

Sun River Sun.

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Advertising agents and others will save postage and time, by careful examination of above rates, for under no circumstance will we deviate from them.

SUNBEAMS.

E. B. Largent was up again from Johnson town this week for supplies.

W. P. Furcher completed the addition to Mr. Dunn's house Saturday.

Freer & Donahue have opened the saloon lately occupied by Charles Darling.

D. H. Churchill, Robert Vaughn and Thomas Churchill returned from Helena Monday.

John Donnelly remarks with much truth, "This is a d--n queer country, and mighty inconsistent."

George Quail has been very ill with rheumatism during the past week. We are glad to see him about again.

J. H. McKnight & Co. are in receipt of a lot of fresh meats and groceries. Call and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Kisselbaugh, Carter & Co.'s lumber is universally acknowledged to be the best that comes to this market and is sold straight through for \$35 per M.

S. White and family and Mrs. Scott and her children departed for Oregon last week. They will probably be a month or six weeks on the trip, as they go all the way by private conveyance.

Go to J. H. McKnight & Co.'s for Woods' Enclosed Gear Mowers and Self-Blinding Harvesters of the latest improved pattern, Sulky Rakes, Barbed Wire and all kinds of Farming Implements.

Ira Myers, of Great Falls, has the contract to furnish 50,000 feet of lumber to be used in the construction of the flour-mill to be built at that place this fall. The mill will be four stories high.

Can't Sun River get up some races for next month? We have the stock to run, why not have some fun, like Augusta proposes to have? That town is liable to make us ashamed of ourselves yet.

Towels are at par at Blackfoot Agency; so at least thinks a recent visitor. It is suggested that the department send instead of muslin for speculation, towels for use. From the experience of certain parties they are needed.

Jesse Armitage, of Helena, has just opened his fair invoice of elegant and artistic jewelry, watches, clocks and silverware. He has also increased his repairing facilities. Jesse is the boss watch repairer of the Territory.

Col. Barr, U. S. Indian Inspector, reports that the trouble at Major Snyder's agency is of minor importance. The starving of those Indians is not attributable to his mismanagement at all. The Indians die from debility mostly.

George Hornback went fishing Saturday night in the Missouri at Sbergold and caught 25 mountain catfish weighing from four to eight pounds each. The Sun office acknowledges the donation of an eight-pounder. Thanks, George.

Don't forget the Republican primaries next Saturday, and be sure and select delegates who will attend the convention. Alternates will not answer the purpose this year. You must have your representatives on the ground if you want to accomplish anything.

Mrs. James Gibb, of the Largent House, has a relic of "ye olden times"; a copy of the "Boston News Letter" published April 21, 1704. Also a copy of "Fairbury Journal" published at her old home in 1867. Mighty interesting reading in these old-time publications.

The political pot is beginning to bubble. At the Democratic primary Saturday, J. W. Nixon was nominated as road supervisor and J. H. Dunlap for justice of the peace. J. W. Nixon will make a first class road supervisor, and the Republicans will have to put up a first-class man to beat him.

Jack Austin's mother-in-law passed through here last week en route to Chestnut to spend the winter with her daughter. She says that while in Chicago at the depot she was robbed of seven hundred dollars. Her pocket was cut out with a piece of the dress. After the crowd had dispersed the pocket and piece of dress were found lying on the platform.

Lieut. Bell and a detachment of mounted men from Fort Shaw have been camping down at the Falls near the Indian ford. Their purpose was to intercept a band of marauding Piegans on their return from a horse-stealing expedition against the Crowa. After waiting and watching for over a week, they returned to the post Monday without having seen any thieving rods.

Ted Groesbeck, in an interview with a representative of the Maiden Argus, relating to the reported stampede from Maiden to the Little Rockies and \$25 to \$100 per day to the man being taken out as published in the Benton papers, says he made no such statement, in fact, was not interviewed by reporters of either paper, and is unpleasantly surprised at the exaggerated statements credited to him.

Indian Children.

Thos. W. Murphy, of Flat Creek, was in town Sunday. Tom was on his way from the Blackfoot Agency, where he had been with E. Ballou for the purpose of getting sixty of the Piegan children to take to take to the Lincoln Institute, Philadelphia, to be educated. They did not succeed, however, as some influence was brought to bear upon the children's parents, causing them to look with disfavor on the scheme. When Mr. Ballou first arrived at the Agency several of the chief men of the tribe agreed to go with him and take their children, but after holding a council they changed their minds. Mr. Ballou has permission from the Government to take 60 children, providing they will go with him of their own free will, and he is not restricted to any particular agency. He has now gone to Belknap and will try to get some from that agency. An old chief asked, "Why do the white men want to take our children away from us to educate them? have they not enough of their own, or have they taught them all that there is to learn?" And in answer the white man said nothing.

Democratic Caucus.

Pursuant to instructions of the Central Committee of Lewis and Clarke county the Democratic voters of Sun River held a meeting on the 18th inst. The following named gentlemen were chosen as representatives and alternates to the county Democratic convention to convene at Helena, M. T., September 18, 1884:

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
William M. Wyatt, J. M. Sweeney.
John Largent, W. B. Hundly.
J. W. Nixon, Ben R. Roberts.
Will Hanks, Ed. Zimmerman.
John P. Dyas, M. Helmg.

All delegates were instructed to support Matt Carroll for Clerk and Recorder, Col. A. J. Johnson for District Attorney, W. K. Roberts for Treasurer, and J. K. Toole for Delegate to Congress.

The following local ticket was chosen: For Road Supervisor—John W. Nixon. For Justice of the Peace—J. H. Dunlap. On motion, the secretary was instructed to forward copy of proceedings to Helena Independent and SUN RIVER SUN for publication.

WM. M. WYATT, Chairman.

JOHN P. DYAS, Secretary.

Democrat Delegates.

AGUSTA, M. T., Sept. 14.

Editor SUN RIVER SUN:
The Democratic primaries were held here last evening and largely attended. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Phil W. Leighton, in the chair, and Donald Bradford, secretary. The following gentlemen were elected as delegates and alternates:

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
Alexander Rogers, F. F. Walrath.
James Lemon, S. C. Ashby.
Phil W. Leighton, Ben. Roberts.

The delegates and alternates were instructed to vote and use their best endeavor to secure the nomination of John D. McIntyre for the legislature, Kemp Roberts for treasurer, O. B. Totten for sheriff, and Matthew Carroll for clerk and recorder. The meeting adjourned sine die.
DONALD BRADFORD, Sec'y.

Accidentally Shot.

A young man, whose name we have not learned, accidentally shot an Indian at Birch creek last week. He was shooting black birds and in ejecting a shell from his rifle threw a cartridge into it without knowing it and it exploded, striking an Indian, who was standing by, in the side. It was thought to have been done on purpose by the Indians and they were going to play the blood for blood racket on the young man, who, seeing the storm brewing, got on to his horse and went over to Dupuyer creek, where there was some cowboys who protected him from the blood-thirsty friends of the wounded Indian.

Augusta Races.

Augusta, that booming little town on the South Fork, with commendable enterprise will hold a two days' racing meeting on the 10th and 11th of October, as follows:

First—A 600-yard race, fee to all; 3 to center and 2 to start, for a purse of \$50. Entrance fee \$10.

Second—A pony race, entrance fee \$5, for entrance fees.
A grand ball will be given on the evening of the first day's racing. On the second day the first will be half a mile, 3 to center and two to run, for a purse of \$50; entrance fee \$10. Racing to close with pony and scrub races, &c., &c.

Married.

We acknowledge the receipt of cards announcing the marriage of Ben. R. Roberts, of Helena, and Lela V. Gorham, of Ullida, which took place on the morning of the 10th of September.

Mr. Roberts is one of Helena's most enterprising business men and universally esteemed. The bride, Miss Gorham, is a charming young lady with a host of friends both in this section and Helena. The Sun tenders the happy young couple its very best wishes.

The Ruling Passion.

Louis Lapache has been for some years a horse thief in the upper country. He had concluded to reform, and promised a United States marshal that he would retire to his farm in Canada and be honest; he started on foot, but after becoming weary he saw a horse and saddle in a convenient place, his old weakness returned and Mr. Lapache started to ride to reform. He was overtaken, and is now in the Custer county jail.

Augusta Republican Canvass.

Republican voters will meet at Manix's hall, Saturday, September 20th, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. to elect delegates to the county convention at Helena. A large attendance is requested, so that the voters on the South Fork may instruct the delegates.

By order of committee.
Go to J. H. McKnight & Co. for furniture, heating and cooking stoves, tinware and house furnishing goods.

CONDITION OF THE PIEGANS.

Their Sufferings Much Alleviated by Recent Additional Appropriations.—Deaths by Actual Starvation.

It has been a question of considerable interest to settlers in the northern part of Montana, as to the actual condition of the Indians along the border, wherein the property, homes and lives of many citizens are dependent. After a thorough investigation and due consideration we are prepared to furnish the following unprejudiced statement, which may be of interest, concerning them.

The question is being incessantly asked by those who are considerate enough to inquire into the matter, "Are the Piegans actually in a starving condition?" To this we will answer in the negative. At present they are not, as it is now berry season, and there is still some little game to be had through which they manage to keep alive on their scanty rations, but with great difficulty. Early this spring, however, a great number did ACTUALLY STARVE TO DEATH. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction expressed among the Indians as to the manner in which Major Young treated them, and the prostrate condition in which he left them. At the time ex-Agent Young left, there was not provisions enough here to feed those in camp (about 2,000 in number) on half rations, even for ten days, much less two months, and during that time, great fears of an outbreak were apprehended. There is nothing here that can be found to Mr. Young's credit; but on the contrary, his reports are vile conglomeration of misleadings. His idea seems to have been to make it appear that he was a great moral civilization, and that the Indians under his administration were leaving off their wild, wandering ways, and were rapidly being converted into farmers, mechanics, wood-choppers and day-laborers, and were all almost self-sustaining, which we find to be a grand mistake. They know but very little, if anything, pertaining to domestic affairs or farming; and even if they did, they can't plow. In the first place they have never had anyone to show them, and in the second place their ponies are not strong enough to pull the plow. Give them seed to plant and they are so lolly starved that they eat it instead of planting it. A person who has never looked into this matter would have a very credulous idea of affairs, and Major Young, from all appearances, is the one that should bear the blame, and certainly deserves censure, if nothing more, for the deception he practiced while so much respectability was placed in his hands. The writer thinks it would be very mortifying to anyone that had a conscience, even though it be seared and hardened by a life of practiced deceit, to have a child walk up to him with death staring him in the face, and call for bread with his last dying words. To see a child trying to appease its hunger by passing violently at its mother's breast, which had long since been unyielding for want of food. How must one feel when he stands in his own cottage door, surrounded with an abundance for his own subsistence, and unavoidably gazing on a well filled grave-yard, well knowing in his own heart that he was the cause of at least half the deaths of its occupants? How would an ordinary person feel under such circumstances? The writer of this thinks it would have a tendency to make the impostor change his system of conducting affairs, rather than to continue in the old well worn path. To starve a single person is an outrage; but to put whole families to death by starvation is a crime too atrocious to be tolerated in a civilized community. As Inspector S. S. Benedict firmly stated upon one occasion, "This is the most ill-advised, played-out, and loosely managed agency in the United States." How about the school that has long been one of the main industries of this agency? Where is the benefit derived from it? Who can show it? The books will show that it cost upwards of \$1,300 per annum for teachers, but no one can show where anyone is benefited by it. Out of 600 children who have had free access to this wonderful establishment, there is but one who is above the A B C's, and it is only since Major Allen has taken charge of this Agency that he has been taught anything. There is now a very fair school in progress, under the management of Miss Nora Allen and Miss Katie Graham, which promises to be a success, notwithstanding their inability to speak the Piegan language. They have a regular attendance of from 40 to 100 scholars, and they spare no pains in learning them all they can. The children are good imitators and are advancing quite rapidly.

Major R. A. Allen is deserving of great credit for the manner in which he has interceded in behalf of these starving people. When he came here the whole nation was in a raving turmoil; the cries and moans of the starving were heard from every quarter. Men and women volunteered to work at any kind of labor if they could only get something to eat. He took them through the ware house and convinced them that there was but little there, and told them that he would issue what was left to them as long as it lasted, and then if there was no more supplies to be had, they would all turn out on the war-path and he would be their big chief. In that way he managed to quiet them and keep them under control until their goods came. Since then he has used his utmost skill and influence in procuring additional appropriations and has succeeded to the amount of \$10,000, which, with what he already has, will be barely enough to keep them on half rations until March 1, 1885.

Just think of a person living in an old cabin or an old torn lodge month after month through the chilling storms of winter with barely half enough to eat! It is one of the most inconsistent things I ever heard of. From Major Young's report, a person would be led to believe that there was over 800 acres of land under cultivation at the Agency, and raising enormous crops every year, but on investigation we fell to find it. The writer thinks that fifty acres will more than cover all the little patches of 20 to 50 feet square each that

can be found on the reservation, and without water their yields are remarkably small. Extra appropriations have been made for irrigating purposes and perhaps in time some good may be derived from it. From all accounts, things have not heretofore been carried on very lucratively for the Indians, and if facts can be relied upon, it is very evident that our inspectors have not been very sharp, or they would have found something of interest to the government years ago. F. W. M.

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