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SUNBEAMS.

Wm. Flynn has closed his restaurant. One of J. C. Adams' little boys is quite sick. Superintendent Powers was in town last week.

Matt Fernell was at Fort Benton the past week. E. F. Watson has re-opened his blacksmith shop. The paymaster paid off the boys at the post last Sunday.

J. T. Lee, of Sand Coulee, was in town one day last week. The boys say, "no payee no skatee, alle samee as Chinaman."

County Commissioner John J. Ellis has returned from Helena. Robert Whitehead, of Shaw, made us a call one day this week.

No school this week. The spring term commences next Monday. Ira Myers, of Great Falls, was in town a few days the past week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lee, of Sand Coulee, on the 12th inst., a daughter. Charley Holt, the Johnstown restaurateur, was in town several days last week.

Quite a number from this place attended the ball at Great Falls Tuesday evening. A quantity of Timothy seed for sale. Call at R. S. Ford's residence in the valley.

Several lively stud games have helped to enliven the usual monotony the past week. Horace Buck, member of the Council passed through on Sunday's coach to Fort Benton.

Paymaster Blaine and escort on route to Assinaboine, passed through here last Monday. William Wyatt and wife are visiting friends and old neighbors over on the Missouri.

Charles McKelvey, of the stock firm of Shaffer & McKelvey, of upper Sun River, was in town this week, and under the guidance of J. W. Nixon was towed into the Stux office. Mr. McKelvey is decidedly in favor of the organization of horsemen, and will lead all assistance in his power to make the preliminary meeting a success.

A subscription fund is open for contributions for the erection of a monument over the grave of Wm. Fairweather, a pioneer in Montana and one of the discoverers of Alder Gulch. Contributions will be received for the purpose by H. H. Mood, Vice President, for Madison county, or S. T. Hauser, Treasurer, of the Society of Pioneers.

We find the following notice in the Watsburg (Pa.) Sentinel: "We are glad to hear from one of the olden time boys, Mr. Charles Taylor. Occasionally we receive the SUN RIVER SUN a very able and spicy sheet from the town of the same name in Montana Territory. Charles' many friends would like to look upon his face once more."

We regret to learn that John T. Athey, agent of the Montana National Bank, in this place, intends leaving here for Leavenworth, Kansas, the first of the coming month. There is one thing certain, and that is, that the bank cannot find a man to take his place, who will give the general satisfaction which Mr. Athey has given.

His position, under the circumstances, has been an arduous and trying one; one that not one man in a thousand could fill as acceptably to all parties as he has done. The home of H. D. Blossom was thrown into a state of excitement one afternoon last week, caused by the disappearance of their son, little Earl, a boy of 5 or 6 years of age.

Search was at once instituted, but in vain; no trace could be found of him. The anxiety of the mother was fast giving way to despair, when some one of the household had occasion to enter the sleeping apartment of the lost boy, where he was found fast asleep. The joy at finding the lost one can be better imagined than described.

Many of our readers will perhaps remember the general R. P. Hamill, who brought a band of sheep into this section from California, last fall. During the time he was here, he was elected an Assemblyman from Humboldt county, Nevada, where he resided. A recent issue of the Carson Appeal contains the following concerning him: "Assemblyman Hamill was presented with a watch in the Assembly yesterday with appropriate speeches. It was half of a big turnip, with numbers pasted on it and a dog chain attached."

Constable Jack Wood started for Helena Wednesday evening of last week, having in charge John Murran, who was fined \$15 and cost, for assault on Gainer, by Justice Burcher, the whole amounting to some thirty odd dollars. John had the needful wherewith to square up the account, but thought the charge for a plain assault exorbitant, but was willing to pay it if he could be allowed to make use of the battery part for fifteen minutes, but His Honor didn't accede to the proposition, and John decided that rather than put up, he would stop with Sheriff Churchill for a few days.

Charley Taylor received a letter from Plain School, a few days since, dated the 12th inst. at San Francisco, and stating that he (Plain) would sail from that port on the 14th for Panama, where he expected to catch an outgoing vessel bound for Valparaiso, Chili, on which to get passage. Plain had rather a tough experience in San Francisco one evening. He was out sight-seeing and wandered out into the suburbs of the city, where a couple of thugs "held him up" for \$5.00. Plain says he purchased a double-back action, repeating Smith & Wesson, which, the next time he is "held up" will be brought into action.

LOUIS RIEL.

A Brief Sketch of the Most Noted Man Among the Red River Half-Breeds. The subject of this sketch has frequently been alluded to in these columns, owing to his having many acquaintances here, and being a resident of the Mission, in connection with his trip to Alberta and the Red River country of the north, some months ago.

Riel is an Indian half-breed and has an interesting history, while his influence among his people is great. Besides being an educated man—he was educated for the priesthood—he is a brilliant and intellectual conversationalist, and impresses one with the fact that he is no ordinary man, his enemies to the contrary notwithstanding.

Riel first came into prominence outside his people by his leadership of the Red River half-breeds in their insurrection against the Dominion government in 1865, which is known as the Red River Rebellion, and which the then Col. Wolsey, (now General Wolsey, the great British General), put the quietus on.

Riel, and a few of his followers, made their escape into this Territory, despite the efforts to capture him, to obtain the munificent reward offered by the Dominion government for his head, and has since been a law-abiding citizen of the United States. Previous to the insurrection it seems Riel, on the part of his people, made a treaty with the Dominion government, whereby they were to have possession of certain lands, which treaty it seems, the government repudiated, which was the direct cause of the rebellion. Ever since then these people have from time to time laid their grievances before the government, but have never had them redressed, and in a final effort they sought the advice and assistance of their old chief, who made the treaty, and with that end in view, sent a deputation to this Territory to bring him there. After such persuasion and promises of protection, Riel returned with them, and has since been the subject of considerable newspaper talk in the Dominion. The latest we have noticed comes from the Calgary Herald, where under the caption of "The Riel Banquet," we extract the following:

The last number of Le Manitoba gives a four-column report of a banquet recently given to Louis Riel by the half-breeds of Saint-Amande de Padoux and the surrounding settlements. As the movements and mission of Riel are matters of considerable interest in this country, and as his supposed influence over the Metis and French Canadian of the territories is a matter of notoriety and curiosity to outsiders, a public banquet is too good an opportunity for gaining an insight into the character of the man and his admirers to be overlooked.

In the course of the evening the following address was presented to Riel: "Dear Sir and Friend—You see us assembled here today to witness to you our esteem and sympathy; and it is with pleasure we see the year of our Lord 1885 dawn with you in our midst, for we are sure that with such a chief our flag will always triumph. We wish to thank you for all you have done for us in the year just gone, and for the disinterested spirit which has guided you. And we dare hope the coming year will be one of prosperity to you and yours, and that by God's grace we will see you many years in our midst. The debts of gratitude are so numerous that we never expect to acquit ourselves; and however you may lighten these debts by the grace with which you devote yourself to our interests, we feel that the least we can do is to follow your counsel and admirable example."

A collection was raised for him, which, while not being munificent, was given by the good will of the donors, and which Riel responded to and in which the following following words occurred: "God has given me a cause to defend and friends to sustain who have made a reputation for me." In reply to the toast, "the Metis Ladies" Riel made use of the following elegant and classic language: "Do not imagine that my response to the toast of the Metis ladies will be fanciful. Nothing will satisfy you but the truth. Truth has charms. Gentlemen, it is the truth, the charming truth, that the Metis ladies possess in an eminent degree, a virtue without which the other virtues lose their value, and the chief feature of which is to render the greatest faults, so to speak, imperceptible. What is this marvelous virtue? Gentlemen, it is modesty. The Metis ladies are modest."

DEPUYER DOINGS. Dotted Down in a Very Interesting Letter.—Capture of Antelope Shirt. DEPUYER, March 13, 1885. Editor SUN RIVER SUN: As our town has not been represented in your paper for a while, a few items might prove interesting to some. We will at a venture say, according to population and size, there is as much business done in our town as any other in the country. The only wonder to us is where so many come from. For an example, we will give some of the arrivals and departures from Saturday to Tuesday of last week. On Saturday, Sol. Abbott, from the Marias; H. D. Upham, from Birch; John Gordon, Spring Creek. Sunday's coach: Capt. S. Bird, of Choteau; Hagen and Gray, from Kipp's saw mill; Deputy Sheriff Will Watts; Frank Bostle, from the Marias; Geo. Barron, from Choteau; Alstrom, from Huger & Alstrom's ranch. Monday: W. D. Jones, James Williams, from Idlewild Ranch, Capt. S. Bird leaving on the coach for the Agency. Two Indians were captured Monday

evening by Deputy Sheriff Watts, one the escaped Antelope Shirt, of whom Benton has heard. The Indian with Antelope had a horse for sale and tried to sell to J. C. West. The horse was recognized by E. Rice as one stolen from near Benton. The two Indians were taken at J. F. Bird's store, and lodged therein for what was thought safe keeping. It was not a back-action but a forward move—and the query in the mind of the guard was where is my prisoner? Echo answers where, Deputy Sheriff Watts and Jas. Williams left Tuesday morning with the remaining prisoner, Antelope Shirt. We hope ere this reaches you they will be successful in landing their dusky prisoner behind the bars.

LATER.—The escaped Indian was shot through the arm by the guard. The Kelly freight teams leave this week for Benton for a load of goods for the Kipp & Powell saloon here. More anon. MRSOS. SOUTH AMERICA. The Probable Stockman's Paradise of the Future.—A Letter From the U. S. Consulate.

Through the kindness of Mr. Robert Tingley we are allowed to publish a letter recently received by him from the U. S. Consulate at Rosario, Argentine Republic, which will prove of interest to all our readers, a few of whom are at present suffering with an attack of South American fever. To show how the price of stock in that country has increased within the past few years it will probably not be out of order to state that four years ago Mr. Tingley visited the country mentioned, and at that time cattle by the band were worth from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per head, and sheep from \$0.50 to \$0.75 cents per head by the band. The price of horses was about the same, probably a little lower. Mr. Tingley expressed himself that it is only a matter of a short time before South America will rank foremost as a stock-producing country. The climate is perfect; the grasses nutritious and perpetual; the expenses for the handling of stock light, and all the natural advantages necessary to make the business of stock growing a lucrative one.

In order to ascertain what changes had taken place in that country during the past four years, Mr. Tingley wrote the Consulate, and the following is the reply: OFFICE U. S. CONSULATE, ROSARIO, ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, February 14, 1885. R. S. TINGLEY, Esq., Fort Benton, M. T.: Sir—Your letter dated December 28th to hand. Cattle business is considered the safest and most profitable business of the country. Cattle by the band are worth six to eight dollars, gold, per head. Horses, ordinary, \$12 to \$15; mares, by the band, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per head. Farm wages \$8 to \$10 per month. Grazing lands from \$4.00 to \$15.00 per league square, according to locality and class of grasses. There is no snow in winter and it is not necessary to prepare food for stock, as the grass is green all the year round. Sheep are worth \$1 to \$1.50, according to class. Government does not give land, but sells very cheap. \$50,000 would be ample capital to start an establishment with 3,000 or 4,000 head of cattle. The climate is considered very healthy. Any further information I can give you will be done with pleasure. Yours truly, ALANSON S. HALL.

ATTENTION, HORSEMEN! We, the undersigned horsemen of Sun River, South Fork, Missouri, Teton, Dearborn, Dupuyer, and Marias, believing that the time is ripe for the organization of those engaged in the industry of horse raising, for the better protection of our rights, the establishment of a system of round-ups, which will further the interest of the members of the association, and for an exchange of ideas relative to the horse industry, we therefore call upon all those engaged in this industry within the following boundaries, viz: From the mouth of the Prickly Pear canyon to the Marias, on the north, and from the Missouri to the main range of the Rocky Mountains on the west to meet at Sun River Crossing on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 27TH, 1885, for the purpose of taking the necessary action for the formation of a Horseman's Association. We earnestly desire the co-operation of every horseman, and trust that every horse ranch will be represented at the meeting. Respectfully, ROBERT VAUGHN, WILLIAM DUNN, WM. K. FLOWBERRE, MICHAEL OXARHART, G. G. CHRYSLER, AL DUFFY, JAMES C. ADAMS, WALLACE TAYLOR, H. A. MILOF, JACK HARRIS.

Murder at Assinaboine. A letter from a friend at Fort Assinaboine, dated the 9th inst., gives the particulars of the murder of an Indian squaw by her husband and the consequent enormity of the crime he had committed. So cause for the bloody deed can be conjectured, and the luck's suicide is quite out of the general order of an Indian's way of doing, as it is thought to arouse the wrath of the Great Spirit. The letter closes with the remark that there are two more good Indians.

Appointed and Confirmed. Governor Carpenter has appointed the following stock commissioners under the new law: Choteau county, Robert P. Walker; Custer county, Frank Robertson; Dawson county, J. S. Day; Lewis and Clarke county, Robert S. Hamilton; Meagher county, Granville Stuart; Yellowstone county, Alton A. Hill.

DROWNED. Edward Ball, White Crossing Sun River Near its Mouth, Falls from His Boat and is Drowned. We are indebted to E. B. Largent for the particulars of the sad accident which occurred at Johnstown on the morning of the 11th inst., in which one Edward Ball was drowned while attempting to cross Sun river near its mouth, in a small canoe. Ball was employed by Mr. Thomas, who has a ranch on the opposite side of the stream from Johnstown, at building fence. On the morning in question, Ball, after eating his breakfast at the Johnstown restaurant, took a lunch, which served for his dinner, and started for his canoe to cross to his work. This was the last time he was seen. It is unknown how the accident happened, more than a supposition gained from surrounding facts. The discovery of his disappearance was made by Thomas, his employer, who, some time in the forenoon, went to his ranch and saw that he (Ball) was not at work, and looking towards the river, seen Ball's canoe floating on the stream. He put out in a raft and towed in the boat which was found to contain one oar, the missing man's lunch and a piece of rope, which he used to measure the distance between the posts of the fence he was building. Thomas immediately gave the alarm, and parties of men were immediately organized to take measures to recover the body, but at this writing it has not been found, although every means within the reach of the searchers have been employed. It is generally supposed that Ball made a mistake, which had the effect of partially capsizing the boat, and he probably thinking it was going down, jumped into the stream, and being unable to swim, sank to the bottom before he could call for assistance.

Ball was an Englishman, but had been a resident of this Territory for a number of years, and was about 40 years of age. He was formerly employed by Largent Bros. as a cook. Previous to that he worked in the Glaston mine near Helena, and later the Glenden company at Neilhart. He was a sober and industrious man and his untimely death is generally regretted. All the relatives he has in his country, which he ever mentioned, is a brother who resides in Southern California. Eggs for Hatching. Eggs for hatching for very choice and select Plymouth Rock fowls. Young fowls for sale in the fall. Apply to Mrs. J. B. NEWMAN, Sun River, Feb 26 85. The New Express Line. Geo. Warner, the expressman, is doing a rushing business, and the chances are very favorable for two regular stage lines between here and Helena shortly. Mr. Warner will take orders for any kind of goods to be had in the Helena market, and guarantees to lay them down here at competitive prices. He will be here every Monday night and will leave here for Helena every Thursday, for the present. Condition of Stock. The present month compared with the same last year shows a wide contrast. Last March was a winter month in every sense of the word, and was a hard one on range stock, while what has past of the present month could not be more favorable for them. Cattle one year ago could not be driven over ten miles a day, they were so weak, but we venture the assertion that they could be run that far now without injury. On the 17th of last March 3,000 head were driven across the Missouri on the ice. The same date this year there was not a vestige of ice in that stream. Other than natural, we venture to say the loss will not exceed one per cent. If the weather is at all favorable from this out. Reports from other sections are equally as flattering, and the outlook is better than at any time for the past five or six years, so say old stockmen. We append reports from other sections as reported by the papers: Fort Maclean Gazette: A stockman in the Pinecher Creek country, speaking of the cattle, the winter, and the prospects, says: "Stock have wintered in this district wonderfully well, that is old range cattle pilgrims got a bad deal. Range cattle are just 100 per cent in better fix than they were a year ago, and I will gamble that the loss up to date is a mere nothing. The balance of the winter has been a terror! It brings the loss in old range cattle up to 2 per cent." Hillslandman: Notwithstanding the cold and snow and the unfavorable outlook of December and January, stock of all kinds have wintered well. The loss in cattle is as small as in former years when the ranges were all fresh. It is estimated that this will not exceed one per cent. Along the Yellowstone and some of our other streams, where cattle have broken through the ice and drowned in their attempt to get water, the loss may have exceeded this; but take the range region of the Territory over, the loss from severity of the weather does not exceed this estimate, and cattle are in fair condition for the season of cold, chilly winds and fatal early snow which still awaits them between this and the middle of May." Calgary (Alberta) Herald: As a winter, however, of which we have now arrived at the end, stockmen in Alberta are unanimous in stating that in spite of the severity, and chiefly because of the long fall, during which the cattle had time to put on fat, it has been the best winter for stock yet experienced. Billings Herald: The cattle men of the Yellowstone and Musselshell are congratulating each other upon the small percentage of loss among cattle during the past season. Though the weather was exceedingly severe for a short period in the latter part of December and early part of January, yet the snow did not remain long, and the warm weather which has prevailed for the last few weeks will prepare the cattle for any spring storms which we may have. Yellowstone Journal: A well known gentleman who has just traveled over 800 miles on the north range looking up choice locations states that he only saw five dead cattle on the trip and three of those were killed by wolves.