

The Missouri River Men Organize.

Immediately after the adjournment of the river convention a meeting was held at the Merchants hotel, St. Paul, of delegates from Missouri river points, for the purpose of permanent organization in the interest of the improvement of the Missouri. There were between thirty and forty present. Hon. L. R. Bolter, of Logan, Iowa, was chosen temporary chairman. The following resolutions, presented by H. M. Kirkpatrick, of Kansas City, were adopted without discussion:

Resolved, That we, the delegates in attendance at the waterways convention at St. Paul, who are residents upon and near the Missouri river, do hereby organize ourselves into an association to be known as the "Missouri River Improvement Committee," for the purpose of promoting the improvement of that river throughout its navigable course.

Resolved, That the association now elect officers to hold for two years, and together constitute an executive committee, whose duty it shall be to institute and carry forward vigorous measures to secure the improvement of that river by national appropriations devoted exclusively to that purpose, to call conventions, visit halls of legislation, organize proper support and do all things calculated to vigorously push forward the long neglected and greatly needed improvement of this national highway.

Immediately upon the adoption of these resolutions the meeting was permanently organized by the election of the following officers:

President—Hon. L. R. Bolter, Logan, Iowa.

Secretary—W. H. Beadle, Yankton, Dak.

Treasurer—J. D. Barker, Girard, Kan. Vice presidents from each state and territory—T. B. Bullene, Kansas City, Mo.; Thomas A. Scott, Wyandotte, Kan.; T. G. Merrill, Helena, Montana; E. M. Correll, Hebron, Neb.; John H. King, Chamberlain, Dak.

Corresponding secretaries—H. M. Kirkpatrick, Kansas City, Mo.; W. M. Glen, Harper, Kansas; A. J. Sawyer, Lincoln, Neb.; T. C. Power, Helena, Montana; W. H. Beadle, Yankton, Dak.; J. M. Miller, Sac City, Iowa.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president, and it was afterwards decided to hold the first meeting at Kansas City on Nov. 18, when arrangements will be made for a convention and an aggressive campaign. Much enthusiasm and entire harmony characterized the meeting, and important results are expected to be the outcome of the gathering.

An Important Mining Deal.

A letter has just been received from Maiden which states that the War Eagle and Alpine mines of the Maiden district had been bonded by Denis Ryan of St. Paul and T. C. Power of Montana for a large amount. Further particulars are not given. These properties are considered by competent experts as among the most valuable in that district.

It is gratifying to hear that a season of prosperity is at dawn for Maiden, which has been languishing but hopeful since the failure of the Collar mine. Residents of that section have all along been confident that the camp would yet be the best in Montana, and the bonding of these mines proves that their confidence was not misplaced.

Changed Hands.

The old-time 28-Mile Springs station has changed hands, A. J. Vance having sold his interest to J. P. Ryan. Mr. Vance has for about two years been in charge of the place and has made the station the most popular one on the road. The hungry stage passengers always found a good meal ready, and any one passing over the road was sure to be well treated. He always set a good table, and his efforts were appreciated by the traveling public. Everybody will miss Vance. He informs us that his successor, Mr. Ryan, will endeavor to maintain the popularity of the place. He has his wife with him, and the house will be thoroughly renovated.

Horses Stolen.

A man named George Evans and a half breed recently stole four head of horses, two saddles, two bridles and some bedding, and also a lot of provisions valued at \$50, from Henry Berger, who lives on the Teton three miles above Richter & Hunt's. In addition they took two animals belonging to William Glassman. The horses belonging to Glassman were taken first and offered for sale. No one wishing to buy, and fearing detection, they went back to the ranch of Mr. Berger and took the property mentioned and have left the country. Evans had been working for Berger and had been left there to get in hay while Berger went to Choteau on business. Warrants for the arrest of the parties were issued yesterday and the officers are on the track.

Another Railroad.

We have been informed on undoubted authority that a railroad is in course of construction from Regina, with Fort Benton as the objective point. Sixty miles of

the road has already been graded. The route is from Regina to Woody mountain and from thence to Fort Benton. Our informant gave us to intimation as to the parties who are building it. It is presumed, however, that the Canadian Pacific are reaching to Montana, and that the route mentioned is the one selected.

Timely Territorial Topics.

The festive burglar is again operating in Butte.

S. C. Ashby and family have gone to the National Park.

The Town Talk has emerged from the ashes in full form once more.

Sam Robertson is making the Jefferson County Sentinel a tip-top paper. We hope Sam will keep it up.

The thoroughbred Polled Angus cow and grade bull exhibited at the fair by T. C. Power have been sold since at good prices.

A man named Smitherin was arrested in Butte a few days ago for an indecent assault on a little girl. The crowd wanted to knock the "smithereens" out of him.

Mr. Speer, the artesian well borer, while boring for water at the ranch of Dr. A. G. Ladd, in Sand Coulee, had the misfortune to break another drill. He is not discouraged, however.

Mr. T. C. Power and family, of Helena, visited the Sun River ranch at the Leavings last Thursday and Friday. The Commodore is looking as robust as ever.—Rising Sun.

Governor Hauser advertises for proposals to build the south wing of the penitentiary. Contractors will now have a chance at a big building, with sure pay. The work should be pushed.

As there have been recent mistakes in publishing altitudes, we mention again that the height of Deer Lodge City above sea level is 4,545 feet, and of Mount Powell, 10,225 feet.—New North-West.

Mr. R. P. Walker left Sun River last Sunday for Helena, from which point he will go round by rail to Maple Creek, via St. Paul. He will then pilot his beehives to Chicago, and will be absent about two months.

The beef drive of the Montana Cattle Co. is on the way from the Marias to Maple Creek, and expect to reach that point on the 22d. The band is a large one, comprising 1,654 fine fat cattle, and will be shipped to Chicago via the Canadian Pacific.—Rising Sun.

Mr. J. Ross Clark, grand receiver of the A. O. U. W., for the Nevada jurisdiction, was to-day notified to pay to the widow of the late John P. Hale \$2,000 on the order of Grand Master Sullivan. Thus within ten days of the accident which terminated Mr. Hale's life his widow will receive \$2,000.—Inter Mountain.

The miner, Hale, who was a few days ago killed in the Lexington mine, was a member in good standing of the Ancient Order United Workmen. This assures his widow the sum of \$2,000, a needed relief at this hour when the strong arm of her support has been so suddenly removed. There is no better or cheaper system of insurance than that offered by this splendid order, now so rapidly growing all over the country. The cost is so cheap as to place it within the reach of every working man in the camp who is possessed of a good moral character and physical health. Miners and others whose lives are daily jeopardized, and indeed men of all classes to whose families \$2,000 would be an object, should seek admission to this benevolent and protective order.—Miner.

Crows After Piegan Ponies.

Charles Anceny, a member of the executive committee of the Stockgrowers' association, telegraphed Secretary Harrison from Fort Custer, September 3d, that seventy Crows were crossing the Yellowstone near the junction. Their object is said to be to steal horses from the Piegans. He had no force to drive them back. Mr. Harrison telegraphed at once to Major Forsyth, commanding at Fort Maginnis, and Gen. Brooke, commanding the district of Montana, at Fort Shaw. From the former Secretary Harrison had a reply saying that he had forces out to intercept and drive back the Indians, and from the latter that any reliable information on the subject would receive his attention as district commander.

The latest dispatch, September 5th, is from Major Forsyth, at Fort Maginnis, saying that one troop of cavalry is out scouting the country south and east of there and another troop will leave at daylight to scout the country between the Judith and the Snowy mountains.—Herald.

A Lack of Enthusiasm.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., September 6.—At a meeting called for to-night by the mayor to raise money for the Grant memorial fund, only the mayor and janitor of the hall were present. The call for the meeting has appeared in all the city papers for a week.

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Strayed or Stolen.

From the Coal Banks, on the night of August 25th, two horses, one dapple gray, heavy set horse and one Arabian white spotted with red, both branded HO on left shoulder. A reward of \$10 will be paid for their delivery to E. W. LYNG, Park stables, Fort Benton. H. O. LYNG.