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The French have won a victory over the Anamites in China, in which 700 of the enemy were killed, an important fort captured and only a few French killed.

Dr. S. S. Riggs, one of the earliest and the most faithful Protestant missionary among the Sioux, and who reduced the Dakota or Sioux language to a written form, is dead.

A telegram comes from the Park that the members of the Indian Commission are entirely opposed to General Sheridan's scheme to transfer the control of the Indians once more to the war department. It says that Senators Logan, Dawes and Cameron are all opposed to it and left the Park hastily to avoid meeting the president and conferring with him about it. Wm. H. Lyon, chairman of the purchasing committee of the commission, is also strongly in opposition to the movement, and as he is a man of great influence in civil life, will wield an important force to defeat Little Phil's scheme.

In another column we publish the statute relating to the collection of special poor tax as enacted at last session of the legislature. It merely provides that the special poor tax required of such persons as pay no property tax, shall upon notice from the assessor to the employers of such persons, become a charge collectable against said employers. Hitherto this special poor tax has been in a great measure uncollectable, as it was levied upon those who had no property that could be taken upon execution, and who were consequently in position to refuse and successfully evade payment if they chose. Read the law.

We notice with much pleasure the interest attracted in mining circles by recent rich quartz discoveries in the Montana district of the Belt mountains, which with the Birch creek district shows most encouraging prospects. Montezuma is the name of a town just laid out in the Montana district which may yet become one of the liveliest mining towns in the territory. A road is now contemplated—perhaps already in course of construction—from Benton to Montezuma and Neihart, its sister camp. These towns are almost due north of White Sulphur Springs and Livingston, and if a road be built from Benton it will not be long before the route would be extended to the railroad at Livingston, by far the nearest station. If the Montana and Birch creek districts fulfil the expectations of those who are interested in them, we of Livingston will, in but a few months, see ballion brought from the north to Livingston for shipment, while the Clark's Fork region is already sending its precious bricks to the upper Yellowstone for railroad transportation.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

A petition for immediate mail service between White Sulphur Springs and Clendenin, via Neihart, is being circulated.

Emigrant Gulch mining property is gradually arousing interest in claims in that and adjoining districts to parties who propose developments. Other claims are to be bonded and there seems a possibility that within a year the rich quartz of the upper Yellowstone will be contributing to the total ballion production.

Wilder Nutting, formerly working at Billings and Park City, Montana, has been appointed resident pastor in the Bitter Root valley for the Methodist church, and will visit the valley and people next week in company with Mr. Shannon, who is parading the dignity of presiding elder upon his unaccustomed shoulders.

For the past three months the order of United Workmen of the jurisdiction composed of Nevada, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho have been making strenuous efforts to secure a membership of 2,000, so as to entitle them to a separate jurisdiction, and therefore place their distribution of Lodge benefits as much as possible within their own jurisdiction. Recent reports place the membership in the above-named territory at 2,100, and the petition for separation was therefore granted and, the date fixed at Aug. 15th.

A couple of Helena gentlemen, one a druggist, the other a land office clerk both unused to roughing it, had a thrilling adventure in the the B. It mountains not long since. They were in the vicinity of Great Falls and attempted to reach White Sulphur Springs via Montana district. After a half day's travel they learned that this was impossible and sent their teams around and undertook the journey on foot. They lost their way, as might have been expected, and were two days in the mountain wilds. They had their guns and subsisted well upon meat straight, as game was plenty, but as the nights were cool, sleeping by turns on the cool earth while the other warmed rocks and put to his back was a novel experience, and a 60 mile tramp tried their muscle, but they stood it bravely.—Husbandman.

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SPECIAL POOR TAX OF PERSONS WHO PAY NO PROPERTY TAX.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Montana:

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the respective assessors of the several counties of this Territory to collect the special poor tax now required by law of such persons as pay no property tax at the time the same is levied and for the purpose of enforcing such collections the said assessor shall have the power and authority to sue therefor in the name of the Territory of Montana, by attachment or otherwise, and may serve all papers or processes necessary to be served in such proceedings, and be entitled to the same fees as are by law allowed to sheriffs for like services. Provided, however, that such fees shall in all cases be paid by the parties owing such tax.

Sec. 2. And in all cases where the person or persons owing such poor tax shall die at the time of the levy thereof by the assessor employed by any individual, company, corporation or association, the said assessor may deliver to the superintendent or other managing agent of said individual, company, corporation or association, a ticket or notice of such levy against such employe or employes, and from the time of the delivery of such ticket or notice to such superintendent or other managing agent, the said individual, company, corporation or association shall be liable to such assessor for such tax to the amount of any sum owing to such employe, and may pay the same to such assessor upon receiving his receipt therefor, and the sum so paid may thereafter be deducted from the wages or salary of such employe or employes by the said individual, company, corporation or association.

Sec. 3. And that for the purpose of making a correct and complete levy of such tax upon the employe or employes of any such individual, company, corporation or association upon the demand of the assessor the said individual, company, corporation or association are hereby required to furnish to said assessor a true, correct and complete list of the names of such employes, and if after such demand the said individual, company, corporation or association shall refuse or neglect for the space of five days to furnish said list, then the said assessor shall immediately proceed to make such levy according to his best information, and after such levy and notice as hereinbefore provided, the said individual, company, corporation or association, as the case may be, shall be liable to such assessor for the whole tax thus levied to the extent of the sum owing the employe.

Sec. 5. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed. Approved February 15, 1883.

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