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## SATURDAY SINS

And Sunday Summary of Talking Topics and Pleasant Paragraphs.

Reported That the Northern Pacific Railroad Was Sold to the Rock Island Road.

The Fifth Infantry Make a Good Record at Fort Snelling.

### Rumored Sale of the Northern Pacific.

The Chicago Tribune of the 13th publishes a long article to the effect that a controlling majority of the stock of the Northern Pacific railroad has been purchased by the Rock Island road. It seems scarcely credible that the owners of this majority would permit it to pass out of their hands just as the road is approaching a paying basis and after they have maintained it so long at a loss, but the rumor receives credit in railroad circles. Mixed with the deal is an alliance between the Rock Island and the Grand Trunk, and the construction of a connecting line between the Northern Pacific and the Canadian system; though the relation of these factors to the main rumor is not made clear.

### At Fort Snelling.

The regimental team match and the regimental skirmish match were shot at Fort Snelling on Wednesday, in both of which the Fifth infantry secured a second place in a list of nine teams. The regimental team match was won by the First cavalry team on a score of 1,150 points, followed closely by the Fifth infantry with 1,125 points. In the skirmish match the winner was the team of the Third infantry with 1,014 points, the Fifth infantry scoring second with 882. The winning score on the regimental match is eight points in excess of that of last season, while the winning score of the skirmish match exceeds that of last year by 438 points, the highest score then being 576 points, while there was not a team in the whole line that did not beat that record in this match, the lowest score being 660. This shows remarkable improvement in skirmish firing, the most effective branch of sharp shooting in active service.

### A Popular Hostelry.

John Carter returned from Chicago yesterday morning, having while there purchased a bar outfit that will exceed in beauty and elegance anything west of St. Paul. He modestly declined to inform the reporter what the outfit cost, but being pressed, admitted that not a penny less than \$4,000 would have moved it out of the factory. The mirror is 6x18 feet and everything else in keeping. Mr. Carter also brought with him two artists in the manipulation of fluid refreshments whose efforts will without doubt excite first the wonder, and then the satisfaction of our bibulous citizens. John expects to occupy his new quarters within six weeks, when with his famous restaurant in the basement, his elegant bar on the ground floor, and richly furnished sleeping apartments on the second floor, his guests can eat, sleep and stimulate without ever going from under the roof.

### Cattle in the Pacific Northwest.

Several prominent stock growers of the Pacific slope have been here from time to time during this season. Among them is Frank Wyatt and his partner, F. W. Ross, and Wm. Hawley, of Lewiston, Idaho. In conversation with one of the above named gentlemen yesterday he remarked to our reporter that the holding of stock by large companies is much more noticeable here than in Oregon, where the large companies have dropped out of the business in many instances and the stock is mainly in the hands of small holders whose cattle range on lands that are held in fee and are not subject to the rulings of politicians. Many of these holders were willing to sell last spring. They needed money for various purposes—mainly to carry on improvements—and their offerings were eagerly accepted by many, especially eastern Montanians. Soon as they raised up on money matters they raised their figures for cattle and it didn't take them long to get too high so that now very little is being done in cattle on the Pacific slope. Montanians are not anxious to stock their ranges much more at present, they don't want to see the ranges crowded any more and they have almost dropped out of the market. Oregon and Washington Territory raise good cattle. They started with small herds and good bulls, mostly Short Horns, the increase has been gratifying, the breeding ground is excellent, but there are yet too many cattle in the Pacific northwest and a further thinning out is bound to come.

### Deaman Thompson.

Monday night, the 17th, is the time set for the appearance of Joshua Whitcomb. A large number of seats have already been taken, and the largest house of the season will doubtless greet the celebrated performer. That the play is a good one, and popular, the following excerpt from the Boston Herald amply testifies: "Night after night the Boston theatre presents the same spectacle—a crowd of pleased, amused and interested beings. Good hearty laughter abounds, interspersed with bursts of genuine applause; and the cause of all this is the simple reproduction of a Yankee farmer. But this impersonation is so simple and truthful, so natural and lifelike that its success cannot be wondered at. This performance appeals alike to two entirely distinct classes. The regular theatre goes, sick and weary of the immoral adulterous drama, performed by artists with stilted and exaggerated ways, find refreshing relief in the depiction of healthy, natural, every day scenes. And then there is the class of Puritanical church goers, who hold up their hands in holy horror at the bare mention of the stage. To them this performance is an amusement, a relaxation they can indulge in without conflict with their conscience. The popular favor Mr. Thompson meets with is an agreeable encouragement of what is beyond cavil, a meritorious manifestation of legitimate dramatic art. Both in humor and pathos Mr. Thompson preserves the charm of perfect plausibility. The audience laughs smoothly and easily, for his fun is infectious; his humor pervades his homely lines. What more affecting than the simple earnestness with which he refers to those of his children while doing their duty—a getting their flag. This little hit is a gem; there lies in his words an unconscious appeal for consolation that goes straight to one's heart. The scene where his only son is accused of default, is another one which deserves mention. The feeling of utter, unspoken grief the old man feels is so natural that it becomes painful to the audience. His costume is admirable in its simplicity—store clothes of homespun gray. The fit alone is execrably funny. Mr. Thompson does not strive to present a high order of personage, but succeeds unqualifiedly in giving us a character that we know and must be on good terms with. To me there is something about 'Uncle Josh' that baffles criticism. Whether the impersonation is the result of study and effort, or simply unconscious doing of Mr. Thompson, is what seems impossible to determine. Whatever it may be, it is a remarkable performance, and fully deserves the wonderful success it is universally meeting with.

### Will Join Their Regiments.

The following is a list of the army officers now on detailed duty who will be compelled to join their regiments, in obedience to Secretary Endicott's recent order returning officers who have been absent four years, to their companies: Capt. J. F. Gregor, corps engineer; Capt. Clarence E. Dutton, ordnance department; First Lieut. C. B. Schofield, of Gen. Schofield's staff; First Lieut. James Allen, first cavalry; First Lieut. A. W. Greely, first cavalry; First Lieut. Robert F. Emmett, ninth artillery; First Lieut. H. C. Dunwoody, fourth artillery; First Lieut. Robert Craig, fourth artillery; First Lieut. Oscar F. Long, fifth infantry; Capt. Wm. Wherry, sixth infantry; First Lieut. Guy Howard, twelfth infantry; Capt. G. W. Davis, fourteenth infantry; First Lieut. Joseph A. Slader, fourteenth infantry; Capt. C. S. Roberts, seventeenth infantry; Capt. J. L. Wharton, ninth infantry; Capt. G. S. L. Ward, twenty-second infantry; Capt. G. G. Mullins, twenty-fifth infantry.

### Miles & Strevell will have, when their new building is finished, the most complete and commodious hardware store in the territory. The cellar is cemented throughout and will contain 100 carloads of goods. The first floor will be used for the salesroom, and the second floor will be used to show wagons and farming machines in. An elevator connects all floors and is of sufficient size to carry a full sized wagon.

Lieut. Thompson, of the Fifth infantry, Fort Keogh, was warmly greeted by some old friends of his while here yesterday.

### Montana Mention.

Manager Cairns, of the Western Union office, states that on an average 250 messages per day are sent or received at Butte.

Robert Coburn has placed Cassius Taylor in charge of his Flat Willow ranch and cattle herd. Mr. Taylor is a reliable and industrious young man.

The Miner may be an authority on the geology of the Cornwall tin mines, but it has accumulated a vast amount of impenetrable ignorance on the subject of Butte.—Inter-Mountain.

John Longmaid went to Neihart, Monday last, and it is presumed the public will soon know whether or not the St. Paul syndicate is to take the Montana Belle group of mines.

Fishing parties are taking out trout by the hundreds. The banks of Smith river and tributaries just swarm with fishermen every Sunday and still the supply holds out as of yore.—Husbandman.

The Miner and Inter-Mountain, of Butte, are at loggerheads over the mining business. They present such an array of drifts and shafts that it is hard to tell which is level on the questions involved.

A. J. Davidson, traveling correspondent for the religious department of the Independent, who has recently been doing field duty in portions of the Yellowstone valley, reports a general revival in that section.

There is some talk of having the Teton bridged at Choteau some time next winter—to be ready for the spring travel. The bridge is much needed, and if the county fathers will not assist in the matter it will be done by private enterprise.

County Assessor French returned Thursday morning from a trip over the Crow reservation, where he has added considerably to the assessment list by including property on the reservation. He departs for the west end of the reservation soon.—Gazette.

A land slide occurred on the Teton side of the Cracon-du-Nez last Monday. A large body of earth became detached and fell into the Teton, damming the stream and flooding the bottom. No further damage was done, so far as we are able to learn.—River Press.

The White Sulphur Springs paper says: "A week or two ago we chronicled the event of the brass bands as an evidence of metropolitan greatness. This week we can truthfully say that we have made a further advance not in greatness, this time, but in vice. An enterprising reporter of the Husbandman, taking a stroll the other night stumbled against an opium joint.

The mail contractor between Sun River and Choteau now drives a tri-week, four-horse outfit. On the first day of its arrival at Choteau, the inhabitants of that enterprising burg were paralyzed, so to speak, as it drew up in front of the store and went and hid themselves. But they quickly emerged from their hiding places on being told it was a real, sure-enough four-horse coach.

It was stated on Wednesday that S. R. Savage, a boss mechanic, who has recently been building several houses under contract, had mysteriously left the city, owing his workmen between \$600 and \$700. The men, it appears, heard he had drawn considerable money on the houses and as he had failed to pay them according to promise a number of garnishees were placed upon the property.—Miner.

We are glad that the perseverance of Deputy Sheriff Hamilton, of Gallatin, has rid us of that troublesome and costly Piegian, Antelope Shirt. He is a bad Indian, and for the past three or four years has been most of the time in custody. Stealing horses and killing cattle is a favorite amusement with him, and we trust he will be several years older before he will indulge in it again.—River Press.

James Brown, who recently returned from Choteau, says there is considerable excitement in that section relative to the gold discoveries in the Sweet Grass hills. Three or four outfits passed through there on their way to the mines, and quiet, staid residents of the town are catching the infection. Jack Faucett, Billy Wagner and several others have gone, and others are contemplating a speedy departure.—River Press.

The Liquidation mine, which is an extension of the Clark Colusa, is in a prosperous condition. The main shaft is 300 feet deep, and the ledge at that point shows to be forty feet between the hanging and foot walls. The output of the mine last year averaged 100 tons per day. An immense ore reserve in and around the mine makes it requisite for the company to erect a concentrator, having a capacity of 125 tons per day.