

Tuesday Evening, June 8, 1875.

The Nebraska constitutional convention expects to close its labors this week.

The Salt Lake Mining Gazette estimates the gold and silver productions of the states and territories during the past twenty-six years at \$1,650,830,485.

Mr. Clark, the missionary teacher who examined the pupils of the Winnebago agency school, has himself been examined by a committee and dismissed from his position.

Todd Randall and James Fitzsimmons put in bills of \$273 each and Leon Palladay one of \$453 for services rendered in interpreting the Sioux jargon to the officials at Washington. The bills were "referred."

An interesting event recently transpired at LaCrosse, Wis., where fifty Winnebago Indians having complied with the law in abandoning their tribal relations and adopting the customs of civilization, made their appearance at the land office and proceeded to enter forty acres of land each under the homestead act. This is where the Wisconsin reds have gained about a century in progress on our savage tribes.

The Union county Courier, speaking of the recent capture upon the Indian reservation says:

We certainly believe if the government upholds the military in this uncalled for attack, and the brutal treatment of the men taken, that it will inaugurate a war that will open the Hills to the whites in spite of the military and Indians combined. And there are thousands of men on the way to these new gold fields today who determinedly say, let it come.

It was stated in one of yesterday's dispatches that White Swan, a Dakota Indian chief, was paraded about New York city with a string of human scalps hanging to his belt. This may have been an interesting spectacle to fastidious New Yorkers, but we opine that there are many Dakotians who experienced the horrors of the Indian war of 1862 who are ready to declare the hero of this choice sensation of the national metropolis is fit only for the hangman's noose under the gallows.

The mission of the Indians to Washington is a practical failure. Nothing can be accomplished from any further conferences, and it is to be hoped no more will be held. The public cares very little about what the Indians want, and less about what the interior department hopes to gain by the consultations. The chiefs should be sent home without delay and kept there. The war department is fully competent to attend to them if they should prove recalcitrant. But all the "big talk" indulged in by the parties to the conferences on both sides is the sheerest nonsense, from which no beneficial results can flow.

In order to thoroughly familiarize himself with all the branches of the postal service, Postmaster General Jewell will about the middle of this week set out on a tour of inspection in the west. He will visit the postoffices in Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and other important points, and will make a careful and thorough investigation of the railway mail service system of distributing in postal cars, weighing of the mails, the registered letter system, and other branches of the service, with a view to securing greater efficiency by instituting such reforms as he may deem necessary. He will probably be gone a week or two, and will be accompanied by Chief of Special Agents Woodward and Mr. Geo. A. Gustin, his private secretary.

There is to be a change in the rates for domestic money-orders. The following circular will be addressed to the money-order offices of the country in the neighborhood of the 10th of this month: POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, MONEY-ORDER OFFICE, WASHINGTON, May 1, 1875. SIR: I have to inform you that, by an act of congress approved March 3, 1875, the fees for domestic money-orders have been so changed that, on and after the first day of July, 1875, the fees and commissions to be charged and exacted by you for the issue of domestic money-orders will be as follows: On orders not exceeding \$15, 10 cents; over \$15 and not exceeding \$30, 15 cents; over \$30 and not exceeding \$40, 20 cents; over \$40 and not exceeding \$50, 25 cents. You are hereby instructed to conform strictly to the terms of said act, as above set forth, in the collection of fees for money orders. Any postmaster who fails to do so will be charged in every instance with the full amount of the proper fee in the settlement of his accounts by the auditor of this department.

A Times reporter has been the rounds of the business houses in Chicago, and in giving the condition of trade and money matters in that city says: In the matter of money, these are the flusher times Chicago has ever seen. All our banks are literally crammed with it, and the all-powerful greenback is almost a drug in the market. What a contrast with a year and a half ago, when men

stood ready to sell their birthrights for what they are now really anxious to get rid of, with fair security, of course! It is estimated that the loanable capital in this city has increased at least 23 per cent since the panic, the result, it may be assumed of an increase of confidence in our integrity and ability to repay. Facts are stubborn things, and they prove beyond a doubt that people all over the country would rather see their money invested in Chicago than almost anywhere else. This desire, so generally acted on, has materially affected the rate of interest, which now stands at 7 per cent call loans, and 8 per cent for time loans. The banks still charge 10 per cent for ordinary accommodations, but they are discounting more for 8 per cent, than even before, and that promises to be the regular market rate.

Northern Nebraska Items.

Three teams from Bismarck, on route for the Black Hills, are in camp near St. Helena, where they will remain a few days awaiting reinforcements.

The Advocate says the people of Cedar county have reason to be thankful. "No plague thus far has bothered them; no disaster has befallen us, and we are happy in the thought that all is well for the coming harvest."

Otis & Chandler will soon commence the publication of a real estate paper at St. Helena to be called the Northern Nebraska Real Estate Journal.

A severe hail storm visited Niobrara a week ago Sunday. Says the Pioneer: "Nearly all the window-glass in buildings facing the south were pretty thoroughly riddled. The storm lasted about 20 minutes, and some of the hail stones were as large as hen's eggs."

The Pioneer mentions that a few Brule Sioux are reported as scouting about the Ponca Agency, and the Poncas are making preparations for an attack.

A messenger came in last evening from Bazile Creek and announced the arrival of a "pleasure party" bound for a trip up the Running Water. The party, consisting of 14 men and four wagons, passed through town to day. They hail from Yankton.

In the constitutional convention, last week a resolution was offered that the governor be requested to appoint a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation. The resolution, we are glad to say, was lost. The state isn't that sick yet, to require any such remedy. If the "hoppers" do actually visit us, we shall need no proclamation to make us fast. Until then, let us fill up and cheerfully hope for the best.

Return of the Warriors.

Those guileless sons of the forest, Spotted Tail, Red Cloud, Big Thunder, Sitting Bull, Conquering Bear, Pawnee Killer, et hoc genus omne, are on their way back to their hunting grounds, their conference at Washington having practically amounted to nothing. It is a question whether it is about time for the government to take these dusky warrior in hand and treat them as truant children rather than as an independent people. In fact, there is a law of Congress which forbids the recognition hereafter of any tribe as a separate nation with treaty-making powers, but this does not debar the government from making agreements with them which have all the force, substantially, of treaties. But it is questionable whether even this is not going too far. The Indian mind seems unable to comprehend matters of business. It can complain, and does so most bitterly, and it does not make much difference whether there is cause or not. This is illustrated by Red Cloud's story to a government commissioner who came back to Washington from a visit to the Indians, with a touching tale of the Indians having been robbed and plundered. Among other things, Red Cloud told the commissioner that his people had been basely swindled in beef cattle, and showed him four or five scrawny and sickly animals which he claimed were examples of what the rascally contractor had furnished. But now this voracious chief tells the Washington authorities that he did not mean this, and that the cattle shown the tender hearted commissioner were a few which would not pass inspection, and that the contractor threw them in as extra measure, charging nothing for them.

In the matter of yielding their hunting privileges in Nebraska and Wyoming, the Indians show their inability to comprehend a most simple provision for their own good. This territory has long since ceased to be a field for their peculiar sport; and there is a provision in the treaty which only grants them the right to hunt there while the buffalo shall justify the chase, a period already passed, by Red Cloud's own confession. The government is really bound to pay them nothing for the release of their privilege, but congress made an appropriation of \$25,000, which can be applied to this purpose, if used at once, and this has been offered to the Indians. But they declined it, and have decided to go home and have a few big talks before consenting. By this time the money may be beyond the reach of the Indian commissioner, and lost to them.

There is no danger that the United States government will be unjust to the red men. As they grow fatter and weaker the popular sentiment in their favor, already strong, will increase, and there is more danger of their being spoiled by excessive kindness than wronged by cruel persecution. The worst enemies of the Indians are the white adventurers who live among and steal from them, but who seem to have more influence with the savages than the president him-

self. These men make most of the trouble, and have had a large hand in the failure of the present negotiations. Sooner or later the government will be compelled to treat the Indians as its wards exclusively, giving them what is for their own good and withholding that which they ought not to receive. The American people, always tender and charitable to the weak, will see to it that this trust is justly, wisely, generously exercised, and that no unnecessary harshness is permitted.

Tree Planting.

"Arbor Day" is probably being observed more as a settled institution in the state of Minnesota than in any other state in the Union. This year there were an unusual number of small premiums offered in that state for the encouragement of tree-planting, and the evening of May 1st found a great many miles of trees planted throughout the state that were not standing in the morning. The rivalry was chiefly among the farmers, the reports coming in showing that the competitors set out on average of from 6,000 to 10,000 young trees and cuttings apiece in one day, between sunrise and sunset, and about 300,000 in all. The St. Paul and Pacific railroad has a superintendent of tree planting, who has reported as his spring's work the planting along the company's line of one-half a million of young trees and cuttings. A little such work as this in every western state each year for a period, would insure cheap timber for generations to come.

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CONNECTIONS. 1. At Sioux City with Illinois Central, Sioux City and Pacific and Sioux City and St. Paul Railroads. 2. At Elk Point with stages for Eden, Canton and Sioux Falls. 3. At Vermillion with stages for Lodi, River side and Turner. 4. At Meckling with stages for St. James. 5. At Gayville with stages for St. Helena. 6. At Yankton with steamers for Forts Randall, Sully, Rice, and all points on the Upper Missouri river; stages for Bon Homme, Springfield and Fort Randall, and steam ferry for Green Island, Nebraska, connecting at Green Island with stages for all points in Northern Nebraska. G. E. MERCHANT, J. S. MECKLING, Train Master, Gen'l Superintendent. C. H. VAN TASSEL, Agent at Yankton. BLACK HILLS Gold Region, ready Millions can be sold, Goodspeed Publishing House, Chicago.

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