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The Stampede that was Mad Many Years Ago Into Montana.—First Great Exploit of the Famous Henry Plummer, the Bandit Chief.—Murder and Marriage Within an Hour.

The following narrative published in a recent number of the Denver News, is one of the few authentic stories published of early life in the northwest.

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Reaching Denver every hour in the day. Doubt resolved itself into certainty; hope banished discouragement. Here was a chance for a fellow. Here was a country where every thing worth having wouldn't be gobbled up.

Nearly every man that was foot-loose and could secure an outfit got ready to turn his back on old, worn-out Colorado and start for a sure thing. The writer of this sketch had no intention to let such a chance slip through his fingers.

Without incident worth mentioning, to Green River; thence to Fort Bridger. Here we camped for a rest, some repairs, cattle-shoeing, &c., and here an incident occurred which may be noted as illustrating life and manners on the plains in that day.

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COMMENT.

The coming session of congress is likely to be an important one. The Chinese question, as well as that of the Indian, is likely to be settled.

When congress meets, the Chinese question will naturally be sprung upon it again. There ought to be a convention held with British Columbia to agree upon terms which will stop the stealing across the line.

The Rock Springs massacre which is still fresh in the minds of our readers is likely to blow over, and the participants in the affair will soon be forgotten.

The Indian question is one which at present is receiving the attention it justly claimed year ago, or at least since the powerful tribes have been reduced to but a remnant of their former greatness.

I am convinced that the time has come for a change, and I therefore recommend that congress authorize the president to appoint a commission of three experienced, competent men, empowered to treat with the different tribes.

The order from the secretary of the treasury to the superintendent of the San Francisco mint to coin nothing but half eagles in November creates great dissatisfaction among the banks and business men.

Edward Drury of New Brighton, Staten Island, was stabbed in the head, and died last week. John S. Hutchins and Harvey S. Barbour, two civil engineers, were arrested for the crime.

Mrs. Nichols, widow of John A. Nichols, the defaulting vice president of the City National bank of Fort Worth, has settled with her husband's creditors on the basis of 50 cents on the dollar.

At the recent meeting of Quakers in Barnesville, Ohio, Milton Starbuck was for the third time refused re-statement in the church because, during the war he once contributed to a bounty fund to clear his township of the draft.

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ed that when there are prisoners who it is feared may be trying to cut out, the cylinder can, by a motor, be easily kept moving all night, so that the prisoners do not remain long enough in one place to do any mischief, or even to crawl out if they had made a partial break.

ILLUSTRATION OF PROGRESS. An old-timer, who lived in St. Paul in the '50's, but removed to Montana thirty years and has remained away ever since, showed up again yesterday, and spent the day wondering how on earth such marvelous progress and development had been made.

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WANTED TO BE A COWBOY. "Say, gimme a room, will ye?" A childish voice piped out these words at the West End Hotel, late on Thursday night.

The hotel clerk stopped writing, arranged his diamond pin, and turned to reply. He saw nobody in front of the desk and resumed his writing.

"Where are going?" "I'm going to Montana to be a cowboy, I am. Just gave me, will ye?" The clerk promptly sent for a policeman and the boy was arrested.

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At a meeting of the Montreal branch of the Irish National League last week it was decided to make arrangements for a mass meeting in aid of the Irish parliamentary fund.

At a convention of glass manufacturers and workers at Syracuse, N. Y., it was decided to start up the factories substantially on the Pittsburgh plan, which is a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages on the present selling prices.

The San Francisco Alta shows that San Francisco is protected from attack by sea by some old Spanish bronze guns, a few ten-inch and fifteen-inch smooth-bore Rodmans and two or three converted rifles, all of which are worth no more than pop-guns.

Undertaker Merritt, referring to Grant's funeral in his speech at the undertaker's convention, said: "I want to say that all the blame about the body not being properly embalmed came from members of the profession, who knew nothing and didn't see the body."

Logan & Co.'s wholesale and retail drug house at Wheeling, West Va., was partially destroyed by fire last week. Loss, \$28,000; fully insured. Patrick Mahony and Jacob Myder, firemen, were seriously injured by falling from a ladder. The fire was caused by a gas explosion in the basement.

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comes for him. She has promised to come shortly.—N. Y. Sun.

THE CANADIAN SEA SERPENT. It is so much the custom to laugh at sea serpent stories and to attribute them to prolonged dissipation that no doubt many persons who imagine they have seen one of the rumored monsters of the deep are ashamed to talk about it, and therefore keep the secret to themselves.

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