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LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

What's the matter with our climate?

Father Manion leaves for DeLamar tomorrow morning.

A few drunks and a light scrap or two was all there was to mar the ideal Fourth.

The flag containing Utah's new star was hoisted by the army and navy on Saturday.

Mrs. Kelly came up from DeLamar Wednesday on a visit to her mother and sisters.

We have received several communications this week but lack of room will not permit of publication.

A. S. Thompson received another car-load of beer, soda water, ginger ale etc., and is prepared to fill all orders.

Henry Eiler spent considerable time in fixing up his place with bunting, flags, etc., for the Fourth, which was very handsomely decorated.

J. Eisenmann returned this morning after an extended trip to the East. Mr. Eisenmann was an alternate to the St. Louis Republican convention.

Some of the citizens seemed to vie with each other in the decoration of their premises. Flags, bunting and Chinese lanterns were everywhere to be seen.

The registration books have not arrived yet, but will be here in a week or ten days. On their arrival the clerk will distribute them to the different registration agents.

Ashley Turner was the first to arrive from Salt Lake after the carnival. He intends not to get left so he bought a bike while there and brought it on the stage with him.

The Fourth of July spirit was not alone evidenced by the white people. The Chinese caught the infection, flying flags, setting off bombs and making other noises peculiar to their way of celebrating.

Mr. Peasley has so far recovered from the accident to his eyes at the mine as to be able to leave for Comet the fore part of the week; he will take with him two men and three months' supplies to prosecute work on his property there.

It is authoritatively announced that the DeLamar property, DeLamar, Nev., has been sold to the English syndicate in whose interest it was recently examined. The consideration is said to be something above \$300,000.—Inter-Mountain Review.

Mr. N. P. Dooley has received notice that he is an alternate to the Populist Convention to be held at St. Louis. N. P. does not know whether he wants it or not; if a good silver man is nominated by the Democrats, which seems likely, he will find fighting in its ranks, and will use all his influence to have the Populists endorse that ticket. His head is on level.

An accident was very narrowly averted on Meadow Valley street Sunday. As Mr. Foster was hauling a load of wood up the summit of the ladder swung around in such a manner as to throw the wheelbarrow to the tongue. It looked for a moment as if a serious accident would occur, but by hurriedly unhitching and running the wagon back the animal was able to regain his feet without being hurt.

This is a good time to recall some political facts which show that it has been hard fighting and the gaining of comparatively few votes which have settled each of our last three presidential elections, not to mention the contest of 1876, when it was an electoral vote and that in such a grave dispute that it could only be settled by a tribunal made for the occasion, the memorable electoral commission. In 1884 Mr. Cleveland won by a margin of about 1200 votes in the state of New York, and in 1888 he lost to Mr. Harrison by his inability to carry the same State. The contest of 1892 is frequently called a Democratic tidal wave, because Cleveland got 277 electoral votes, while Harrison only got 145, and Weaver 22, but a glance at the popular vote cast at that election will show that it wasn't much of a tidal wave, but was in reality only the change of comparatively few votes, probably largely caused by men who stayed at home and didn't vote at all. The total popular vote was 12,110,636. Cleveland got 5,556,918, Harrison 5,176,108, Weaver 1,041,028, and Bidwell 264,133. Cleveland's vote was only 15,685 greater than it was four years before when he was defeated, while Harrison's vote was 264,105 less than it was in 1892 when he was elected. That shows what a small change is required, if they are in close states, to make what the people call a tidal wave winning for either side.

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Petitions for Polling Precincts-Registrars and Voting Places Named, Etc.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday at its regular monthly meeting and transacted considerable business.

The bond of the Justice of St. Joe, W. O. Harris, was received, which was signed by J. S. Huntsman and J. Ellis. The bond was approved.

A petition from the residents of Overton asking that a voting place be established in that precinct, and that the polling place be at Overton, was signed by 26 citizens, and asking that Mr. Ute Perkins be appointed registration agent, was granted.

Another petition also asking for an election precinct to be established at Camp Valley, and asking that Doc Durrel be appointed registration agent was received, signed by Mr. C. Hyde, who has lately bought the old Bailey herd, and stating that there were about a dozen voters employed there and that it would be impossible to let them all leave to vote unless a polling place was established there. Petition was granted.

From the residents of Smithfield a petition was received asking for a school district and voting precinct be established at that place, was signed by 18 citizens, and stating they would have from 12 to 18 school children by the 1st of October. The petition was allowed. Wm. Abbot was appointed registration agent and the voting place to be at the school house.

A petition from Justice DeFries, of DeLamar stating that the judiciary business of that place was constantly increasing and that the facilities were totally inadequate for the same, and that a court room be provided as court had been held in card rooms and other places unfit for such business, and praying that petition be granted. It was decided the board had no jurisdiction over the matter, and the clerk was instructed to notify him of the same.

A communication in reference to a safe for the keeping of papers and moneys belonging to the Treasurer's office was read, the safe weighs 2900 pounds, the cost of which laid down here would be \$200. It was learned that a safe at Bullionville could be had for \$400, which was larger, stronger, and better adapted for the business of the county. After due consideration it was decided to buy the Bullionville safe in good condition. The terms were \$100 dollars down and the rest on January 1.

A petition from the citizens of Upper Muddy asking for a polling precinct. Petition was granted and L. J. Harris appointed registration agent, polling place, Indian reservation.

A transfer from the General County fund to the Salary fund of \$300 was ordered. Reports of the various county officers for the quarter ending June 30 was read and approved.

Bill of \$13 from the Desert Telegraph Co. was laid over for further explanation. Also a bill from the Lods for printing school election ballots was laid over till next meeting of the board.

The registration officers and polling places are as follows:

Table with columns: PLACE, POLLS, REGISTRAR. Lists polling places and registrars for various locations like Pioche, Eagle Valley, Spring Valley, etc.

All the cyclists are again in Pioche. All three, Dr. Hudgens, W. Stewart and W. D. Prewitt started from Milford on their wheels. Dr. Hudgens broke down at Desert, the other two continued to pump along, but it was a hard game. They arrived in town this morning.

It is reported that two business men will locate in Pioche shortly, a doctor and a tailor.

BILLS ALLOWED - BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - OF LINCOLN COUNTY - AT MEETING HELD JULY 6, 1896. JUNE BILLS.

Table listing bills allowed with names and amounts, such as John Shier, J. O. Brown, W. J. Dooley, etc.

STATE OF NEVADA County of Lincoln. I, H. J. Goodrich, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, State of Nevada, hereby certify foregoing to be a full, true and complete list of all claims against said county, allowed by said Board on the date above given.

THE FOURTH.

It Was Celebrated Here in a Befitting Manner.

It was thought for a time that Pioche would not have any celebration on the Fourth, as many of the citizens had gone to DeLamar and others to Salt Lake to witness the celebrations at those places, but not to be discouraged, though their numbers were few, three or four of the young men got together and determined to celebrate in a fitting manner as possible. It was not till Friday evening that they made up their minds to have a celebration, cost what it may. The self-appointed committee are rustlers and it was but a little while when they had the matter worked up in such a manner that success was assured. At the head of the committee was Ed. Prudential, to whom the credit for the day's sport is due by his untiring efforts to make it a go, the other members of the committee were Messrs. Redmayne and Fuller.

The commencement of the exercises was introduced by the solo band parading the streets and returning to the place where the programme was to be carried out, on Lacour street, which consisted of foot races, sack, three legged races and shooting matches, and later on in jumping and tug of war etc., on Main street.

The first was a 60-yard race for girls which was won by Ella Hulse. Fifty-yard boys' race, won by Danny Loyd. Twenty-five yard three legged race, won by F. Allen and V. G. Redmayne. Twenty-five yard sack race, won by F. Allen. Fifty-yard men's race, won by W. A. Fuller.

The target shooting was a tie between Miss Minnie Carman and Mrs. Sawyer, the shooting off of the tie was won by Miss Carman.

Tug of war between the mill hands and mine men of the Old Timer was won by the team from the Summit mill.

The lifting on scales was won by James Safford.

Hop, step and jump, won by James Safford. Suitable prizes were given to the winners. The day's sport wound up with a ball at Thompson's hall, which was well attended. It was a success both socially and financially. The dancing did not commence till late, but this was made up for by the way the dancers went into it after it began. The prompting of Mr. Downey made a big hit in his manner of putting them through the different figures. The crowd dispersed at 3 o'clock, all thanking the committee for the good time that had been provided for them and so successfully carried out.

Mine and Mill. Things are looking brighter at the Old Timer, and half a dozen more men were put on Monday, and the force is liable to be increased still larger. Foreman Fieles has been getting things in readiness to run two shifts which he commenced on Monday. They have got a quantity of ore on hand and have been waiting for teams to do the hauling to the Summit mill, but it is understood they have secured a couple of four-horse teams and hauling will commence at once. The teams that have been hauling from the mine got scared after nearly having an accident coming down the grade and threw up the job. The men and teams now employed are old timers at the business, and a few small obstacles will not deter them from getting down the hill with a good big load. This will very materially help the mill as it is running short handed on account of the lack of ore, depending on the Old Timer for most of its supply. The value of the ore worked at the mill from the Old Timer is greater than was anticipated, which insures a run as long as the ore hold out and keep anywhere near their present value. More men will also be put on at the mill in a few days. A small shipment was made from the mill Tuesday. The jigs are proving a success and carpenters are at work building a half dozen more.

Eagle Valley's Fourth. The people of Eagle Valley celebrated the Fourth, commencing by a ball on the evening of the Third. A large number from Spring Valley, State Line and Pioche were present. The music was furnished by the State Line string band. At two in the afternoon a beautiful repast was laid out under the grand old shade trees in front of Charles Lytle's residence, and soon everyone was busily engaged in satisfying the inner man. After the picnic a delightful programme was rendered by the band. The rest of the afternoon was given up to athletics. Messrs. Allison and John Lytle gave a fine exhibition of pole vaulting, and Mr. Charles Lytle Jr.'s performance on the slack wire was exceedingly good.

Another dance followed in the evening. During its progress it was noticed that evening strolls were quite the proper thing. When the Spring Valley party was ready to go home it was found that one of the young ladies was missing. The stage waited for some time, the young couple having strolled too far they went home without her. Everyone said the celebration was a great success, and the people of Eagle Valley certainly deserve much credit for the way in which it was carried out.

McKinley's Dollar. McKinley in his response to Thurston's speech, formally notifying him of his nomination for President, said: "The dollar paid to the farmer, the wage-earner and the pensioner must continue forever equal in purchasing and debt-paying power to the dollar paid to any government creditor." The Sacramento Bee makes the following comment: "That is exactly what the people demand; and that is exactly what the platform of the Republican party does not propose to give, and what Maj. McKinley thoroughly knows it does not propose to give. The silver dollar is the dollar of the poor man. The 'silver cranks' want it 'equal in purchasing and debt-paying power to the dollar paid to any government creditor.' But the money who controlled the recent Republican National Convention do not. It is they who are still talking about a dollar stamped with the faith and credit of 70,000,000 people as a 'fifty-cent dollar.'

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FROM DELAMAR. Dr. Lannerby remains with us a few days more and will then pay Pioche a visit. Those needing his services as an expert oculist will do well to consult him.

Superintendent Nichols of the DeLamar Company returned on the evening of the 6th and promptly paid off on the 7th inst., an event much appreciated by both the business and working men.

The principal topic of conversation in town now is the Chicago convention. The two most spoken of as favorites are Bland and Teller. Bland seems to have the call in DeLamar and if nominated will get every vote in town except four or five. We have that many gold bugs in town.

Our genial County Clerk, H. J. Goodrich, will be in DeLamar for a short time, and those that have the love of country at heart and wish to get citizens papers will have the opportunity. Gov. bring along some blanks beneficial to palpitating hearts, and I think you will do a lively business.

Sheriff Prudential has been with us during the Fourth attending to his duties as assessor and also keeping the boys level during the glorious Independence day festivities. Deputy Sheriff J. Johnson being away after some horse thieves the sheriff thought his presence would have a soothing influence on those that might feel beligerently inclined.

We are pleased to note that from a dispatch from deputy sheriff Johnson who has been on a long trip after some horse thieves that he has been successful and captured both culprits and will arrive with his men in Pioche about the 12th inst. He was accompanied by Mr. Hank Vutch, who will return with him. The impression prevails that a man that would steal horses these days must have wheels in his head.

We never knew the extent of our population until the Fourth when all turned out to enjoy themselves. Main street was one mass of happy, smiling faces; everything seemed to be favorable to the occasion, lovely weather, no accidents, and a glorious time generally. From one end of Main street to the other was a continuation of flags, bunting and other patriotic decorations, each seeming to vie with his neighbor to make the best display, and some of them were elaborate. The mines closed down giving everyone a chance to enjoy themselves.

Too much credit cannot be given to the several committees of the Fourth of July celebration. Everything on the programme was carried out to the letter, promptly at the appointed time the procession formed at Purtscher and Vietti's hall under the skillful care of that old war horse J. Williams, Grand Marshal of the day. The beautiful float, driven by that prince of drivers, Ed. Thomas, with his beautiful six-horse team, and containing the Goddess of Liberty, Goddess of Night and Morning, and forty-five little maidens representing every State in the Union, was a beautiful sight and one that made the heart feel proud. The brass band discoursed stirring patriotic airs under the able leadership of W. McCormack. The programme at the hall was inspiring. Dr. H. N. Mayo, president of the day, kept everyone in a happy mood by his witty and well chosen remarks. Ben Sanders read the Declaration of Independence with fine effect, and F. R. McNamee, the orator of the day delivered a rousing oration which was received with great applause. The only fault was that the hall was not large enough to hold all the people. The barbecue was a 1, and A. A. Marshall was pronounced the chief of chiefs.

As was predicted the drilling contest created the most excitement, and was participated in by five teams for the double handed contest, and much interest was taken by the friends of each. What enhanced the interest was that the contest was a trial of skill between the two mines, the DeLamar and the April Fool. Much money changed hands and the result was the April Fool boys captured first and second prizes in the double, and Gus Barth of the same Company captured first prize in the single handed contest. John Wilson, foreman of the April Fool, worked like a beaver for the boys of his mine, and was the happiest man in town at the close. There is much talk of some private matches being made. Excepting a few light scraps everything passed off splendidly. To be well prepared Sheriff Prudential called to his aid some special officers, but they were not needed, and the general verdict is the celebration was a success.

The Republicans may get up lots of enthusiasm later on for McKinley and Hobart, but there has been mighty little so far. They explained this by saying that it is because the nomination was known so far in advance of the convention. Whatever the cause may be it is certain that the enthusiasm is lacking.

The Republicans from the West and Northwest say the silver bolt is a much more serious matter than the party at large is disposed to regard it. They argue that it will require the defection of only a small percentage of voters to make every State West of the Mississippi River anti-Republican, and that it isn't only the electoral vote of the silver States proper which are in danger.

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