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FROM THE CAPITAL.

Items of News Concerning Matters at Helena and Elsewhere.

Special to the River Press.
HELENA, August 25.—Butte has been almost entirely without water for the past thirty hours. If rains do not come soon there will be much suffering.

Forest fires are raging in every direction and the air here is thick with smoke. The coal mines at Timberline are to be closed down on account of the Knights of Labor troubles.

W. A. Clark has been selected as chairman of the democratic territorial committee. C. E. Conrad is the member for Chouteau county.

The Anaconda and St. Lawrence mines at Butte closed down on Saturday and the smelter at Anaconda will close to-morrow. It is understood that other mines and smelters will soon shut down until there is an advance in the price of silver. It is a calamity to the whole territory.

The convention yesterday was rather a tame affair. There were no speeches, no brass bands, no enthusiasm, no ratification meeting, no manifestation whatever of intense satisfaction on the part of the democrats. Toole promises to make a warm canvass and will begin soon. The republicans here appear to be supremely contented, and are now engaged in figuring on the majority their candidate will score. Sanders will be nominated; the democrats are hopeful that he will be.

HELENA, August 25.—Elevins' horses were both beaten yesterday. The half mile race was won by Ferguson in the wonderful time of 48½. The Derby was won by B. C. Holly's Eldorado; time, 1:44. The trotting race, 2:30 class, was won by Raymond's Carrie Belle; time, 2:25½.

HELENA, August 26.—The Helena team won in the shooting tournament against Butte and Bozeman.

The meeting of the Pioneers yesterday was a great success. Three hundred persons attended the banquet.

The Stock association meeting yesterday was well attended.

J. J. Hill and other directors of the Manitoba railroad will be in Helena Monday or Tuesday. They will go over the line of the Montana Central.

HELENA, August 26.—The three-year-old colt yesterday was won by Senator, a Salt Lake horse; time, 2:29¼—the best time for three-year-olds ever made in Montana. Minerva, owned by Holly, of Salt Lake, won the Pioneer stakes, three-quarter mile dash.

HELENA, August 27.—Helena is full of hard characters and three daring robberies have been committed this week.

John Glen won the three-quarter mile dash yesterday against some good horses. Daniel B. will take occasion to redeem himself before the close of the fair.

At the stock meeting yesterday Messrs. Reed and Taylor complained that the inspector for Chouteau county is incompetent. They said he did not know one animal from another, and most disgusting of all, drove about the range in a dog cart, although the cart had lately been captured and is now at Mr. Taylor's ranch, as a curiosity of the stock service. Granville Stuart said the matter would be looked into at once.

Pool selling yesterday was the heaviest heard of in the territory, reaching \$22,213.

Another rumor concerning the Anaconda shut down is that the property has been sold to a heavy London syndicate, which controls the copper market. This, if true, would be a great thing for Butte, as it would send up the price of copper.

Blaine spoke to four thousand people at Lewiston, Me., yesterday, mainly on the tariff. He said the republican party had never wavered in support of prohibition.

The Indian commission was at Detroit, Minn., yesterday, en route to Loup lake. A treaty has been made with the Red Lake Indians which has been signed by the tribes. The commission seems to be meeting with success.

A Dakota syndicate has arranged to ship 50,000 tons of hay to Montana, and will attempt to control the market. Agencies have been established in all towns on the Northern Pacific from Glendive to Butte.

HELENA, August 28.—J. P. Dealy, of the executive committee of the Knights of Labor, arrived at Timberline yesterday from Philadelphia to try to accomplish the adjustment of the labor troubles at that place. Arbitration will first be tried, and if that fails a general strike on the Northern Pacific may follow.

Butte special to the Independent states that the Hecla mine, at Glendale, is to be shut down August 31st. There is nothing new from Anaconda.

Daniel B. won the mile handicap and a purse of \$300 in great shape. He is regarded as one of the best horses on the grounds.

A race for \$5,000 a side between the great flyers Repetta and Vice Regent is being arranged to-day. Jos. Woolman of Butte back Vice Regent for that amount and Repetta's owners are anxious to take

it up. It will be a great sporting event if it comes off.

T. C. Power says the Rosebud can be saved. He thinks the autumn rains will bring the boats to Clagett again.

W. A. Clark, of Butte, is in the city. He tells the RIVER PRESS representative that he will accept the chairmanship of the territorial committee and that Toole will be elected. He has not shut down any of his mines or smelters at Butte and does not intend to. On the contrary, he is enlarging his facilities by adding another furnace to the Colusa smelter. Mr. Clark has broken ground for a \$50,000 residence at Butte, and he has the fullest confidence in the great camp.

Silver has gone up to 92½, and the copper market is much better.

John E. Morgan, of Gorham, died here last evening.

The republicans of California have nominated John F. Swift for governor.

Bradstreet's reports a continuance of the favorable trade feature and a great movement of general merchandise for the past week.

Gen. Newton, chief of the U. S. engineer corps, was retired at his own request yesterday. He has been appointed superintendent of public works for New York city.

The Montana Stockgrowers' Association.

At the meeting of the Stockgrowers' association of Montana, which commenced its deliberations on Wednesday last, the following regulations were adopted:

The committee appointed by the executive committee, regarding the wiping out of horse traps, reported as follows:

The following regulations will be observed at all cattle and horse ranches:

1st. A register shall be kept at all ranches, which shall give the name of every animal and date of departure.

2nd. All persons arriving at cattle and horse ranches will be required to pay road ranch prices for all accommodations.

3rd. Foremen sending men away on duty will furnish such with a pass, which will entitle them while so employed to stop at ranches.

4th. Foremen are hereby directed to enforce the above regulations.

The secretary was instructed to distribute these regulations printed on cloth and distributed to the members, to be posted around their ranges.

A committee of seven, consisting of Capt. Wm. Harmon, chairman; Granville Stuart, Alfred Meyers, R. S. Ford, Jos. E. Browne, John T. Murphy and S. S. Huntley was appointed as a committee on legislation, to take up the matter of changes in the stock laws, etc. They were instructed to interview those acquainted with the changes needed, so far as they could at present, and make any recommendations they deemed expedient.

The Railroad Injunction Case.

At the special term of the district court at Helena on Monday the injunction case of the Montana Central railroad vs. the Helena & Red Mountain railroad, after some little argument, was postponed until the November term, Judge Wade making the following order:

"This case came on to be heard upon the defendant's motion to dissolve the injunction herein. Upon consideration whereof it is hereby ordered that said injunction be continued in force from a point on the premises of F. J. Wassweiler, where the defendant company first infringes upon the right of way of the plaintiff company, to the south line of the depot grounds of the Central company at the Warm Springs, and that said injunction be dissolved in all other points along the line of said roads."

This is virtually a victory for the present for the Red Mountain Co. It allows them to continue their work to the Hot Springs, and it will give them the right of way across the M. C. track and through the canyon, which was the cause of dispute. The injunction, except as to that part of the proposed route mentioned in the above order, is dissolved.

Lost on Lake Minnetonka.

On the 21st during the storm in Minnesota, Lake Minnetonka was terribly storm swept. At the cottages on the shores the inmates took to cellars for safety. A party of four was caught on the lake between Wayzata and Breezy point in a small row boat which filled and sank and three were drowned, viz: Mr. W. B. Jackson, general manager of the Monitor plow works, and his brother-in-law, Robert F. Hulbert and the boatman Charlie Johnson. One of the party, Jacob Stone, of Corser, Stone & Co. swam for shore and was finally rescued in an insensible condition.

Sympathy for Alexander.

Special to the River Press.
CONSTANTINOPLE, August 25.—Much enthusiasm and sympathy is expressed for the deposed Prince Alexander. The powers desire to localize the question, but a demand on the Czar is liable to make the matter an international affair.

MONTANA JOURNALS.

Some Wise Words Spoken at the Territory Press Convention.

The following is a portion of the address delivered by Mr. J. D. Matheson before the Montana Press Association on August 20th: "The high character of journalism in Montana is noticeable. Take any Montana newspaper, I care not which one you select, and compare it with any paper in the east published in a town of the same population, and without any prejudice you must pronounce the Montana paper the superior of the two. Our communities demand this superiority. Our readers are more intelligent than the ordinary rural population of the East, and they require stronger mental food. This high standard is admitted by all who have given thought to the subject, and while it is a source of satisfaction and of pride to us, who wield the press, it should incite us to raise still higher the character and tone of our respective journals, and to maintain the dignity of the profession.

Circulating as our papers do among the families of our patrons, read by pure ladies and innocent children, apart from the respect we owe to ourselves, it is our duty to keep our journals free from taint of impurity. All gross allusions, especially when couched in the form of humor, are emphatically treason against the very foundations of human society. They should never be tolerated nor countenanced. The local newspaper is now a great factor in the education of the rising generation, and it is a duty incumbent upon us to see that nothing is printed which will influence the young to evil. The press ought to be a great moral police, restraining without baton or arms, the evils that would spring up in the community."

Death of Mrs. Jos. Lessard.

KIBBY, August 26, 1886.
Editor of the River Press:

It is with sorrow that I convey to you the sad news of the death of Mrs. Joseph Lessard, who departed this life to-day about 12 o'clock, after a long and painful illness. Her death was not unexpected, as she was very low for the last ten days. No efforts were spared by loving friends and neighbors to prolong her life, but without avail. She was attended by two eminent physicians, Drs. Sifton, of Wolf creek, and Fairfield, of Great Falls, all to no purpose, as the end had come. Her loss has cast a gloom over this community. She was a general favorite, beloved by her neighbors, and was attested by their devotion at her bedside both day and night during her severe illness. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of this section in their sad and irreparable loss. She leaves a husband and four small children—three boys and one girl—the oldest about seven years of age. This will be sad news for her friends in Fort Benton, where she was well and favorably known. May she rest in peace. UN AMI.

Teachers' Institute.

The teachers' institute will commence this year on Monday, October 25th, and continue for five days. The law requires the attendance of teachers upon these institutes and it also requires that each teacher shall take part in the exercises. All schools in session are to be dismissed and the teacher's salary continues for the time spent in the institute. A call for the sessions and the programme for each day exercises will be published in due time. It is expected that the territorial superintendent of public instruction, Prof. W. W. Wylie, will be present.

Married.

Just as we were closing our forms to go to press yesterday, a grapevine special brought us the thrilling announcement that Mr. Robert Vaughn, one of our popular and well-to-do ranchmen, and Miss Lizzie Donahue, a most estimable young lady, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Spencer. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Little, at the hour of 7 a. m., in the presence of relatives and a few immediate friends, after which the happy couple took their departure for Helena. This news will be somewhat of a surprise to many, but a host of friends will join in wishing Robert and his fair bride many years of wedded happiness.—Rising Sun.

A Bit of Montana History.

During the winter of 1804-5 the expedition of Lewis and Clarke wintered on the west side of the range in the country of the Flathead Indians, near the present site of Missoula, in Montana. During that winter Capt. Clarke took to himself an Indian wife of that tribe, and the issue of the marriage was a son, who was always recognized in the tribe as Capt. Clarke's son. In the early days of Helena—1866 to 1869—when the Flathead and Nez Perce Indians used to pass through on their way to the Judith basin and Yellowstone hunting grounds, this son, a man then of over 60 years, accompanied the tribe and was

pointed out on all occasions as Clarke's son. The Indian had sandy or red hair and, if we remember correctly, blue eyes, and was evidently of mixed blood. Many of the old citizens of Helena will recall having seen him. His death occurred only a year or two ago, and he left a son. The Independent, in a recent article, speaks of this son, who is a grandson of Capt. Clarke:

"Over on the Flathead reservation Major Roman, the agent, will point out to a visitor a stout, athletic Indian, often painted, and always attired in favorite Indian dress, tearing around on a fleet horse—presenting in every particular the appearance of a typical Indian. This young Indian is a grandson of Capt. William Clarke, of Lewis and Clarke, the first men to explore the country lying between the Missouri river and the northern Pacific coast. He is called Sakalee Clarke, and unless the traditions of the Indians are entirely at fault, is actually the grandson of the great northwestern explorer. A Flathead woman, who is believed to be over 100 years of age, vouches for the boy's descent from Captain Clarke, and for that matter, it is the tradition or unwritten history of the whole tribe.

Major Roman has frequently tried to get this barbarian scion of a great ancestor to follow the better example of the better members of his tribe by working for a living, but with little success. Last spring he worked a month at hauling fence rails, but with very bad grace, and he jumped the job as soon as he could find a reasonable excuse for so doing. This story of Captain Clarke having issue in Montana has been denied, but Major Roman, who has excellent opportunities for knowing definitely, affirms it to be true."

Extensive Timber and Prairie Fires.

MOCCASIN MOUNTAIN, Aug. 17, 1886.
Editor of the River Press.

On August 8th a fire broke out in the north Moccasin mountain and continued for ten days and was finally checked by the combined force of cowboys on the Moccasin range. While the fire was raging in the mountains there was a fire started in the bad lands near Cow island and burned over a large section of country, extending from near the mouth of Arrow creek to Judith landing, burning over the present winter range of the Crown butte and Moccasin ranges. The water in places on the range has failed and it is now a question what to do with the cattle belonging on the range, as there seems to be no place to drive them to except the reservation. ALRC.

A Sun River Horse Sent to France.

A very interesting shipment of horses will be made next week from New York to France, being no less than the following: One horse bred on the Sun river, in the Rocky mountains near the line of the British possessions; another a wild horse caught on the head waters of the Niobrara in latitude about 42° north, and a third a mustang from the river Brazos, in Texas. These horses are sent as a gift from M. W. Dunham, of Wayne, Ill., to that greatest of all living animal artists, Rosa Bonheur, who had expressed to Mr. Dunham's agent in France a desire on her part to be able to study the characteristics of the horses of these regions from life. To gratify this desire Mr. Dunham at once set about the work of obtaining these specimens, and the wish of the great artist will soon be gratified.—N. W. Live Stock Journal.

Fergus County Democrat.

The democrats of Fergus county, at their convention on the 18th inst., nominated the following ticket:

Sheriff—G. W. Kelly.
Treasurer—T. J. Vivian.
Clerk and Recorder—Wm. F. Miller.
Probate Judge—John Toombs.
Assessor—Mike Gurnett.
Commissioners—J. P. Barnes, Wm. Berkin, S. F. Morse.
Supr. Pub. Schools—David Calbreath.
Coroner—Dr. T. A. Lalapalm.

Fire at Glendive.

On the morning of the 19th inst. a fire at Glendive destroyed five buildings, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. Wallace, Styles & Thornburg, of this city, held risks in the different insurance companies they represent on the destroyed property.

The Belknap Agency.

Speaking of Indian agencies on the frontier reminds us of the fact that the Belknap agency on Milk river, under the charge of Maj. Lincoln, agent, is one of the most satisfactorily conducted of all the agencies in the west. The Indians of this agency have for years been known as the best disposed and most reliable of any in the territory or elsewhere. Under the excellent management of Maj. Lincoln they are contented and happy and easily controlled. At the agency farm they yearly raise with their own labor large quantities of corn, potatoes and garden stuff, and are rapidly learning to be self-supporting. They probably have more property to show for the money they have received from the government than any other Indians in the northwest. This state of affairs is directly the result of Maj. Lincoln's personal at-

More Indian Stealing.

On Tuesday last Wm. Shanks, who lives on the Missouri just above the Coal Banks, left for his wood camp five miles below. On his return yesterday he found that the Indians had been there and robbed him of nearly every thing he owned. Two horses had been taken out of the field, his houses broken open and a new saddle stolen; a new set of harness cut to pieces, the lines taken from another set, a heavy blanket coat destroyed, a tent belonging to John Green cut up, a new suit of clothes, and every piece of wearing apparel taken. Bill says they did not even leave him a shirt. The grain house was entered and forty sacks of oats cut open and the contents thrown on the floor and the sacks gone, in fact, everything they could not take was destroyed. Four hundred dollars will not cover the loss.

A Perfect Baking Powder.

The great success of the Royal Baking Powder is due to the extreme care exercised by its manufacturers to make it entirely pure, uniform in quality, and of the highest leavening power. All the scientific knowledge, care and skill attained by a twenty years' practical experience are contributed toward this end, and on pharmaceutical preparation can be dispensed with a greater accuracy, precision and exactness. Every article used is absolutely pure. A number of chemists are employed to test the strength of each ingredient, so that its exact power and effect in combination with its co-ingredients, is definitely known. Nothing is trusted to chance, and no person is employed in the preparation of the materials used or the manufacture of the powder, who is not an expert in his particular branch of the business. As a consequence, the Royal Baking Powder is of the highest grade of excellence, always pure, wholesome and uniform in quality. Each box is exactly like every other, and will retain its powers and produce the same and the highest leavening effect in any climate, at any time. The Government Chemists, after having analyzed all the principal brands in the market, in their reports placed the Royal Baking Powder at the head of the list for strength, purity, and wholesomeness, and thousands of tests all over the country have further demonstrated the fact that its qualities are, in every respect, unrivaled.

Indians as Freighters.

Mr. Thomas O'Hanlon, in charge of T. C. Power & Bro.'s store at the Belknap agency, contracted with the Indians to assist in hauling their own agency supplies (for the delivery of which Messrs. Power & Bro. have the contract) from Rocky Point, on the Missouri river, to the agency. Twenty-eight Indian teams of two horses each hauled 50,000 pounds at one trip. The Indians have been supplied with two-horse wagons by the government, and that they are learning the use of them is certainly to their credit. They are making money freighting and seem well pleased with the work.

The River.

The river is now at as low a point as any of the old timers can remember, and it seems to be dropping gradually every day. Commodore Power has great faith in the autumnal rains and hopes that the volume of water will be increased enough by them to enable boats to come again, at least as far as Clagett. One gentleman who assisted in bringing the river up says he never saw it as low before. Another old timer says it looks to him as if the river was running out, and that the present season is the dryest he has ever seen. Our acquaintance with the Missouri river dates back only a few years and if our recollection serves in 1874 the river was fully as low as it is now. Anyway there was only six steambot arrivals. We know that Milk river went dry, as did every creek between Benton and Fort Belknap, water standing in holes in the Sandy and Beaver creek, and reports were to the effect that there was no water in any of the creeks below the latter point. We may expect rains in September as usual. We hardly think, however, that it will come soon enough to improve the ranges.

Suicide of a Beecher.

ELMIRA, N. Y., August 25.—Rev. L. B. Beecher, brother of Revs. Henry Ward Beecher and Thomas K. Beecher of this city, committed suicide this evening by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. He had been suffering severe mental trouble for a number of years, and for a time was under the treatment of the Middletown asylum. He came here recently in the care of a special attendant. At the asylum he appeared to be in good health, and to-day enjoyed himself with others by shooting at a target. During the evening, while conversing on the piazza, he suddenly went to his room, and taking a rifle, placed the muzzle of it in his mouth and fired, killing him instantly.

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Attention in teaching them civilized manners and methods, and of his fair and honorable management of all their business. That the Indians realize the benefit they have derived from his administration of their affairs, and that they appreciate his kindness is shown in their good conduct at all times, and the high regard they entertain for him.

Arms for the Militia.

Yesterday Adjutant-General Cullen, of Governor Hauser's militia staff, obtained the signing of the bond to the chief of ordnance of the United States, which is security for the one thousand stand of arms that is to be issued to the Montana militia. The bond is conditioned in the sum of \$22,000, is signed by Mr. W. A. Clark, of Butte, and Mr. W. G. Conrad, of Fort Benton, and was approved by Judge Wade. It will be forwarded immediately and the rifles will arrive shortly thereafter.

A request will also be forwarded asking the ordnance bureau to issue a section—two pieces—of artillery with ammunition to equip an artillery company in the territory—probably at Helena. It is intended to form an infantry and an artillery company in this city, and it is hoped companies will form in other towns of the territory.—Independent.

Considers Them Martyrs.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 22.—Circulars have been distributed here calling a meeting of the local anarchists to-morrow evening to express indignation at the conviction of the eight conspirators. Chris Saam, the leader of the Cleveland anarchists, will be the leading speaker. Saam said to a reporter that the men convicted in Chicago would never be hanged. Should the sentence be carried out, however, he feels confident that the seven doomed men will be considered martyrs to the cause and that a new impetus will be given to anarchism by their execution.

Forest Fires Repressed.

CINNABAR, Mont., Aug. 26.—The forest fires in and near the National Park were checked to-day by a heavy fall of rain which was not, however, of sufficient duration to entirely quench the fires which are yet smouldering and liable to break out again.

New Democratic Daily.

MILES CITY, August 27.—The new democratic paper The Montana Democrat, appears to-morrow evening. Putnam & Martin are the publishers. They propose to make of the new enterprise a paper of which the party will be proud.

Robbed by Footpads.

WINNIPEG, August 25.—A special from Calgary to-day says: Yesterday at 12:45 the Edmonton stage was stopped by two masked men on the road eighteen miles from Calgary. There were in the stage Pete Campbell, the driver; J. Burns, traveler for Mr. Ashdown, of Winnipeg; the Massey company's traveler, and a Frenchman, name unknown. The masked men wore stripes from the Union Jack over their faces and carried a carbine and two 45-calibre revolvers. They were on foot and jumped out of the long grass ten feet in front of the horses, who stopped. They ordered the prisoner to descend. They then marched the prisoners into a coulee, where they went through their pockets. Burns lost \$70, but another \$70 he had on him was overlooked. Massey's traveler lost \$30. The Frenchman lost \$135, and the stage driver \$200. The robbers then returned to the stage, went through the luggage, and opened the mail bags. A small bag containing registered letters was overlooked. The stage horses were then taken out and driven away, and the highwaymen disappeared. The footpads were evidently new at the business and nervous. They took none of the passengers' watches. Last night twenty-five mounted police went out to search for them, but up till now no trace has been discovered. This is the second time within a month that the Northwest mail has been robbed.

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