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FIGHT WITH THE INDIANS.

Three Head of Horses Stolen From Jack Higgins by the Red Rascals in Broad Daylight.

John Brown, who just arrived from Arrow creek, furnishes us with the following particulars of the recent fight with Indians and the stealing of Jack Higgins' horses on Arrow creek. Last Sunday night Higgins, Swigert and another freighter camped at Arrow creek about four miles from its mouth. In the morning while Higgins was washing dishes he saw three Indians approaching his horses which were grazing a short distance from camp. The Indians each selected a horse, mounted it and then proceeded to drive off the herd. Jack aroused his companions, who immediately mounted their horses and started in pursuit. When they caught sight of the Indians they opened fire and several Indians who were concealed in the hills returned it, which fortunately stampeded the horses. Higgins then rode between the reds and his animals, drove the latter back to camp and made no attempt to follow the Indians who were allowed to escape with three head. The Indians outnumbered the whites three to one, besides they had the advantage of the bad lands. The party then hitched up their outfits and proceeded on their journey. It is supposed that the Indians who did the shooting are Bloods from across the line, and a portion of the band which robbed Brunot, Shanks and others.

Manifest of the Steamer Benton.

The steamer Benton left Bismarck on August 31st with 125 tons of freight for up river points, this takes every pound of merchandise now at Bismarck. The Benton will probably get only as far as Buford and transfer the freight to the steamer Batchelor which is now operating on the upper river. The following is the manifest: U. S. Indian Agent Fort Belknap 704, packages; T. C. Power & Bro Broadwater landing, 150; T. C. Power & Bro Benton, 63; T. C. Power & Bro Judith, 20; T. C. Power & Bro Lewiston 22; R. A. Lehigh Rocky point 3, W. H. Watson Lewistown, 1; H. J. Wackerlin & Co, 1; Groesbeck & Poland, Maiden, 2; L. Belanger Maiden, 5; Wm. Smith Benton, 1; I. G. Baker & Co. 4.

Gans & Klein.

This well known Montana clothing firm makes an important announcement in today's RIVER PRESS, to which it is hardly necessary to direct the attention of the reader. So attractive an ad. will compel attention. We are informed by Messrs. G. & K. that their stock of fall and winter goods, lately received, is the largest ever before handled by the Benton house and the prices quoted is ample evidence that they are offering them at bed-rock figures. Talk about states prices when good suits are offered for \$5, \$7, \$8 and upwards and other articles in their line in the same proportion! The firm of Gans & Klein, with immense houses at Helena, Butte and this city, has an established reputation throughout the territory for honorable dealing. Call and see them or send in your orders and you will be treated right.

A Good Suggestion.

A gentleman remarked this morning that now was a good time for the vigilantes to get abroad on the prairie and bend their energies towards ridding the country of the Indian horse thieves who are operating in Fergus and Choteau counties. If half the enthusiasm was brought to bear to put a stop to this kind of work that was displayed three years ago in getting rid of white horse thieves, a good work could be accomplished, as in this case there would be no chance of hanging innocent men.

J. J. Hill at Great Falls.

T. E. Collins and D. G. Browne returned Monday last from Great Falls, where they met J. J. Hill and his distinguished party. The latter reached Great Falls Saturday evening and started on the return trip yesterday. The rain Sunday interfered with the intended programme and delayed them one day. Messrs. Collins and Browne fully confirm the information contained on the editorial page, viz, that it is the determined purpose of the Manitoba management to push their road west from Fort Buford (to which point it will be completed this fall) to Benton, Great Falls and Helena next season, and that the road will reach this place early in August. The reservation problem is not troubling them in the least and they announce it as something absolutely certain that the road will be built through to this section next year. Mr. Hill is decidedly well pleased with the work done on the Montana Central (which is a part of his system) and with the town of Great Falls, of which he is the founder and patron.

John Maguire Coming.

Mr. John Maguire, the well known theatrical manager, has decided to bring his company to northern Montana this month, and will probably be in Fort Ben-

A THREATENED INVASION.

British Indians About to Swoop Down Upon Us and Clean Up Everything in Sight.

Word has been received from the Blackfoot agency to the effect that a few days ago three lodges of Blood Indians came into the Piegan camp and stated that the entire Blood outfit from north of the line was on the war path, old men and young, and that they were coming on this side to steal horses from the Crows and whites and to rob and plunder wherever they can. It is on the programme to kill cattle whenever they are needed, and if opposed in their interesting pursuits they will kill their opponents to the last man. In short, they want it understood that they mean business this trip. The Indians who came into the Piegan camp say they would not join the marauders, as they know there will be trouble. There is most too much bluster about this to amount to much, but still it would be well for the military authorities to be on the lookout. There are Bloods on this side of the line now, and numerous depredations have been committed. The troops in northern Montana ought to be able to put an end to this kind of work.

Indians for "Roosters."

The Pierre, D. T., Signal says that Capt. Woolfolk has hired an Indian crew for his steamer, the Gen. Terry, and adds that the Indians take kindly to the work and give promise of becoming the best of steamboatmen. This is a pointer for the steamboatmen of the upper river, who have been worried not a little in securing suitable crews to man the boats.

The Last Day's Races.

The stallion trot, for a purse of \$300, was won by Fred. W., owned by E. W. Wynne, against Mason's Tarantula, Geo. Breck's Conway, and C. B. Jeffries' Chicago. Best time, 2:45 1/4.

The second race was a dash of a quarter of a mile for a purse of \$300. There were five entries. Muldoon was the favorite and easily won the race.

In the third contest, for a purse of \$200, three furlong dash, Sunday led by a length against such favorites Blue Mountain Bell, Sappho, Ferguson and Bogus. Time, 35 1/2 seconds.

The last race was the most exciting of the day and the week—a mile and a quarter handicap for a purse of \$400. There were six starters—H. R. Baker's four-year-old chestnut gelding Vice Regent, carrying 114 pounds; C. J. Matlock's six-year-old bay mare Repetta, carrying 123 pounds; B. C. Holly's five-year-old chestnut gelding Echo, carrying 110 pounds; Blevins & McLaughlin's five-year-old bay gelding Regal, carrying 90 pounds; Young & Lee's five-year-old chestnut stallion Doc Lindsay, Jr., carrying 105 pounds, and W. H. Bab's three-year-old chestnut gelding Tom Daly, carrying 109 pounds. Repetta passed the wire half a length ahead of Vice Regent, with a straggling field. The betting was heavy and a good many of the Helena sports, including the Hon. Jos. Woolman, lost heavily.

Afloat Again.

The report published several days ago which we copied from the Bismarck Tribune that the gallant little Rosebud, of the Power line, had been rescued from her watery grave, and was on her way down the river, is corroborated by a telegram to Commodore T. C. Power, at Helena. Immediately upon hearing of the accident, Captain I. P. Baker, agent at Bismarck, started for the scene of the accident, accompanied by an operator in order to report progress and to call for more help if needed. The vessel was found sunk at Katie Kountz bar in three feet of water. Capt. Tom Mariner, with the steamer Batchelor, of the same line, was alongside, and soon had the cargo, which was uninjured, safely disposed of. He then assisted Captain Todd in pumping the hell clear of water and in getting the vessel afloat. The Rosebud will go upon the ways immediately upon her arrival at Bismarck and be thoroughly repaired for next spring's work.

The Weekly Pioneer Press and its New Nursery Premiums.

The Pioneer Press Company is out with a new and valuable premium offer in connection with its weekly edition. It offers for \$1.20 the Weekly for one year, and \$1.00 worth of Nursery Stock to be selected from its published list. The list embraces fruit and shade trees, vines and berries, all furnished by the veteran Northwestern nurseryman, Peter M. Gideon, Esq. of Excelsior, Minn. Mr. Gideon is the father of successful fruit growing in the Northwest, and has achieved successes which have been very costly to him, and are in valuable to Northwestern people. Send to the Pioneer Press Company, St. Paul, Minn., for the full list.

Boston Wool Sales.

The Boston papers have resumed the practice of quoting wool sales as of old, classing Montana wool with that of other territories. This is an injustice to our growers, who, when sales of wool are made cannot ascertain which territory they are from. We heard a prominent commission man say last summer that he never gave sales of Montana wools as Montana but as territory. Sales are mentioned on the 26th of 342,000 pounds of territory all on private terms, except 32,000 pounds, which realized 27 1/2 cents. This is one-half cent above quotations in the same paper.

Jeff Talbert Arrested.

A cache of twenty-five gallons of whisky was discovered in the bushes on the bottom not far from the saw mill yesterday afternoon by some policeman who had been in bathing. Word was immediately sent up to Capt. Sanders who sent down a squad of men to bring it up. Two men, Jeff Talbert and Owen Gagon, were arrested while trying to get away with it, and it is supposed they are the owners. Capt. Neale has been informed by telegraph and he is expected down from Macleod to-day to try the prisoners.—Lethbridge News.

Army Mention.

Col. Glover Perin of the medical department U. S. A. and chief medical officer of the department of Dakota, has applied for the position of surgeon general of the army, and writes to a friend that his application will not be acted upon until the return of the president.

Col. Loyd Wheaton, Capt. of Co. I, 20th Infantry, is the commanding officer at the camp at Poplar river.

Col. Edward Moale, 3d Infantry, is way up on the list of Captains and will receive his majority in a few months. The Colonel has the record of being at Fort Sumner in 1861 and at Appomattox in 1865.

Lieut. Henry B. Moon of F. Co., 20th Infantry, was in Washington a few days ago.

Lieut. Jas. A. Irons, B. Co. 20th Infantry, has been granted a two months leave of absence, with permission to apply for a further extension of two months.

The eldest son of Lieut. Sharp, 20th Infantry, aged four years, died at Fort Assinaboine on the 29th ult.

Capt. John S. McNaught, 20th infantry, who is at Columbus barracks on recruiting service, we are sorry to learn is very sick with scarcely a shadow of a chance for recovery.

Capt. J. Q. Adams, 1st cavalry, arrived Sunday from Fort Assinaboine and left next morning for Jefferson barracks, near St. Louis, on a two years recruiting detail.

Belknap Briefs.

Mr. C. G. Fish, of Fort Belknap, arrived in the city Saturday evening. He reports everything as very quiet at the agency just now. The Indians are hauling their supplies from Broadwater's Landing, and arrived Thursday last with 60,000 pounds. The outfit is in charge of Gros Ventre Jerry who drives the lead team. Fish says he cannot see how they manage to get over the big hills with their little cayuse teams, as they do not look as if they would be able to haul an empty wagon. Still they do it and bring their freight to the agency in splendid shape. The dispatch published Saturday regarding the killing of Blood Indians is confirmed. The new agency buildings are nearly completed and when finished Fort Belknap will be one of the best agencies in the territory.

Indian News.

Thomas Coatsworth returned home on Saturday night. He reports that at the mouth of spring coulee on the Missouri river, some distance this side of the Coal Banks, he came across a party of five Indians with about twenty horses, traveling north over the country.

Grandchamps, Brunot and nephew, known as young Brunot, had about fifteen horses stolen from them some time ago, while camped at the Sweet Grass hills. Of this number young Brunot owned six. The morning after the stealing he started in pursuit and without a mouthful to eat for three days he followed the Indians and overtook them in the Little Rocky mountain, and managed to get five of his ani-

mals from the Indian band without being discovered. He reports that he saw the horses belonging to his uncle, also several head stolen from Fred LaBarre at Lene-some prairie lake a few weeks ago, and that had there been another man with him he could have recovered the entire lot.

The Republican Primary.

The republican primary election for this precinct was held last Wednesday between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock p. m., at the city hall. B. L. Powers was elected chairman and A. B. Keeler secretary. There was but one ticket in the field, and there being no contest, but a light vote was cast. The following are the delegates and alternates chosen to represent the Fort Benton precinct at the county convention to-day:

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| <i>Delegates.</i> | <i>Alternates.</i> |
| H. G. McIntire | M. J. Leaming |
| C. M. Lanning | R. S. Culbertson |
| Jere Sullivan | Sam Kohlberg |
| W. S. Stooking | Dan Dutro |
| A. C. Johnson | Frank Coombs |
| Chas. Rowe | J. W. Power |
| H. B. Hill | Sam Kelly |
| B. L. Powers | Wm. Copestick |
| Frank Lepper | Julius Folk |
| Jno. Hezekiah | G. E. Ingersoll |
| J. L. Stuart | Dan Holland |
| Geo. W. Crane | Sam Houston |

Choteau Primary.

Pursuant to the call of the county committee the republicans of Choteau convened at Gibson's hall at 6 p. m. On motion A. C. Warner was elected chairman and L. J. Wilde secretary. An attempt was made to break up the meeting, which caused an adjournment to Jackson's hotel, where the meeting was quietly consummated. The delegates and alternates are as follows:

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| <i>Delegates.</i> | <i>Alternates.</i> |
| John Jackson, Jr | Philip Lucero |
| Sol. Cohen | Ramage Mitchell |
| A. C. Warner | Jas. Gibson |
| H. W. Kelly | Frank Colbaugh |
| John A. Kennedy | J. C. Fawcett |

On motion, it was resolved that, we the republicans of Choteau precinct, want SANDERS FOR DELEGATE.

The Great Falls Delegation.

Following is the correct list of delegates to the republican convention from Great Falls: Delegates—H. P. Rolfe, Dr. Fairfield, Daniel McKay, Patrick Hughes, Ben. E. Lapeyre, Jas. Werrick. Alternates—Chas. Crowder, S. A. Beachley, Alex. Lux, Howard Criss, H. O. Chowen, C. M. Webster.

Fire at Missoula.

A fire at Missoula Wednesday destroyed the extensive agricultural implement establishment of T. C. Power & Co., totally destroying the building and most of the stock. The loss is several thousand dollars, but whether insured or not we have not learned.

A Six Kick at Silver.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The Philadelphia mint is now overwhelmed with work. In addition to cleaning up minor base coins at the rate of \$2,000 each week, and keeping up with the demand for dimes, the regular monthly purchase of silver bullion must be coined. It is estimated that \$2,000,000 worth of bullion will coin 2,800,000 silver dollars. The employees at the mint are now working from 8 a. m. to midnight every week day.

Wouldn't Worry About Such a Well in Montana.

CHICAGO, August 31.—A dispatch was received at the city hall this afternoon from the mayor of Belle Plaine, stating that the artesian well had bursted when a depth of 150 feet was reached, and instantly a volume of water forced itself into the air a distance of several hundred feet. The orifice gradually increased in size until a stream sixteen inches in diameter was formed. The supply seems inexhaustible. Two gigantic rivers have been formed, which are running through the town at a terrific rate, threatening the lives of the people. Several attempts have been made to stop the flow, by filling up the well. Fifteen car loads of stone were emptied into the well, only to be blown out as though propelled by giant powder. Engineer Morgan left Chicago to-night for Belle Plaine.

Piegan Horse Thieves.

CUSTER, Montana, August 30.—A small band of Piegians made a raid last week on a band of horses belonging to the Crows, and have gone north with them, crossing the Yellowstone Friday near Bull Mountain station. A troop has been ordered from Fort Custer to give chase and it is now also understood that a lookout will be kept by the scouts at Fort Assinaboine, so that if they escape the Maginnis soldiers and escape the Custer troop in pursuit, the troops from Fort Assinaboine can be put on the trail. It is not known here how many horses there were run off.

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ALMOST A MURDER.

Sheriff Churchill Shot by a Man Whose Wife and Paramour He Had Arrested—A Lucky Escape.

SUN RIVER, September 7.—The runaway wife of Mr. Swails, of Prickly Pear canyon, with her paramour, Jack Garland, who between them relieved Swails of about \$700 in cash, were captured at Choteau yesterday by Sheriff Churchill and arrived in Sun River last evening. Mr. Swails had accompanied the sheriff on his hunt and arrived with the party. While awaiting the arrival of the coach Swails procured a 44-calibre bulldog revolver, and entering a saloon sat down at a card table in company with several others. Then suddenly stepping up directly opposite Mr. Churchill he fired with deadly intent at him. The ball struck the lower part of the breast bone, but owing to heavy clothing and a defective cartridge, it just broke the skin. The ball lodged in his coat lining. Swails was seized and disarmed, but not without a struggle, as it was apparently his intention to kill Sheriff Churchill. The sheriff left on the coach last night with Mrs. Swails and Jack Garland. The would-be assassin goes this evening.

This is a most remarkable occurrence and Sheriff Churchill is certainly to be congratulated upon his fortunate escape. Swails' attack upon the officer, who was so diligent in pursuing the runaways, finally effecting their capture, can only be accounted for on the theory that his troubles drove him to desperation and insanity. His original intention must have been to kill Garland, and not the sheriff. But the latter was probably the first one to come in range in the fellow's desperate mood, and so he blazed away. It was fortunate, indeed, that the weapon, or the cartridge, was not a very powerful one.

Six Good Indians.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. FORT ASSINABOINE, September 4.—Otter Robe, chief of the Gros Ventre Indians, with a party of seven warriors of the same tribe, arrived here this evening from the Sweet Grass hills, having in his possession as a result of their raid six scalps taken from as many Blood Indians in a fight. He reports that day before yesterday he and his party ambushed six Blood Indians on the western slope of the Sweet Grass hills and killed them all without resistance.

About Time to Wake Up.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. CUSTER STATION, M. T., September 4.—It is learned that the war department at Washington are especially exercised over the recent raids of Indians on the stock of the Crows, reported in these dispatches. It seems that it is not definitely known whether the horses were run off by Piegians or Bloods from across the line. It is stated that the commanding officer at Fort Maginnis has received orders to send out detachments to take the trail of the depredators, who have several days the start to the northward. Scouts from Assinaboine are already out.

A Denial.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. TUCSON, September 3.—An official dispatch to the Star says the report that Lawton's forces had a fight with Mexican troops and that Geronimo escaped is without foundation. A later dispatch from Wilcox, Ariz., also states that the report is untrue.

The Indian Commission.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. HELENA, Sept. 4.—The Indian Commission is now at Leach Lake Minn., and has a big job on its hands.

The Prosperous C. P.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. HELENA, September 4.—The Canadian Pacific railway has met with much better success than was anticipated, judging from the statements wired from Montreal.

A New Fatality.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 3.—Parotville is stricken by a new and wonderful fatality. Twenty-seven deaths in three days.

Domestic Infelicity.

SPECIAL TO THE RIVER PRESS. HELENA, September 4.—Two elopements have occurred from the railroad camp in the Prickly Pear canyon in the last few days. Mrs. J. C. Swails eloped with Jack Garland, a sport. Sheriff Churchill and Swail in person left this morning, going towards Augusta, where they had been heard from a few days ago. Mrs. McKenzie, another saloon keeper's wife, also deserted the camp.

The Third Party.

MINNEAPOLIS, September 1.—The national conference of the Knights of Labor, agricultural organizations and others was held here to-day. They adopted resolutions denouncing the present condition of affairs and holding both leading parties responsible. A committee was appointed

to arrange for a meeting at Cincinnati February 22, 1887, for the purpose of forming a new party to reform abuses now alleged to exist in governmental affairs.

The Chief Signal Office.

BUTTE, Aug. 30.—Gen. Hazen, chief of the signal service, stopped a few hours here to-day en route to Helena. He is making his biennial inspection of principal signal offices. The Montana signal service, he says, consists of seven offices, Helena, Forts Missoula, Shaw, Benton, Assinaboine, Maginnis and Keogh. There is more south of the Northern Pacific for the reason that there seems no need of one. The principal benefit derived from the Montana service is in winter, in getting warning in advance of the approach of blizzards. Being asked if he regarded Montana as the blizzard's home, he said: "No, but it is generally in the northern part of the territory we get the first notice of the approach of blizzards. I think that blizzards originate in the polar regions, follow down west of the main divide to within one hundred or two hundred miles of Montana's north line, then cross, follow down the Saskatchewan and take a northeasterly course through a portion of Montana and across Dakota. When they cross this territory further south other Montana signal offices are valuable in making up the general report."

Crater Lake.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The party sent out by the geological survey under the command of Capt. Clarence E. Dutton, U. S. A., has succeeded in reaching and making a complete survey of Crater lake, in Oregon, a body of water, whose shores, with the possible exception of one point on the south, have never before been touched by the foot of white men. The party and boats were hauled 100 miles by mule teams, dragged by a detail of soldiers up the snow clad sides of the ridge which surrounds the lake and lowered by ropes from the crest to the water 900 feet below. One hundred and sixty soundings were made, the result of which gave the general character of the Lake bottom. Two large submerged cinder cones were found, respectively 800 and 1,200 feet high, the rest of the bottom being flat. Capt. Dutton believes this to be the deepest body of fresh water on the continent. The greatest depth attained by the sounding line was 2,005 feet.

Prince Alexander.

HELENA, August 29.—Prince Alexander has telegraphed to the Regency to announce to the people his intention of returning to Sofia. The rebellious here have submitted and will not be punished, on condition that they quit the country. The revolution was quite bloodless, and no further opposition is feared.

Underground Wires.

NEW YORK, August 30.—After two years of discussion and legal contention, work was begun on the electric subway to-day. The composition through which the wires are to run contains twelve conduits, 2 1/2 inches in diameter. There are to be two lines of these side by side and the surface will be about two feet wide. A large crowd gathered to witness the breaking of the earth.

Terror Stricken Negroes.

CHARLESTON, September 3.—It would be simply impossible to exaggerate in descriptive language the effect of the visitation on Tuesday night on the colored people of Charleston. There never was until within the past few days an opportunity of noticing the public exhibition of superstitious fears of the colored people since the tremendous shock of Tuesday night. They fled from their homes, and as they ran hither and thither through the blinding clouds of pulverized mortar which was shaken from the houses and arose against the streets, they filled the air with groans of despair and lamentations of terrified distress. As usual with them at their funeral devotions the name of Jesus was most frequently used, and as if supplicating God face to face. They shrieked on in the very helpless and pathetic of despair, such sentences as, "do my master, Jesus, have mercy on me;" "let me live through this night, dear God, my Savior;" "hold me up once more, thou blessed Christ, my master;" and other terrified supplications which intensified the horror of the situation and went far towards demoralizing white people, who were also rushing blindly hither and thither. As usual, the faces of white men and women in time of danger, was a sight of sudden joy in the gloom to the poor wandering colored boy or girl who endeavored to stop their wild friends as they ran by in confusion to supplicate. They would remain with them until "judgment was done." In many instances a trembling girl sank on her knees and seized with frantic energy the folds of some white lady's dress, and falling to express their terror, in words with scarcely moving lips, that they wanted only the moral support of a friend, in the hour of darkness and agony.