I want to predict that five years from now the number will be very much less than it is now. But these pioneer journals are playing an important part, none the less, in developing the territory, even if the impecunious editors are harassed as is Felix McKusick.—"Casual Listner" in Pioneer Press.

From Neihart.

Late advices from Neihart are to the effect that no doubt exists there as to the genuineness of the sale of the Montana Bell group of mines to the Ryan-Broadwater syndicate. It is stated there that the sale was actually made and the money paid over to Capt. Mackintosh and his partner. This sale gives the syndicate a controlling interest in the mines. Chamberlain still holds out, regarding his interest worth more money than he has been offered.

Six car loads of dressed beef shipped to New York by Marquis de Mores last week brought five to seven cents a pound.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The liberal purposes to be promoted by the water-ways convention now in session at St. Paul are thus referred to by the Pioneer Press: There is no intention of forcing any pet scheme or prearranged plan, nor of antagonizing those whose interests lie along the lower river. The improvement of the Red river of the north, and of the Missouri, of the harbors of Duluth and other harbors on Lake Superior are all necessary for the securing of a proper outlet to the vast region that produces the bulk of the wheat shipped out of the country. With the kindest hopes for the securing of adequate appropriations for the Mississippi below St. Louis, the backers of the present movement feel that the time has come when it must be recognized that this section has its rights. The last river and harbor bill before congress was killed by representatives of the northwest because it did not make adequate provision for this region. It is proposed to strengthen the influences brought to bear upon congress that we shall be no longer ignored. Secretary Wanzer expresses the opinion that with the making of proper improvements in the Mississippi wheat can be shipped from St. Paul to the Gulf for six cents per bushel. The secretary has to date received the names of 464 delegates who have signed their intention to be present. Delegates at large have been appointed in all the states and territories named in the call.

A. L. Bancroft & Co., the publishing outfit of San Francisco, sends us a letter circular in which they endeavor to show that the Benton Leader of Corvallis, Oregon, has been engaged in an attempt to blackmail them. The trouble grows out of a "school book campaign" in Oregon and judging by the tactics and sweet scented representatives of the Bancrofts in Montana last winter it is safe to say that the Leader or any other paper would be justified in scoring the outfit without mercy. With the memory of Leadbetter and Donovan and the rest of the gang still hanging around in Montana, the "blackmail" circular will fail to awaken the first particle of sympathy.

A PETITION is being circulated throughout the provinces of Canada asking that a respite be granted Riel, condemned to be hanged this month, until his case can be reviewed by the highest court of appeal. It is receiving thousands of signatures and it is not improbable that Sir John will see the necessity of heeding the prayer of the petitioners.

The open letter of District Attorney Blake to A. L. Bancroft & Co., publishers of the series of school books adopted by the late lamented, had the desired effect, as will be seen by the instructions to their agents, published elsewhere. Mr. Blake is entitled to a good deal of credit for what he has done in this matter.

The Boston Journal of Commerce of the 29th ult. reports the sale of 24,000 pounds of Montana wool at 24 cents. The market continues very firm throughout and sales are large, averaging 4,000,000 pounds a week at Boston for the last eight weeks.

The Clangor of an Alarm Bell

Close by, in the stillness of the night, could scarcely startle the ordinary individual more than do trifling noises the nervous invalid. But once the nerves are braced and the system invigorated with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, this abnormal sensitiveness is succeeded by a tranquility not to be disturbed by trivial causes. Impaired digestion is a fertile cause of nerve weakness and unnatural mental gloom, and a vigorous renewal of the action of the stomach is one of the surest means of invigorating and quieting the nerves. Insomnia, or sleeplessness, a form of nervous disease, is unquestionably benefited by sedatives, when it is prolonged, or of frequent occurrence, but its permanent removal is more effectually achieved with Bitters. This medicine is also signally efficacious for malaria, rheumatism, constipation, liver complaint, and torpidity of the kidneys and bladder.

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N. FITZGERALD.

Jersey Bull for Sale.

Duke of West Grove (No. 6212), by Lord Bacon (No. 4334) and Labelle of W. G. (No. 8895). For particulars enquire of A. C. Johnson, Fort Benton, or Chas. H. Boyle at his ranch on Highwood.

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