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NOTATIONS.

The Events of the City of Interest to the General Public.

Starvation for the Piegans—What May be Expected for the Cheyennes.

Judicial Proceedings—Topics of the Range—Matters in General.

Successful Surgery.

A venous tumor was removed on Sunday last from the neck of John Frazier by Dr. Lebecher assisted by Dr. Wroten. The operation was a very difficult one, the jugular vein and carotid arteries running through the tumor which was cancerous and supplied with blood vessels. During the half hour of the operation the work was watched with great interest by friends of the patient, but Dr. Lebecher handled the knife with the greatest skill and succeeded every in particular. It was a question of life or death either way with Frazier and he chose to submit to the knife rather than have his life ended by the tumor which was growing steadily. It is one of the most dangerous operations known in surgical practice and some physicians whom Frazier has consulted have refused to undertake it. Frazier was, evidently, improving yesterday. He will probably recover rapidly from this operation unless inflammation sets in. When he is able to undergo it Dr. Lebecher will remove another and smaller tumor from his hip.

Feed the Indians.

In every city, in nearly every small town throughout our county, efforts are put forth to relieve the needy and care for the suffering. Generally the regularly constituted authorities take such matters in hand. Frequently they are assisted by private efforts, and, occasionally, private effort carries out the work in the cause of humanity. Seldom do we hear of a human being, either white or negro, dying from starvation among the citizens, and should such a terrible event happen what an odium would attach to the community in which it occurs. The efforts of our law makers, our humanitarians, our philanthropists, have been partly directed to the care of the Indian. Many excellent attempts have been made to civilize, Christianize and Anglicize the aborigine, some of them with success, and where they have not been successful we do not believe the failure due so much to a want of interest in him as it is to a want of knowledge of his actual condition and needs. As the Indian comes more in contact with the whites, becomes educated and learns how to earn a living, his dependence upon others will vanish, but despite Joseph Cook's figures of the probable enormous population of the United States in the near future there will surely be a few years before the majority of the northwestern Indians will see many whites and be able to take care of himself. During the interval they must receive as much care and attention as a school boy, even more, their necessities are greater and they are not so easily managed. The presentation of the actual condition of the Piegans, of whom many died of starvation during the past few months, is the latest instance of official mismanagement that has come to the notice of the general public. This fearful condition of affairs is directly attributable to the ignorance of legislators and heads of government who sit in cushioned chairs and cut down appropriations which are first figured to the lowest notch by those who come nearer than ninety-nine one-hundredths of the law makers to a personal observation of the needs of the Indian. Were the prisoners in a city jail treated with such ignorance the population would rise in horror and revolt and call the city fathers to account.

The allowances announced for the Piegans for the coming year amount to two pounds of beef and three pounds of flour per week to each person, figuring on a basis of 2,000 to be fed. The number is greater. With this meagre subsistence Commissioner Price expects them to live peaceably and grow fat during the winter in a country where game is scarce, where they could raise but little by agriculture if they had the ability to farm and where the stock men watch their herds closely. The agent is also instructed to confine his weekly distribution to

one fifty-second of the yearly appropriation.

How may we expect the Piegans to act under such circumstances? The newspaper writer needs only to present facts to western men, and with the above facts further enlargement upon the subject is scarcely necessary. Some other source than the Indian department must be drawn on to relieve the distress of the Piegans and to remove the probability of their uprising. Other Indians are in an equally needy condition. The Cheyennes in this district will suffer this winter unless active steps are taken to prevent it and as long as they are left in a condition in which they cannot become self supporting (which is the case at present) the cost of their maintenance will be above an average. There is no fear that the government will issue their provisions enough to induce any waste, but better a great waste than any starvation.

Examine the Records.

One of our exchanges referring to the merits of the American Hereford Record, says: "Not a few will feel interested in the fact that the rules regulating entries of pedigrees in the American Hereford Record are more stringent than are those of the English Hereford Society. Many of the Herefords imported within the past year, it is stated by a high authority, the Prairie Farmer asserts, are not eligible to entry into the record of the American Hereford Association. It is not unlikely that purchasers here are unaware of the stringency of the present American rules. When they buy they should have an agreement that the animal bought must be entitled to registry in the American Hereford Record. It may be better to insist upon receiving with the animal certificates from the secretary of the association, Mr. Charles Gudgeff, of Independence, Mo., that the pedigrees will be registered in that Record. The demand for Herefords has been so great that all classes of cattle of that breed are being sent to this country for sale, whether pure bred or not. Unless some precaution is taken by purchasers, twice the value of the cattle, or more, will be paid. Purchasers are generally well enough acquainted with pedigrees to safely pass upon their merits, hence the suggestion above."

Wintering Sheep.

The wintering of sheep depends much on the condition of the flock at the beginning of winter. Sheep that are low in flesh in the fall hardly ever improve, but keep going down hill all along, until before the spring time draws around their pelts are hanging in the shed. See, then, that your flocks are in good condition, and if there are any thin ones among them, separate them from the rest and give them a little grain each day until they have gained their wonted vigor. It is much cheaper and more easy to put sheep in good condition in the fall than to have to coax and nurse them all through the winter and then only secure their pelts for your trouble. But it is bad policy and poor management to allow them to run down in the first place, as it does not cost much more to keep them thriving than it does to let them go to "sticks," but after they once get down it costs a great deal both of time and feed to get them up again.—National Stockman.

Cattle Exports.

Some who are shipping cattle to Europe have probably struck the wrong side of the market and want to make up their lessened profits from the producer. The Chicago Commercial, a stock trade reporter, says: "It is stated on good authority that the live cattle exporters have entered into an agreement among themselves to ship less cattle, and have contracted with the steamship companies to take less cattle. By this they hope to accomplish two things:—First, by decreased purchases in Chicago to cause lower prices for live stock; second, by decreased shipments to England to get higher prices there, and thus get a margin of profit. Should this plan not be successful, it is said that a number of the live cattle exporters will undoubtedly leave the business."

It Don't Pay.

Travel to the National Park has been lighter this season than expected and a correspondent writing in reference to the much talked of hotel says that its patronage does not pay in the following: "A distance of about sixty miles intervenes between the main line of the Northern Pacific and Cinnabar, which is the terminus of the Park branch. From the end of the track a line of coaches is running to the Park hotel, fifteen miles away. The hotel is located about two miles from the Montana line. It is well conducted under the management of

Receiver Hulme, but has lost money this year. The expenses of its operation are \$300 per day, the number of employes being fifty. Up to July 1 the property was in possession of thirty-five armed men, and for that reason the receiver could not advertise accommodations until the season was well advanced. The hotel has never been finished, and is not likely to be unless reorganization of the company can be effected and some method devised by which the indebtedness can be provided for."

Assessed Valuation of Cattle.

The following table of the number and assessed valuation of cattle in twenty counties of the state of Colorado may prove of interest to our readers. The table is compiled from the summary of assessed valuation published in the Denver Tribune-Republican.

County.	No. Cattle.	Ass'd Value.
Arapahoe.....	20,000	\$12,375
Bent.....	22,000	12,777
Chaffee.....	12,000	18,455
Cherokee.....	11,000	15,069
Conejos.....	8,000	17,111
Costilla.....	8,000	16,377
Custer.....	9,000	15,777
Delta.....	6,000	19,777
Dolores.....	3,000	11,777
Douglas.....	15,000	16,966
Elbert.....	67,000	12,222
El Paso.....	not given	15,000
Fremont.....	20,000	15,222
Huerfano.....	22,000	15,644
Jefferson.....	10,000	18,344
Lafayette.....	20,000	16,966
Las Animas.....	83,000	14,888
Park.....	22,000	16,668
Routt.....	21,000	19,655
Saguache.....	16,000	18,422
Weld.....	71,000	16,033

It will be observed that the highest valuation in these counties is \$19.77. The average of the whole will be found to be less than \$15.

Court Notes.

In probate court yesterday before Judge Walker John Molley, a half breed, and Wm. Londy were arraigned for horse stealing. They entered pleas of not guilty in both cases and a belief in Londy's innocence was expressed last evening by those who are familiar with the case.

In justice court yesterday the complaint of forgery against Harry E. Whitcomb was nolle prossed before Judge Cotter and a charge of petit larceny substituted to which he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail.

A rollicking individual who arrived yesterday and proceeded to go in the red paint business was arrested last night and placed in jail on a charge of disturbing the peace. He gave the name of M. L. Pureman.

Justice Wood disposed of a case against John Doe yesterday charged with disturbing the peace by flouting the offender \$5 and costs.

A Wool Shipment.

Ten teams hauling wool from the ranch of the Montana Land & Stock company arrived here on Sunday last. They were in charge of George Liscomb, Tom Cook, Bab Atchison and Eph Lay. They were met here by P. Wyllie, general manager of one company. The wool weighed 54,000 pounds and was shipped to Boston. When they were gathering the wool at the ranch Mr. Wyllie made a discovery and getting the boys to bring their rifles he put them on the track of a bear. "It surely was a bear, I saw it," he said so the boys advanced carefully, but it proved to be a beaver that was building its dam across the stream. When he found he was mistaken he took the matter gracefully and treated the boys to a good dinner at Carter's yesterday.

Through with the Hunt.

Capt. Brocklehurst, the young Englishman who will be Earl of Selkirk one of these days, returned from his hunt in the Big Horn mountains yesterday morning and passed through here on his way east. He had a very pleasant time and did most of his hunting southeast of Big Horn City. He was accompanied during a portion of the time by Mr. and Mrs. Captain Elmhurst, of the Missab. Jack Conner, who was also with them as scout, says they got some fine and other game of less note. They intended to go to Clark's Fork and the Prior mountains but Capt. Brocklehurst found he had not time to do so.

By Artificial Means.

An interesting exhibition of stock raised under the hygienic rays of light through blue glass windows is to be made at the Philadelphia Agricultural fair. Heifers, colts, pigs and poultry, will be exhibited to demonstrate the extraordinary developments which have been achieved in raising farm stock under the influence of the associated blue and transparent glass. The owner claims that a colt under these associated lights, now three years and two months old, has obtained a development of bone, muscle and form which will compare favorably with

the majority of colts five years of age.—Kansas City Indicator.

Nutritious Grasses.

A cattle man known as "Texas" is in the city. He is down from Montana and states as an argument in favor of Montana as a grazing country that he recently drove a herd of 1,000 cattle from Texas to that region, being six months and eighteen days on the drive. The change of climate, water, grasses, etc., caused a gain of from 150 to 200 pounds. "Texas" says there is no stock region in the world equal to Montana and western Dakota.—Bismarck Tribune.

Along the River.

On the shores of the Yellowstone a JOURNAL reporter saw yesterday the carcasses of four head of cattle that had been drowned. They were part of a lot of 2,500 that swam the river a few days ago. On inquiry we found that that was the extent of the loss and it is considered light. On figuring the cost of ferrage, however, it seems as though it would be cheaper and safer to use the ferris: than to stand the loss from drowning and the expense of extra help required in swimming the stock.

The good old cow has paid off more mortgages and paid for more farms than any other known product. She is the mother of all our beef. In many a household she catches the wolf on her horns and tosses it far from the door. She has turned the tide of our agricultural prosperity in many parts of the country, from a downward course in raising grain or cotton, to an upward and prosperous one in raising stock, grass and hay. Flowers and grass spring from beneath her feet on the most barren soil. The old cow don't stop to enthuse over them, but converts them into good, solid, hard cash.—Ex.

Rev. Hugh Duncan preached Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist church and left for the west on yesterday morning's train. With the Masonic fraternity he performed the duties of his office of Grand Master on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings last week in a manner highly pleasing to the members, and he departed with very friendly feelings toward Miles City. Since his arrival an application has been made to have a lodge formed at Glendive, and that will be done promptly.

At the Inter-Ocean: C. Stoddard, Buffalo, Wyo.; Synde Palmer, Terry; John E. Downes, S. B. Briggs, Boston; John Becker, Pumphkin; R. E. Carpenter, Fort Dodge, Iowa; A. W. Adams, Fort Maginnis; P. C. Sheridan, Pumphkin; A. Lockhart, Evans, Col.; Jos. Palmer, Powder; S. R. Foss, L. H. Brooks, Forsyth; A. Phelps and wife, Buffalo, Wyo.; W. H. Hornback, Billings; C. W. Anderson, Forsyth; F. A. Mathews, Mandan; Thos. Bennett, San Francisco; A. B. Combs, S. G. Merritt, and H. J. Bredfield, Minneapolis.

A. J. Kennedy's Brunswick Hall with its new fittings and lively business is one of the liveliest places in the city. He set the safe lock on a new combination Sunday and hasn't been able to open it since. By drilling holes into the lock Major McAusland hopes to open it but it may have to be blown.

The Murphy Cattle company's shipment of about 800 head will be loaded today at the stock yards. Matt Murphy, who is here with his wife, and F. J. Rappal went out to see the cattle yesterday. Mr. Rappal, who is a Chicago cattle buyer, pronounces the beeves fat and in very good condition.

For years Capt. John W. Smith was one of the best known citizens of Miles City, and has a host of friends here. He returned from the Court of Alene yesterday morning and will be here for some time. He is at the Merchants.

A Prehistoric Lake.

Professor J. S. Dillen, assistant geologist of the United States Geological society, has returned from a visit to Pyramid lake. His visit was for the purpose of ascertaining the exact altitude of the present surface of the lake. The professor gives it as his opinion that the whole basin, including Pyramid and Mud lakes, and the sinks of the Humboldt and Carson rivers, was a prehistoric lake, which he calls Lake Lontan. There is also unmistakable evidence that the surface of this ancient body of water was considerably more than 400 feet above the surface of Pyramid lake at its present stage.

It Wouldn't Keep.

(Merchant Traveler.)
Blunkin and his wife had been indulging in a family discordance, and finally Mrs. B. exclaimed:
"Well, I've got my opinion of any man who talks like you do."
"Oh, have you? Well, you can keep it, if you want to."
"No, I can't either. It's so certain I'm already that it won't keep."