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SUNBEAMS.

Ben Steell is nursing a bruised clover-hopper. Thos. Rose came up from Great Falls Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Rose is quite sick with erysipelas. Henry Nelson has returned from a trip to the States.

E. D. Hastie has been in Fort Benton the past few days.

Wallace Taylor was over from the Teton one day last week.

Julius Hirschberg was down to the Falls one day this week.

George Barron was in town this week, and left for Benton to attend court.

The horse round-up started out Monday morning. They expect to be out about two weeks.

Lansing S. Wells, formerly of this place, has accepted a position with Wm. Muth & Co., Marysville.

Julius Hirschberg has leased the Ellis block and will move his stock of goods into it the first of next month.

Mrs. Davis started east last Thursday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Hunter, as far as Helena.

Wallace Taylor and A. B. Hamilton, of Choteau, were here one day this week. They were en route for Benton to attend court.

C. B. Walker has purchased James Gibson's hardware store. Mr. Walker is an industrious young man and will no doubt do well.

J. M. Largent will preach at the school house next Sunday at 10:30 o'clock. Subject: "The Church and the World." Let all turn out.

Under the caption "Ducked in the Dam," the Courier gives a descriptive article on the baptismal rites recently performed at Bozeman.

The work on the new road from the Muddy bridge to the Falls is now nearly completed, and we understand the coaches will be put on shortly.

This section was visited with a severe snow-storm last week, but luckily for stock, it did not turn severely cold. It did a world of good for the range.

Mr. Joseph Hirschberg and family, of Fort Benton, were the guests of Julius Hirschberg and Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of this place, several days the past week.

Messrs. Hastie & Ralston left for Fort Macleod yesterday to make final arrangements for the settlement of their suit against the Oxley Ranch company—Press.

Lieutenant Francis B. Jones, of the 9th Infantry stationed at Fort Shaw, has been promoted to Captain and Assistant Quartermaster. The promotion is a worthy one.

Outwails, who escaped from the Meagher county jail last fall with the murderer Hanna, and who was charged with horse stealing, was discharged at the recent term of court.

Charles E. Comstock, of the late drug firm of Paynter & Comstock, Helena, was in town one day last week and favored us with a call. Mr. Comstock will remain in this section a week or two.

The contest for the crazy quilt, to be voted to the most popular lady, at the fair next month, is likely to be spirited, and the lady who is fortunately popular enough to get it will be in luck.

George Warner arrived on time Monday evening from Helena. He had aboard three passengers, and judging from the innumerable packages he delivered about town, must have had a large load.

Adams & Nelson have just received from the States thirty-five fresh milk cows which they offer for sale. Anyone desiring to engage in the dairy business can get a bargain. The cows are all gentle.

Hon. R. P. Hamill, of Nevada, who will be remembered by many of our readers, arrived here via Warner's express, and is now at Ullida, looking after his band of sheep which wintered there. R. P. was the jester of the late Nevada Assembly, and his practical jokes have found their way into the newspapers, making him quite a reputation.

We hear it stated that the ring-leaders in the late mob which did the lynching over on Birch creek have suddenly changed their location for a time. It is usual in such cases, the leaders go to liberty while the poor tools have to suffer, and suffer they surely will, as Judge Wade disapproves of any hangings he don't have a hand in.

River Press: Capt. Carroll Potter, 18th Infantry, at Assinaboine, has been ordered with a detachment of troops to a point on or near Frenchman's creek near the international boundary. This is probably done at the request of the Canadian government, asking that troops from Assinaboine and Buford be sent to intercept the Riel rebels should they attempt to cross the boundary line.

D. G. Browne received word yesterday that he had secured the following contracts for land transportation in the department of the Platte: From Rawlins, Wyoming, to Fort McKinney; from Sydney, Neb., to Camp Robinson; from Custer Station, Montana, to Fort McKinney. Mr. Browne is competent to fill the contracts and we can safely say that he will do good service.—Press.

RIEL IN MONTANA.

And Experience: With a Mountain Bandit Gang—His Friendship for Paymaster Blaine.

A never before published incident in the life of Riel the revolutionist of the Northwest Territory, is interesting at this time. Just after the Red river rebellion in 1869, when Riel fled to Montana, he fell in with one of the strongest and most undaunted bands of horse thieves. They had their rendezvous in the mountains south of Helena, and were more formidable than the laws of the incipient Territory. A good many of them had participated with the Putes and Crows in an effort to, with Riel, down the pugnacious Britishers. Naturally, when the revolutionist became a refugee he fell in with them. But it seems he did not at first know their real business. They were engaged in buffalo hunting and trapping, and this blind was sufficient to throw over the wary half-breed off his guard. His suspicions were soon aroused, however, and very shortly they began hinting at the immense profits of the business, and boldly offered him the leadership. Riel took in the whole matter at a glance. Only some half dozen of his own staunch followers were with him in those wilds, and he knew to openly refuse would bring down vengeance on his head. He slyly evaded the subject. Next day he and his remnant of men fled to other fastnesses. Only this notice, posted on a convenient pine, told the tale:

To the leader of the Plute band—I was unaware, when I joined you in the wilds, that you were thieves, instead of patriots. My cause is higher than yours; my aims different. I am not a thief, but a revolutionist. Do not seek me, or with my increased force I will kill you. It is not my business to prate about matter that do not concern me. Let me alone and I will let you. If you do not your blood will flow as freely as do the waters of the Yellowstone.

They never molested him. Riel engaged in taking buffalo skins and so continued for several years thereafter. The two hundred thieves continued to steal horses, and in time grew very rich, insolent and dictatorial. It was some of this same band that the vigilantes hanged in January last at Helena, and in the following month, at Fort Keogh.

Hon. John E. Blaine, a brother of Hon. James G. Blaine, who is an army paymaster, was frequently in the company of Riel, and it is stated was intimately acquainted with all these facts.

Giant Powder at Anaconda.

At 5 o'clock Wednesday morning Anacondians were startled from their sleep by a report as loud as would be made by a 12-pound howitzer—a prolonged report like rolling thunder—and in a few minutes after another abrupt report about half as loud followed. They proved to have been caused by two explosions of giant powder, the first estimated to be 5 to 10 pounds, and the second about half as much, placed under or close alongside a log Chinese wash-house on Front street. There were sleeping in it at the time seven Chinamen. Three were killed outright, one being blown out of the back door, crushed and broken to a mass; one other was so badly hurt that death was but the question of a few hours; two others were seriously hurt, with a probability that they will live only a few days, while one escaped with but little injury. The building was about 15x20 feet. The Chinamen slept in the rear part. The first charge was placed almost under the upright piece midway, where the two sections are joined, and the second charge was at the rear of the building. They were judiciously placed to demolish the building and kill the occupants, and the heinous purpose of the fiend who planned it was highly successful. The building was entirely destroyed. The shock was distinctly felt 200 yards away, and as the building was within a block and a half of Main street, it started the town considerably. J. R. Quigley's brick house, standing some 20 feet from the wash-house, had all the glass in front shivered to minute fragments, but so far as we have learned no damage was done to walls. A China restaurant next door was but slightly damaged. Up to latest accounts there was no clue whatever to the perpetrators, and the matter seems shrouded in impenetrable mystery. It is one of the most diabolical outrages ever perpetrated in Montana, and merits the most condign punishment if the perpetrator can be found.—New Northwest.

Territorial Laws.

Below will be found two bills passed by the late legislature, which will prove of interest:

C. B. No. 62—An Act to prevent branding of cattle during certain seasons of the year.

Sec. 1. Makes it unlawful to brand any calf or other cattle between the 1st day of August and the 1st day of September, and between the 15th day of September and the 15th day of May following, but provides that any owner of stock may brand cattle on own premises at any time, if done in the presence of two responsible citizens, and punishes such prohibited branding by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months.

Sec. 2. Exempts from the provisions of this act the counties of Missoula, Deer Lodge, Silver Bow, Beaverhead, Madison, Jefferson, and all of Gallatin county lying west of the Belt or Bridger range of mountains.

Sec. 3. 118—An Act to Protect Game.

It is 1. After the passage of this act it shall be unlawful to ship, transport, or receive for transportation, carry or cause to be carried, in any manner whatsoever from the Territory of Montana to any other State or Territory, the skin of any moose, deer, elk, bison, buffalo, antelope, or mountain sheep, and any person or persons, company or corporation, agent or employee of any stage, railway or express company violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or imprisonment for a term not less than 30 days nor more than six months; provided that nothing in the provisions of this act shall prevent the shipment of any specimens that are stuffed as curiosities.

To go into effect on and after July 1st, 1885.

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A Swindling Twin.

One of the newest and thinnest of many swindling devices which are being perpetrated on the unsuspecting, has recently originated in the minds of two worthy slysters, in an Ohio hamlet, both of whom—much to our discredit—we are personally acquainted with. The modus operandi of the schemes is to send a circular to a farmer, purporting that they are the propagators of a new kind of corn which they have procured at a fabulous price from Oregon, but that they are willing to dispose of a sample package for 60 cents or two for \$1, with the proviso that the first crop raised from the "sample corn" must not be sold to anyone but them (the swindlers), who agree to take all the crop at figures double the market price of common corn.

It is needless to state that the parties are unreliable, while the new scheme which they have sprung stamps them as a species of animals devoid of a vestige of principle, and if the law of Ohio cannot put a quietus on their operations, if the good citizens of the village—which they pollute by residing in—will ship them out here, we will see that they get the usual remedy applied to horse thieves, which is very effective.

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Francis Goss was down from his mountain ranch one day this week.

Mort Strong and wife and Mrs. Voolers are in Benton visiting with friends.

Col. J. H. Rice has returned to Benton from Englewood, Ill., where he has been the past winter.

Bishop L. R. Brewer, of the Episcopal church, will hold services at Sun River, Sunday, May 24th, at a. m.

The Helena & Benton coach came in Wednesday morning heavily loaded and about eight hours behind time.

With commendable enterprise, the Madisonian published a sixteen-column supplement last week, giving an authentic autobiography of Gen. Grant.

Deputy U. S. Marshal X. Beidler passed through here for Helena one day this week. X. was up in the Little Rockies, and arrested Pike Landusky, charged with making a deadly assault on Dutch Louie. The prisoner failed to give bonds for his appearance, and was taken to Helena.

Wm. Muleahy, of the valley, lost a valuable horse one day this week. He had brought the horse to town and had him shod, and shortly after taking the animal home it fell down and died. A post-mortem examination brought to light a slight abrasion of the lining of the stomach, which was the cause of his death. The animal was surely while being shod.

Incidents of the Campaign.

A staff correspondence of the Pioneer Press, dated "In camp in center of Great Salt Plain, April 11," says: "The situation is not conducive to brilliance. A half-opened bale of hay serves as a writing desk; the sun is setting (and bad luck to it for a shining, heatless fraud); the twenty-mile march through this infernal wood-land plain (no self-respecting shrub would be found dead in it) has been over a path-way of half water and the rest mud; everybody in camp, except the general and staff, are wet to their knees and above. Yet the boys are singing as they drive their tent pegs, and at sick-call this morning no one reported except a score or more who wanted vasoline to rub on abraded heels or sun scorched faces. It is really wonderful how well these million men stand it. They don't salute their officers always—these clerks, merchants and government officials—but they deserve the praise given them by General Middleton in general orders last night, when he bore testimony to "the fortitude shown and the endurance displayed by the troops under his command," and begged them to continue in well doing, since "the rescue of women and children depends upon your celerity and bravery." There seems to be little doubt that the Crees throughout the whole northern part of the Northwest Territories are on the war path, and there is also reason to believe that the half-breeds (who have incited the Indians to rapine and murder) will make a fight of it. Riel or Dumont, or whoever is really in command of the military post of the provisional government of the insurrectionists, has dug rifle pits at Batoche's Crossing, and Gen. Middleton expects to strike the enemy there next week, probably on Wednesday or Thursday, though the condition of the supplies is such that we may have to remain in camp at Humboldt for a couple of days to allow the advance of the transport train in our rear.

What Crowfoot Said. Dr. McEachran, who has spent considerable time in the northwest, said he did not think the uprising need be regarded in a very serious light. The great point for the government was to pour such numbers of troops into the country as would overawe the disaffected, and put an end to the matter summarily. The country was very large, and there would be some difficulty in breaking up scattered bands, but the whole thing would collapse when a large force appeared. In 1858 he spent several weeks in Crowfoot's camp. Several of the Blackfeet were taken ill with typhoid fever, and Crowfoot himself was down with it. Believing he was about to die, he sent for all his head men, and held a council with them. He said that there were no longer any buffalo to hunt, and that they were dependent upon the white people. He counseled them to live at peace with them, and never attempt to fight them, as such an attempt would end in defeat for them, they (the whites) were so numerous. They should always be loyal to their "White Mother" as it was to their interest to be so. Crowfoot recovered, and last summer, in company with the chiefs of the Bloods and Piegans, visited Winnipeg. He came back greatly impressed with the power of the whites, and said they could produce as many soldiers as there were blades of grass. He (Dr. McEachran) believed, therefore, that Crowfoot would remain loyal, and if so, the Crees, Bloods and Piegans would also remain loyal. The half-breeds were much more dangerous than the Indians. They were harder and better shots.

The Sullivan-Ryan Fight. Sporting men of Butte and others in that city who feel interested in seeing exhibitions of the so-called "manly art," are very much exercised over the fact that the prohibitory prize-fighting law passed at the last session of the Legislature will prevent the Sullivan-Ryan fight from coming off in Butte. Unwilling to give up the show, which would probably attract many spectators to their town, they are now trying to look up some scheme for evading the law and allowing the fight to take place in Butte. If this cannot be done they wish to make that city the gathering point, and to have the fight come off across the line in Idaho, only a few hours ride from Butte. They think this can be arranged satisfactorily and special trains run for the occasion. A representative to arrange matters has already left New York for Butte, and when he arrives there the Butteltes will spring this scheme on him, and if it works they will be made happy. That town needs a boom of some kind, and no wonder they are anxious for the fight.—Herald.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. We shall give away several thousand dollars in presents before Aug. 1st, including Solid Gold Watches, Jewelry, Guns, Revolvers, Violins, Banjos, Guitars, Music Boxes, Tool Chests, Telescopes, and everything an intelligent boy or girl could desire. If you want the model magazine for the youth of the 19th century, send 25 cts for three months trial subscription and list of presents. A handsome Pocket Knife or something of greater value guaranteed to all sending. Send for your friends and receive the presents. Address, NAT. YOUTH'S MONTHLY, Buffalo, N. Y.

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