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THE *Sun* is endeavoring to show how Gen. Grant was elected last November. The *Sun* is not a good authority upon that *or*, indeed, upon any other subject.

THE New York *Express* is troubled about the preservation of ocean cables. A few hints upon the preservation of ruined credit mobilier reputations would be interesting from that journal.

SOME of our cotemporaries are endeavoring to settle the question as to the first blood shed in the war. Several columns of letters and editorials have been printed upon the subject, but it seems to be one of those things which no one can find out.

GEN. GILLEM appears to be the right man in the right place just now. In a dispatch to Gen. Scofield he says, "I will use every endeavor to prevent the escape of the Modocs, and that, if possible, an Indian shall not be left to boast of the murder of Gen. Canby."

AT LAST ACCOUNTS His Holiness the Pope was getting better. Still his death may be expected at any moment. His successor will be chosen from the college of cardinals, which at present numbers fifty-five members. This body elects the Pope by ballot, a two-thirds majority being necessary to secure a choice. The age of the oldest cardinal is ninety-one, and of the youngest—Cardinal Lucien Bonaparte—forty-four.

THE *Graphic* does not favor the Indian peace policy. In its issue of Tuesday it prints a ghastly cartoon of a graveyard, with the names of Capt. Jack and some of his murderous companions printed on the headstones. In the centre is a large gibbet, bearing upon the cross-arm, "Indian reservation." In one corner is the "peace commissioners' and the sexton's office," the newsboy shouting the morning newspapers, and in the back ground the railroad, telegraph line and the steamboat, and the farms, working undisturbed in the fields.

THE Helena (Montana) *Herald* invites the world "to come to Montana and be happy." An idea of the happiness to be found in that vigorous young Territory may be obtained by a perusal of the following paragraph, which we find in the same issue of that interesting and vivacious journal:

The other night, before he was jugged, "Smithy" was interviewing his jail-bird chum, Sessler, from outside the prison inclosure. Two citizens discovered him, and one of them stepped across from Ewing street to closer observe the gent, when this conversation occurred:

Citizen. What are you doing here, young man? Smithy. None of your d—d business, sir.

Citizen. You'd better get away from here, if you don't want to get jailed.

Smithy. Get away, yourself, d—d quick, too, or I'll take that watch chain from you in a jiffy.

Citizen went his way.

We do not care to be happy in Montana.

The Capital in Summer.

[M. Le B. in the St. Louis Globe.]

About the committee rooms silence reigns; their hopes and fears have passed with the bills. Down in the depths of the building the shining engines have finished their throbbing. The pneumatic tube, half completed, awaits the action of another Congress to send the sphere a rolling, and Mr. Brisbane's form is missed from shadowy caverns below where we were wont to find him. The electric current moved from the ventilating bell to the room of the engineer, for the purpose of shocking persons who came from far and near to gain new life from the subtle wave, is lost in its natural ocean. Life below stairs is tame and uninspiring.

Far up on the roof, in the shadow of the dome of the old building, the little studio of the senatorial picture-taker, Mr. Thorpe, grows warm in the April sunshine. He, too, is preparing for a flight from his eyrie. The doorkeepers doze upon the sunny steps, the goldfish in the fountain below the marble stairway begin their jewel dances, and the trees in the great parks through which one catches a glimpse of the spreading city, are hanging out green signals of their coming army of leaves.

Washington as a Manufacturing Centre.

[From the Harrisburg State Journal.]

Washington city is only thirty miles further from the sea than Baltimore. Why should not Washington be equally as much of a business locality as the latter city? This is evidently the thought of the Washington REPUBLICAN, when it reminds us of the geographical position of the national capital. We have always believed that Washington would at some time become a great cotton manufacturing locality, and now that she is about to secure railroad communication with all parts of the country, the only impediment to allay such a realization will be the fear of an extravagant and corrupt local government, which will intimidate foreign capitalists from making investments there in factories.

Journalistic Courtesies.

[From the Nevada Enterprise.]

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of Sunday has an article on "Blackguards of the Press." It says there are "about six" editorial blackguards in California. The *Chronicle* does not mention names, but judging from the tone of the article we infer that the writer is one of them.

AN EMASCULATED IDIOT.

[From the New York Advertiser.]

Our usually decorous cotemporary, the Brooklyn *Eagle*, which hath oft rebuked the *World*, *Times* and *Tribune* for their "personalities," pleasantly alludes to Mr. Henry C. Bowen's son as an "emasculated idiot." In Chicago this is what they would call "very sad."

[OFFICIAL.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, April 1, 1873.

General Orders No. 56.

The following promotions and appointments in the Army of the United States, made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and by the President alone, since the publication of General Orders No. 86, of October 2, 1872, and up to April 1, 1873, are announced:

I.—PROMOTIONS.

FIRST REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

First Lieutenant Charles Benitire, to be Captain, February 21, 1873, vice Biddle, promoted to the Sixth Cavalry, Company K.

THIRD REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

First Lieutenant Henry W. Wessells, jr., to be Captain, December 20, 1872, vice Stanwood, deceased, Company H.

Second Lieutenant Augustus C. Paul, to be First Lieutenant, December 20, 1872, vice Wessells, promoted, Company M.

FOURTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

Major Eugene A. Carr, of the Fifth Cavalry, to be Lieutenant Colonel, January 7, 1873, vice Carleton, deceased.

Captain Henry C. Bankhead, of the Eighth Cavalry, to be Major, January 15, 1873, vice Hatch, promoted to the Fifth Cavalry.

FIFTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

Major John P. Hatch, of the Fourth Cavalry, to be Lieutenant Colonel, January 15, 1873, vice Duncan, retired from active service.

Second Lieutenant Charles H. Rockwell, to be First Lieutenant, August 29, 1872, he being the regimental quartermaster.

SIXTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

Captain James Biddle, of the First Cavalry, to be Major, February 21, 1873, vice Morris, retired from active service.

Second Lieutenant Sebree Smith, to be First Lieutenant, October 4, 1872, vice Mellen, retired from active service, Company G.

EIGHTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

First Lieutenant Andrew P. Caraher, to be Captain, January 15, 1873, vice Bunkhead, promoted to the Fourth Cavalry, Company M.

Second Lieutenant John W. Pullman, to be First Lieutenant, January 15, 1873, vice Caraher, promoted, Company F.

NINTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

Second Lieutenant Gustavus Valois, to be First Lieutenant, August 25, 1872, vice Rucker, appointed regimental quartermaster, Company K.

TENTH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

First Lieutenant William L. Foulk, to be Captain, March 3, 1873, vice Walsh, deceased, Company D.

Second Lieutenant William Davis, jr., to be First Lieutenant, March 3, 1873, vice Foulk, promoted, Company F.

SECOND REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

First Lieutenant William P. Graves, to be Captain, March 25, 1873, vice Platt, who resigns his regimental commission only, Battery D.

Second Lieutenant Alexander D. Schenck, to be First Lieutenant, January 27, 1873, vice Dodge, lost at sea, Battery C.

Second Lieutenant Edwin S. Curtis, to be First Lieutenant, February 19, 1873, vice Telford, deceased, Battery H.

Second Lieutenant Barnet Wager, to be First Lieutenant, March 25, 1873, vice Graves, promoted, Battery C.

THIRD REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

First Lieutenant John R. Myrick, to be Captain, December 1, 1872, vice Boynton, resigned, Battery M.

First Lieutenant James H. Kelly, to be Captain, December 20, 1872, vice Ransom, dismissed, Battery H.

Second Lieutenant Henry C. Danes, to be First Lieutenant, December 23, 1872, vice Kelly, promoted, Battery E.

FOURTH REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Second Lieutenant Peter Leary, jr., to be First Lieutenant, January 24, 1873, vice Sheldon, dismissed, Battery I.

Second Lieutenant John Simpson, to be First Lieutenant, March 28, 1873, vice Greene, dismissed, Battery L.

FIFTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Second Lieutenant George Duff, to be First Lieutenant, February 13, 1873, vice Brown, retired from active service, Company K.

SECOND REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry D. Wallen, of the Eighth Infantry, to be Colonel, February 19, 1873, vice Crawford, retired from active service.

THIRD REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Second Lieutenant William S. Mackay, to be First Lieutenant, November 1, 1872, vice Bonsall, resigned, Company G. Since resigned.

Second Lieutenant John W. Hannay, to be First Lieutenant, February 18, 1873, vice Mackay, resigned, Company G.

SEVENTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Second Lieutenant George H. Wright, to be First Lieutenant, January 13, 1873, vice Sanbourne, deceased, Company G.

EIGHTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Major John D. Wilkins, to be Lieutenant Colonel, February 19, 1873, vice Wallen, promoted to the Second Infantry.

Captain Thomas S. Dunn, of the Twenty-first Infantry, to be Major, February 19, 1873, vice Wilkins, promoted.

TWELFTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

First Lieutenant John L. Viven, to be Captain, March 31, 1873, vice Putnam, resigned, Company C.

THIRTEENTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

Second Lieutenant James Fornance, to be First Lieutenant, June 29, 1872, vice Fitzpatrick, retired from active service, Company R.

Second Lieutenant Jerome A. Ormsted, to be First Lieutenant, July 1, 1872, vice Townsend, resigned, Company C.

Second Lieutenant Thomas S. Mumford, to be First Lieutenant, January 8, 1873, vice Thompson, deceased, Company I.

FIFTEENTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

First Lieutenant Henry H. Humphreys, to be Captain, January 15, 1873, vice Hedberg, cashiered, Company E.

Second Lieutenant John Little, to be First Lieutenant, January 15, 1873, vice Humphreys, promoted, Company G.

Second Lieutenant Stephen R. Stafford, to be First Lieutenant, January 15, 1873, vice Finn, cashiered, Company E.

Second Lieutenant Horace P. Sherman, to be First Lieutenant, February 1, 1873, vice Blair, appointed regimental adjutant, Company F.

SEVENTEENTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY.

First Lieutenant William M. Van Horne, to be Captain, December 31, 1872, vice Clayton, resigned, Company E.

Second Lieutenant William P. Rogers, to be First Lieutenant, October 3, 1872, vice Crosby, killed by Indians, Company A.

Second Lieutenant James H. Rice, to be First Lieutenant, October 20, 1872, vice Troxel, appointed regimental quartermaster, Company G. Since canceled.

Second Lieutenant James H. Rice, to be First Lieutenant, December 31, 1872, vice Van Horne, promoted, Company G.

Second Lieutenant Calvin P. McTaggart, to be First Lieutenant, March 4, 1873, vice Northrup, deceased, Company E.

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