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STATE NEWS.

A colony of one hundred families of thrifty Mormons have settled near Otto, Wyo. They are at work on a big ditch taken out from the Grey Bull river and are preparing to reclaim 150,000 acres of desert. The lands lie between the Grey Bull and Dry creek. These hardy people have made wonderful improvements in Utah and Idaho and no doubt they will do the same in Wyoming. Dr. Johnson, who was down there last week asked them where they were likely to do their trading and they replied that they would come to Red Lodge as this is the nearest shipping point and the roads are the best to this place. Red Lodge also has a fine market for produce.—Picket.

Beginning with the fall term, Sept. 15, 1893, the agricultural college at Bozeman, says the Chronicle, will be opened with a full corps of competent instructors and the apparatus to cover all branches taught. Both sexes above the ages of 14 will be admitted. The requirements for admission the first year will be very moderate and can be met by all who have made fair progress in the common schools. There will be a preparatory course which will cover arithmetic, English grammar, geography, orthography, physical geography, United States history, elementary algebra, and physiology.

The Livingston National bank closed its doors last Friday morning. The failure is the result of wholesale robbery that has been going on during the last two years by George L. Carey, its cashier. In that time he took \$53,000 and manipulated the books so that it was not discovered. Just before his departure he cleaned up about \$30,000 more and skipped for the west.

Work has been resumed by the Granite Mountain and Bi-Metallic properties. About one-half of the employes—those with families—having the preference—have been put to work, and both mines and milling plants are again operating to nearly one-half their capacity. The assumption is hailed with rejoicing and a feeling of satisfaction prevades the entire camp.

Nellie Meiggs a half breed court-tesan, died at Butte Wednesday from the result of injuries inflicted on her head several weeks ago by "Red" Gorman, a prize fighter. The brute was arrested and has been in jail since awaiting the results of the woman's injuries. He will be charged with her murder.

Herman Kadleback was drowned in the Yellowstone at the mouth of Deer creek last Saturday while attempting to ford. He has a ranch on Deer creek where he has been handling sheep on shares for R. B. Briggs of Big Timber.—Enterprise.

A large band of Cree Indians are having a big sun dance on Milk river, a short distance from Havre, and making night hideous with their orgies.

The state has decided to enjoin in the courts some people who are quarrying stone on a school section about a mile from Great Falls. The title to the section will be fought through the land office. Meantime, however, it is desired to keep the land from being torn up in the process of quarrying.

A gang of Butte "hold-ups," whom the police have failed to arrest, have written a letter to the Standard, saying: "We have been trying to break into jail but cannot make it, so in future we will wear cow bells so the police may get us."

Wilfred Bethune, a young man in the employ of the Blackfoot Milling company, of Missoula county was struck by a flying piece of lumber from the saw Monday, receiving injuries from which he died a few hours later.

The Baker house at Granite was consumed by fire Monday. The fire was of incendiary origin and other fires were started in different localities the same night with the evident intent of burning the whole town.

Charles Henderson, a 14-year-old boy, accidentally shot himself with a 45 calibre revolver at Sand Coulee Wednesday. He was looking into the muzzle of it to see how many loads remained.

Two small prairie fires are reported from Custer county with but little damage done. The range must be getting very dry in that section for this season of the year.

Mrs. G. N. Hartley and Mrs. E. E. Hickernell, of Missoula, were drowned in Lolo creek last week.

Joe Saley was knocked down and robbed of \$255 at Phillipsburg Monday.

Wealth in Various Sections.

Lewis & Clarke's assessed valuation this year is \$23,119,410.

The total assessment for Silver Bow county this year is \$20,372,557, about the same as for 1892.

The assessment of Great Falls property amounts to about \$13,900,000, an increase of \$1,200,000 over last year.

The total assessment of Custer county foots up the sum of \$8,461,869, showing an increase of \$1,535,363 over that of last year.

Teton county's assessment is over \$2,000,000 and will be increased later about \$120,000. The live stock assessment amounts to \$884,127.

A GLANCE at our Main street will readily convince one that our town is still alive, though but a shadow of her former self. A fine sewage system has just been opened up between Keegan and Compromise streets which includes the business portion of town.

THE alarming rate at which the business of stealing horses and cattle is increasing in Montana is suggestive that a return to the old mode of punishment would not be a bad idea.