# Sun River Sun.

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The Denver exposition is open once more. It is a fraud conducted by thieves and patronized by suckers. The only thing on exhibition is the gall of its projectors and the disgrace of the town which permits it to exist. Some honest man in Colorado, if there is one, should burn the building to the ground.—Inter Mountain.

There must be a powerful facination about the artic wastes in spite of the privations and lonliness of which all the explorers of that frozen reigon around the North Pole must endure.

Already we read that two at least, of the survivors of the Greely expedition, are ready and anxious to brave another voyage of polar discovery, and it is very evident that we have not seen the the last of the attempts to reach the Pole.

Denmark is sain to be preparing to send an expedition next summer, and if the men most interested in former attempts had their way the United States could not long delay adding one more to its long list of attempts to solve the mystries of the frozen north. It is difficult for the average mind to understand just what is to be gained by all these explorations of ice fields and glacial mountains. If they discover that rather mythical North West passage, what will it avail them or us? If they find the North Pole what will they do with it? what indeed.

L. S. Wells seems to be the choice of our people for member of the legislature from this portion of Lewis and Clarke county. Although he is a republican, and if nominated, (which we think he will be) it will be by that party, he will have the cordial support of the democrats in this section, as well as that of the republicans. His election will not be a party issue at all, in this end of the county, because both parties look upon him as the best available man, and one who is almost certain to be elected. It is no easy matter to select a man in this end of the county who would be all we desire in our member to the next legislature. We could find men who would do as well as Mr. Wells, but we cannot elect them. We want a man who can poll a good vote in Helena, and one who we can trust to work for the interests of this section.

Mr. Wells will poll a large vote in Helena, and his entire party vote outside of that city, except in this section, where he will have the entire vote regardless of party. It stands the republicans in hand to send good men to the republican convention; men who will see that the man we want is put on rhe ticket and not trust to alternates.

The democrat primary, Saturday evening, was well attended by the leading democrats of the precinct. Their favorites were named for the various county offices, and the delegates to the county convention were instructed in their favor.

J. H. Dunlap was nominated for justice of the peace, and we have no doubt but that the gentleman will make a good judge if elected.

J. M. Woods was nominated for constable and will also make a good officer.

Their choice of county officers are good, and if the county convention nominates them, they will almost be sure of election.

We hope that whoever is elected road supervison, will pay a little attention to the requirements of his office. The state of our streets are, indeed disgraceful. For more than half of the summer, there has been a lake on Main street in Sun River. We don't like to find fault with any one, and we do not do so now as a personal matter, but in the interest of the town and her citizens; and we hope that the next supervisor elected here will pay a little more attention to the duties of his office. J. W. Nixon, we think, would make a good man for this office, and would, no doubt, do all in his power to improve our streets.

Saying this much in favor of Mr. Nixon, we wish it understood that the Sun is strictly independent, and will not favor one party's candidate more than another. It is a dificult position to maintain, but we shall endeavor to balance it as evenly as possible, We do not consider that the fact of our publishing an independent paper, in any way effect our personal politics. Therefore we will each vote with our own respective party, and scratch at our own sweet will.

From arrangements now about perfected, the camp meeting in Pipestone Pass promises to be largely attended. The people of Dillon, Virginia City, Sheridan, Fish Creek, and the eastern part of the territory, are thoroughly in earnest about making it a success. This meeting was arranged at the last Mission held in Butte, and being a Mission camp meeting, it is expected that the preachers throughout the work will be present.—Inter Mountain.

## TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Butte court house and jail cost the county $151,254.11.

The Mounted Police stables at Ft-Macleod, were burnsd on the 28th.

Cottonwood is worth $6 to $6.50 and $7 per cord at Benton. Coal, $10 per ton. Cheap.

Montana zephyrs derange the workings of Butte's town clock. Let Hazen be consulted.

E. G. Brooke of Whitehall, had on exhibition at the Helena fair, fifteen head of Angora goats.

The wail of the "sure thing game" victims, rise mournfully above the din of the Butte quartz mills.

A dollar subscription has been started in Madison county to erect a monument over the grave of Dr. I. C. Smith.

John Reaves and a man named Gallagher were killed by a premature blast explosion in the Granite Mountain Mine.

The old timers assembled at Helana last week, subscribed the full amount needed to comples the Dr. Glick monument.

A blind man in Helena squanders all his money for bug juice, whereat that moral city is justly indignant and horrified.

Some two hundred men will be employed at Marents trussle this winter replacing the wooden trussle with an iron bridge.—Missoulian.

Glendive has the smallest paper in the world. It is called the Star, and is a two-column weekly. The columns are less than an inch wide.

Oscar Ritter of unsavory reputation, has returned to Butte, and is annoying his wife. The Inter Mountain suggests that he look a little out.

W. H. Peck, of Fort Benton, passed through here last Tuesday with 250 thoroughbred sheep, which he is bringing from Vermont.—Tranchant.

The Inter Mountain says building operators at Butte are under a cloud owing to the heavy dew and the premature appearance of the beautiful,

The mile bicycle race at the fair grounds between Will Armitage and Thomas Sharpe, was won by the former by about 100 feet. Time, 4½ minutes.

The hard glove contest between Arthur and Conly, which took place at the Helena ampitheatre, recently, resulted in the defeat of Conly by reason of a foul.

Wyllys A. Hedges, the eldest son of Hon. Cornelius Hedges, a prominent stock grower of this territory, was married on the 3d inst., to Miss Ida Beach, of Connecticut.

The Argus says that a round-up outfit camped near Clagget, had seven of their horses stolen from where they were tied up to the wagon while their owners were eating supper in a tent close by.

A ninety foot flag staff standing in front of the Missoulian office, in Missoula, was so badly burned during the recent fire that it was cut down for safty. It was erected in 1872, and bid fair to stand 50 years.

The prisoners in the Silver Bow county jail had hatched up a bold scheme for obtaining their liberty a few nights ago, but it was discovered by the officers of the institution and their tools taken away from them.

Four hundred Butteites watched Steve Burk, of Colorado, and Frank McCormick, of Butte, jellify each others mugs on the evening of the 10. Twenty-five rounds were fought resulting in the defeat of the Butte champion.

The skeleton of a white man found in a narrow ravine near the Little Big Horn battle field lately. One of the teeth had been nearly built up of solid gold, from which it is inferred that the body was that of an officer of the regiment that perished that day.

A number of the citizens of Gallitan county. subscribed for Bancroft's History of the Pacific States, under the impression that they were taking but a volume or two. Now they are worried because they find that they are under contract for several hundollars worth of books.

The Herald published a letter from two prisoners in the Deer Lodge penitentiary, in which they claim to have discovered a new motive power capable of propelling an article of any weight at a speed of 200 miles an hour. They propose to give the world their invention for their freedom.

Wednesday about noon the house of George K. Vaughn, on Camas Praiaie, was robbed, the thief getting some clothing of Vaughn's and $95 in money belonging to Mrs. Ewen, a sister of Mrs. Vaughn. At the time of the robbery Vaughn was in the woods chopping and the ladies were out fishing.—Missoulian.

Three Livingston carpenters recently started down the Yellowstone in a small boat en route to Bismark. Above Tongue river their boat upset, and they lost their tool chests and coats. In the pockets of the latter they had about $1,400. They recovered one of the coats, containing $900, but failed to find the others.

## Pioneer Experience.

At the pioneer's meeting, Hon. Samuel Word being called upon for a speech, said he did not think he was capable of finding words to express his feeling upon meeting so many old timers. He then related some incidents connected with the long and perilous trip across the plains. He was one of a party who had in train eighty wagons, under the guidance of Bozeman and Jacobs, noted plainsmen; that while in camp on Crazy Woman's Fork of the Wind River, an alarm was suddenly given, and they found themselves surrounded by from two to five hundred Cheyenne Indians. In the sign language they made known their wish for a parley. In the first place they wanted sugar, coffee, and flour, which was given them; then they told the interpreters that the train must turn back and take the old Emigrant road, as their presence ran out the game, and they would not permit any white mant o travel through their country; that if they did not turn back their bones would whiten the plains through which they were traveling. The train turned back, but there were a few brave spirits who determined to go forward at any risk, and under the leadership of John Bozeman they did go through without the loss of a man, but the remainder returned to the old road and came in about a month later.

In a few days another alarm was given, but this time the cause of the disturbance was a grizzly bear. The whole camp rushed out after it, and the animal took refuge in a patch of chaparel. Jacobs, who had charge of the train, endeavored to restrain the men, telling them to keep back, but they pushed on, and the speaker was in a position to see one man grasped by the bear, and after tearing and lacerating his flesh in a horrible manner, hurled him from the brush. This was followed by an immediate attack apon another man who came within reach, the beer taking the man's head in his mouth and crunching it till a ball from Jacob's rifle put an end to the picnic. On another occasion he was in company with Jacobs when they saw four bears feeding together. Jacobs asked him if he wanted to see some fun. He said he did; but couldn't see any relation between fun and bears. They slipped up within shooting distance when Jacobs fired and wounded one of the animals. Then, if the fun didn't commence, he at least saw a wonderful sight. The bears all rushed at each other and had one of the most terrific encounters, which they kept up until they were completely exhausted.

## More Good Horse Thieves.

A Poplar River special to the Pioneer Press says: Duputy Sheriff Sam Fishell and posse, who left here about ten days ago with the horse thieves Johnny Owens, Swift Bill, Sy Nickerson, Phelps, and Eugene Burr, en route to Fort Maginnis, arrived here. He says; About eight miles from the mouth of the Muscleshell, on the night of the 28th of August, we went into camp. At 4 o'clock the following morning, when asleep, a party of fifteen masked men suddenly came upon us. We were ordered to hold up our hands. With the order came the inevitable accompaniment of gazing into the muzzles of fifteen well primed Winchesters. Of course we complied. Myself and Mr, R Anderson were then called out of camp. We were carried a couple of miles away, and cautioned not to glance under penalty of instant death. The remainder of my posse were kept at, while a portion of the masked party took charge of the prisoners and went off with them. They disturbed nothing in the camp but the prisoners'

What they did with them is not known; but there is little or no doubt that they were hung. The masked party is supposed to have been principally composed of cowboys.

## "Variety is the Spice of Life."

The Gilbert party who went from Butte to Rock creek last week had a varied experience. In addition to the big laugh they gave the sheriff they had an accident which made the trip much more costly than it was intended to be. The Review says; A few days after they left, the gentlemen started out to fish, leaving the ladies in camp. When the party neared their camping place on their return. they were somewhot dismayed to find it ablaze, and they just barely succeeded in saving their wagons. Their bedding, clothing and the larger portion of their supplies were destroyed. The stock was also burned from a valuable gun. By economy the party managed to make their supplies last until other food could be procured. The loss will aggregate $200.

## A Good One.

Among the jokes told of one another by the old timers now in Helena is a good one got off by Joe Browne on Tom Griffith, of Drummond, Missoula county. In the presence of a reporter, Browne reminded Griffith of the time when the latter was transporting supplies from Utah, and when fruit of any kind was as scarce as hen's teeth. It appears that Griffith came with a load to Browne's Bridge in the spring of 1863, and driving up to the door of Browne's residence was hailed by the host.

"What have you got, good Tom, from Brigham's dominions?"

"Pealed peaches," was the reply.

"How much?"

"One dollar and twenty-five cents a pound in dust, or two dollar and a half in greenbacks.

Browne got a good supply of peaches without demurring at the price, knowing that is was the price of freight that made cambric needles worth five cents each at that time, but promising in his own mind to get even with Tom in the matter of toll over his bridge. But here's where the joke comes in. Tom says he has forded the Big Hole every since, and still has the better of Joe.—Herald.

## Repeal of the Desert Act.

It is more than probable that at the next session of Congress the desert land and pre-emption laws will be repealed, and it is advisable that all will avail themselves of these valuable rights before they are taken away from them. Our table lands are the most valuable and productive in the territory, and ere many years will be held at a high premium. Our people do not realize that they are throwing away a fortue by not improving the opportunities now presented to them.

Over one hundred men are now employed on the two great canals on Sun River, and there is a vast area which is being reclaimed and which will afford homes for thousands.—Independent.

The pilgrims of Montana, are not to be outdone by the old timers, are talking of organizing a pilgrims association. It will hardly be a pilgrims association either, for it will include all who came here subsequent to May 26, 1884. The new society promises to have a large membership.—Independent.

A party left Helena Sunday morning by sail boat, for St. Louis and New Orleans. The boat is 20 feet long. This will be the first trip attempted by any kind of a craft from the headwaters of the Missouri to the mouth of the Mississippi.