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OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

Wyoming.

Cheyenne estimates the value of city improvements for the year at $610,300.

A son of Gov. Foster, of Ohio, is in jail at Cheyenne for passing counterfeit money.

George Cook, the murderer of James Blunt, was convicted and sentenced to be hung at Laramie, March 28, 1884.

One hundred and seventeen car loads of coal were sent out from the Carbon mines one day last week. This is the largest output ever made there in one day.

The Wyoming Meat company have already begun killing and shipping hogs, but will not commence slaughtering cattle for a couple of weeks. They are, however, furnishing considerable beef for the Greeley and Denver markets.

At the Rock Springs coal mines last week, an employe named Ed. O'Harra was standing in front of the huge fly-wheel, in the engine house, the wheel flew to pieces, striking O'Harra and killing him instantly. He was horribly mangled, a large piece of the iron striking him in the breast, crushing it in.

The Wyoming, Yellowstone Park & Pacific railroad company filed incorporation papers, announcing its object to be the building of a railway system through the coal, iron and petroleum region of Western Wyoming, and thence to the National park and Montana, and the Laramie and Cheyenne people believe the company mean business.

This is the way "A Workingman" of Wyoming is said to put it: "When I lived in Colorado I would have spurned an offer of a few dollars for my vote. Here, when I am offered $50 for the vote of my family—myself, wife and daughters—scorn gives way to a calculation that $50 is equal to what I earn by five weeks' labor. It doesn't matter to me who hold office."

The annual report of the superintendent of schools shows the aggregate value of the 85 school houses is $88,546.00. The total attendance is 3,352 pupils. The sex classification of the pupils is 1,675 males and 1,677 females. Of the 89 teachers, 70 are ladies and 19 gentlemen. The average pay of the teachers is $58.25 per month. The highest salaries are paid in Johnson county, where the average is $63.58 per month; while Uinta county pays the lowest salaries the average pay there being $46.15. During the year the sum of $39,243.75 has been paid to the teachers.

Dakota.

The Aberdeen land office is rushed with business.

Over $18,000 has been subscribed at Huron for a flouring mill.

The receipts of the Yankton ferryboat for the past season amounted to $7,000.

The Bismarck Tribune says the roof will be on the capitol building in less than three weeks.

The bonded indebtedness of Burleigh county is $73,172. The expenses of the county for the year ending November 1 were $26,283.84.

One night last week five cowboys, at Dickinson, filled with frontier fire-water, for five hours kept up a furious fusilade. Fully 500 shots were fired. No funerals. The editor of The Dickinson Press and three others were pounded. No arrests.

Colorado.

Ranchmen in the Grand valley are plowing for their spring crops.

Denver papers claim the city is afflicted with a council but a few degrees ahead of Omaha.

Gunnison's council has cut the salaries of city officials, thus saving the city $5,000 annually.

About $10,000 worth of thoroughbred cattle have of late been added to Larimer county's herds.

Mr. J. B. Heilman, who lives in the San Luis park, is worth $30,000, made in farming since 1872.

The bonds for a state capitol building were carried by a majority of 4,537. The amount is $300,000.

Leadville still holds her own as the home for the slugger, the hip-pocket fiend and the go-as-you-please female.

Snyder & Co. have purchased 30,000 head of Texas cattle for $600,000, and will turn them loose on their range.

Colorado now ranks among the petroleum-producing states. A shipment of fifty barrels has been made from Canon City.

The treasury of Denver is so low that the police force will be reduced and a new license tax levied to save it from bankruptcy.

The Leadville Herald is inclined to believe that district will show a very modest gain this year over 1882, when the product reached $17,000,000.

The city council of Denver has granted a charter to a cable belt road, and fixes the fare to be charged at five cents. They did not give the streets away.

A pretty waiter girl in a Greeley hotel had rival suitors to her hand. Having no choice, she invited them to settle it at ten paces. One is now nursing a hole in his bowels and the other is in jail.

The Leadville postoffice employs 12 clerks graded at $1,500, $1,200, $900, and a porter's wages at $800. A portion of these clerks perform the duties of free delivery about the city, and there are 800 lock boxes.

The notorious "Rebel George," who escaped the clutches of the North Platte officers, has sued Denver for $10,000 damages for false imprisonment. He worked the "boodle racket" in North Platte and swindled a man out of $500.

The new Union Pacific hospital in the eastern part of Denver, near the old fair grounds, is under roof. It is of gray stone, and is an imposing structure and a great addition to that part of the city. It is not quite ready for occupancy.

Montana.

There are 1,116 persons of school age in Deer Lodge.

A large deposit of what promises to be a superior article of fire clay has been discovered near Livingston.

Deer Lodge county, this year, has 114 persons, firms and corporations who pay from $100 to $5,000 taxes, each.

The Northern Pacific intend building at Helena a brick blacksmith shop, 50x100 feet in dimensions, this winter, if the weather permits.

Colonel Iges has taken to the lecture stand since he left the army, and is enlightening the natives on the subject of "Five Years Among the Apaches."

W. H. Hale, a telegraph operator, who played the role of a postoffice inspector and scared half the postmasters of the territory, has been run down and jailed.

The Townsend Bridge company have filed articles of incorporation in $10,000, to construct a bridge over the Missouri river. The stock is divided into a thousand shares at $10 a share.

Marquis de Mores says he has decided to accept the offer of the Billings Board of Trade, and will erect slaughter houses there next spring and be prepared to slaughter 10,000 beeves during the year.

In the assessment of Lewis and Clarke counties appear 28,354 sheep valued at $77,969, 8,182 horses valued at $351,152, 19,324 stock cattle valued at $395,240, 1,555 cows valued at $54,605. Value of stock or shares in corporations $622,050.

The articles of incorporation of three heavy cattle companies have been filed with the secretary of the territory as follows: Concord cattle company, capital $150,000; Keystone cattle company, capital $100,000; Northwestern cattle company, capital $90,000.

The Butte Inter-Mountain says: There seems to be some doubt as to the exact amount paid by the Union Pacific company to the Northern Pacific to prevail upon the latter not to extend the branch railroad to Butte. One authority places the consideration at $1,800,000, another at $1,200,000 and a third at a much smaller amount.

The land sales of the Northern Pacific for the year ending November 30, aggregated 954,422.01 acres, for which $2,849,491.13 was received. The sales were divided as follows: Minnesota district, 17,211.60 acres; Dakota district, 548,969.62 acres; Montana district, 65,451.04 acres; Washington district, 223,777.28 acres.

The Utah & Northern surveyors are engaged in surveying a line of road through Bozeman to reach the Maxey coal mine recently purchased by the Union Pacific company. The narrow gauge, it is understood, will build a branch into the National Park, and the main line will be built through Bozeman into the Shields river and Musselshell country—the great stock section of eastern Montana.

California.

There are 1180 prisoners in San Quentin.

The grasshopper pest has disappeared from Sierra valley.

The gold yield of the Cassiar mines for the past year is estimated at $135,000.

A sweet potato weighing twenty-one pounds is on exhibition at Santa Anna.

An ivory tusk, eight feet in length and twelve inches through, was unearthed at Benecia a few days ago.

An army of gopherers have been set to work slaughtering the pests on the Glenn ranch. Twenty men are almost continually kept going over the ranch scaring the geese away.

The Seal Rock lighthouse, to be erected opposite Crescent City on St. George's reef, eight miles from the shore, will rise to a height of 150 feet above the water level and with a large store house building, fog horn, etc. The cost will reach about $400,000.

Sales on real estate the past eighteen months in San Luis Obispo county, have amounted to over $1,500,000. Recent sales comprise the Eureka ranch, of 24,000 acres, at $95,000; the Santa Isabel, of 20,400 acres, at $100,000, and the Huer Huero, of over 45,000 acres, at $160,000.

There is a prisoner named Peacock, in the state prison, under sentence of 18 years, who was the victim of a conspiracy planned by two women. One of the women, on her death bed, confessed that he was put out of the way that his property might be disposed of.

Idaho.

It is no extraordinary event for a Caldwell merchant to sell from $1,000 to $1,500 worth of goods in a day.

The Wood River country is agitating the ridding of that section of Idaho of its Mormon population.

Elk and deer are very plentiful in Smoky District, and this the old hunters construe into a sign of a mild winter.

As a whole, mine owners in the Wood River country appear to be well satisfied with the results of the last season, and yet the shipments of ore have not been as great as many anticipated.

The twenty houses and ten saloons at Hays City, Cœur d'Alene district, are a myth. The population consists of a few miners who expect to winter there, and a patient mule, which is hired at $15 per day, for all purposes of transportation.

Hailey is all the time improving, and has an air of permanence about it seen only in a few western towns. The large hotel, a magnificent three-story and basement brick structure, is nearing completion. It is enclosed, and workmen are engaged on the inside finishing.

W. J. Cuddy, who left Omaha a few weeks ago with a newspaper outfit for Caldwell, has safely landed, and the first number of The Caldwell Tribune has reached us. With an eye single to No. 1, "Cud" floats his autograph from the masthead in conspicuous "full face." He blows for the town with all the vigor of sound lungs, and turns out an excellent newspaper for "the coming metropolis of Idaho." The town is knocking the props from under Boise City. It is backed by the Oregon Short Line, and its officials and a large number of Omaha men are enjoying the profits of the boom.

Utah.

President Taylor has issued his fiat against round dances.

During November the D. & R. G. brought to Utah from various points in Colorado 180 cars of ore.

Utah farmers are complaining of the low price of grain this year. There was a very fair demand throughout the territory, but the demand for it is so small and prices so low, that most of the crop is likely to be on their hands nearly all winter.

On the different stories of the Mormon temple are carved in the granite wall a representation of the earth, moon and sun, which are symbols of the three degrees of celestial glory; the sun, which was recently carved, representing the highest degree.

Bradstreet's Mercantile agency reports that there five failures in Utah during the month of November, with aggregate liabilities of $51,650, and only $14,500 actual assets. In Idaho two failures were reported during the same time, with liabilities of $3,300, and actual assets, $2,000. The nominal assets reported are much higher, but the amounts given here are all that creditors will realize.

New Mexico.

Sixty-five New Mexican prisoners are confined in the Leavenworth jail.

Santa Fe has been enjoying the luxuries of a good, old-fashioned snow storm.

Kingston is about as lively a place as there is in the territory. Her mines are proving veritable bonanzas.

The finding of gold on the site of the Las Vegas court house has set the entire country ablaze with excitement.

Albuquerque is looking forward to a boom in the spring. The prospective advent of a new railroad makes the people very hopeful.

About twelve miles from Nutt, in the mountains, there is an old Mexican tunnel running in 500 feet, and not far from a small spring. The timbers are almost rotted away, and the iron implements lying about are so eaten with rust that they crumble at a touch. There is a large amount of heavy and apparently rich slag in the vicinity, specimens of which have been handled, which shows that there was once a smelter there.

Miscellaneous.

During November 20,800 tons of coal were shipped from Seattle, W. T.

The coinage at the Carson mint during November, 1883, was as follows: Double eagles, $120,000; standard dollars, $100,000. Total, $220,000.

A Nevada paper states that "owing to the absence of all the editors, the publisher has succeeded in securing the services of a gentleman to edit this number."

The Portland News states that the Northern Pacific railroad has revolutionized not only trade in Oregon, but is changing the relations of agriculture. The importation over the new line of provisions and seeds has caused the market prices to drop about twenty per cent, and a similar drop is expected when other articles begin to be carried over the road. In view of these facts The News recommends the farmers of Oregon to make some change in their modes.

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It is now undisputed that Wei De Meyer's Catarrh Cure is the only treatment that will absolutely cure Catarrh—fresh or chronic. "Very efficacious, Saml. Gould, Weeping Water, Neb." One box cured me, Mrs. Mary Kenyon, Bismarck, Dakota." "It restored me to the pulpit, Rev. Geo. E. Reis, Cobleville, N. Y." "One box radically cured me, Rev. C. H. Taylor, 140 Noble street, Brooklyn." "A perfect cure after 30 years suffering, J. D. McDonald, 710 Broadway, N. Y., &c., &c. Thousands of testimonials are received from all parts of the world. Delivered, $1.00. Dr. Wei De Meyer's Illustrated Treatise," with statements by the cured, mailed free. D. B. Dewey & Co., 182 Fulton street, N. Y. tues-thur&sat-m&e-3m

Gen. Garfield's Washington Residence.

Correspondence Burlington Hawkeye, 14: A proposition was recently made to Mrs. Garfield, for the purchase of the residence here in which Congressman Garfield lived for so many years. It is desired to convert it into a parsonage for the use of the pastor of the Garfield Memorial church. The offer has been declined and the house will remain in the possession of the widow during her lifetime. At present Hon. William Penn Clarke, of Iowa City, resides there and keeps a home like "open house" to all Iowans. He has adorned it with pictures, and also makes an excellent display of his choice library.

Brown's Bronchial Troches for Coughs and Colds: "I do not see how it is possible for a public man to be himself in winter without this admirable aid."—*Rev. E. M. Devens, Pocasset, Mass.*

A LIFE WELL INSURED.

Mr. Hamilton Disston Paying Premiums on $400,000.

Philadelphia Record.

Mr. Hamilton Disston, the millionaire manufacturer and president of the Florida Land and Improvement company, is carrying a heavier life insurance than probably any other man in the United States. He has $400,000 in force upon his life in the regular companies, while he is good for several thousand additional in many mutual concerns. The only man who is regarded as his rival in this is state ex-State Senator George K. Anderson, of Titusville, this state, who is reported to have about $400 000 upon his life.

In explaining how this was done Mr. Diston said to a Record man yesterday: "One day A. C. Haynes, an insurance agent, said to me that he would like to have the distinction of being able to say that he had placed the largest individual life insurance of any agent in the United states, and proved to me that it would be a profitable business operation, and so I told him to go ahead."

The bulk of the insurances have been placed within the last few years and are scattered among thirteen companies of unquestioned responsibility. In order to maintain this enormous insurance Mr. Disston pays to the various companies who are carrying him $20,000 in premiums per annum.

An agent of an insurance company said: "This insurance of Mr. Disston may look to be enormous, but really it is not. It is impossible for some men to insure to an amount that would begin to compensate their estates for their death. Now, Mr. Disston is worth $20,000 per year to his estate, and this insurance of $400,000 would be but a slight compensation in comparison to his worth as a money-maker."

Another heavily-insured Philadelphian is John B. Stetson, the hat manufacturer, who has $300,000 upon his life.

The reporter was shown a list of prominent people who are insured to the amount of $50,000, there being among them Cyrus W. Field, the capitalist and ocean cable owner; Charles A. Dana, editor of The New York Sun; Cornelius Vanderbilt, 3d; J. B. Brewster, the New York carriage builder; John Gill; of Baltimore; Charles Parrish, the coal operator of Wilkesbarre; P. H. Glatfelter, the paper manufacturer of Spring Forge, and J. L. Hollenback, of Luzerne county Pennsylvania.

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An Incident of The War.

From the forthcoming book, "A Chequered Life," by Col. John A. Joyce, the following extract is taken: An assaulting column of 2,000 vetran soldiers, commanded by General McLaws, was selected to dashed against Fort Sanders early Sunday morning, while the balance of Longstreet's command were to stand in readiness to support any lodgement the forlorn hope might secure. Brave hearts beating high with hope stood ready to charge to the death in the first dawn of that fatal Sunday morning.

During the night information was brought to Gen. Burnside of the contemplated attack. Action was immediately taken; additional troops were silently sent to the support of the fort, and the breastworks to the right and left of it were filled with men, who rested on their arms in anticipation of assault.

Mr. Hoxie, superintendent of the railroad, in this emergency thought of a Yankee trick, and suggested to Capt. Poe, chief engineer, that a lot of loose telegraph wire be utilized to trip up the charging enemy in their dash on the fort. The ditch in front of the bastoned work was eight feet deep and twelve feet wide. Jutting angles with close embrasures containined heavy guns loaded with grape and cannister, shot and shell. The wire was trailed zigzag around the stumps and through the grass that margined the pits in front of the fort. Lieut. Benjamin commanded the artillery in the fort, and did splendid work. About 2,000 dashed on the earthworks with all the confidence of victory; but just as they neared the deep broad ditch, they began to stumble, and many were pitched headlong into the jaws of death, the double-shotted guns were touched off and a perfect pandemonium prevailed in the bloody, torn ranks of gallant beseigers, who climbed over the forms of their dying comrades up the steep sides of the fort, which still belched forth certain death to the struggling mass of devoted heroes.

Blood and bone, combined with noble daring, was not sufficient to overcome the heroic conduct of our soldiers, the unforseen wire entanglement, and the terrible cannon and musketry fire that poured a blaze of death into the very face of the assaulting column. A short half hour found the confederate heroes dead and dying in the ditch, which ran with human blood. Out of the assaulting brigade, 1,000 men had been killed, wounded or captured, while the union loss was only four killed and eleven wounded. A colonel of a Georgia regiment was in command of the forlorn hope, and, strange to say, he succeeded in climbing the steep side of the fort, and planting the "Stars and Bars" in the very teeth of our men. An artillery sergeant lifted his heavy cutlass to strike down the daring officer, but a more generous and magnanimous soldier struck aside the blade, and saved the life of the brave and reckless Georgian.

Col. Graham Dukehart, of Baltimore, Md., Commander of the G. A. R., writes that he has received very great benefit from the use of St. Jacobs Oil, for rheumatism.

A Romantic Railroader.

Chicago Herald.

There came to Chicago last week as the host and entertainer of Duke Gwin, in a special car, a young man whose career has been almost as romantic as the "duke's" is famous. Jerome A. Fillmore is his name. Born and reared on a rocky farm in Pennsylvania, he used to go to a country school in summer with bare feet and a straw hat with his hair sticking out of the crown. One day, when he was about 12 years old, surveyors came to his father's farm with their tripods to survey the Deleware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. The boy looked on curiously and wondered what it meant. Next year the rails came and with them a locomotive. That was enough for the boy. He would neglect his chores and steal off to watch the locomotive. He refused to study. He would steal rides on the gravel trains and associate with the workmen. When the road was completed and coal trains were put on one day Jerome turned up missing.

Active search was made, and in a week or so the fat, sturdy boy was found. He was a brakeman on a coal train at $25 a month as a starter. The station agent near his father's farm had put him on the road, and the old folks were furious. That was about 25 years ago. There is no need to follow the boy in his course. It was always upward. Last week he came to Chicago with his family and Duke Gwin, in a special car, as general superintendent of the Central and Southern Pacific railway system, and everywhere recognized and admitted as one of the finest railway managers in the United States. His salary is $15,000 a year, and and it would perhaps be doubled before he would allowed to leave the company's service. Boys, the chances are not all gone by any means.

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SERGEANT MASON.

The Warrior Writes a Characteristic Letter to a Cleveland Gentleman.

Cleveland Leader Dec. 13th.

Sergeant Mason has written a letter to Mr. R. C. Wilson, of this city, a literal copy of which is appended:

LOCUST GROVE ORANGE CO VA

Mr R C Willson

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of Nov 30 is at hand in that letter you extending to me wife & Baby Boy that was 3 year old Nov 30 Mr R C W. I remember of your coming to Albany N. Y Penitentteray to see me in May 1882. I got a letter from you after you got home dated May 18 I answered that yet I got no Reply it may be that the letter never was sent to you that is one of the Ways of treating a *Prisoner* let him write yet his letters never see the *Sigh* of Liberty. you Basket with good thing I got many thank to you for that the Basket I keep in my cell No 127, till the day I left Nov 26 I was in that Penitentiary 20 month & 10 day 30 month is 2 years the way that good time is counted is this way 2 months off 1st aud 2d years 4 month of 3d & 4th years & 5 months off all the rest so my time was 8 years or 96 months good time at the above rates would take 32 month off & leave 64 months or 5 years and 4 month to complete the 8 year for making it *unplesant* for the *a ssassin Getto*.

Mr. Willson I arried home from Albany at 5, P. m Nov 27, 24 *hours* is good time to make from Albany to Locust Grove Va I live 22 miles from Old Fredericksburg Va & 18 miles from Orange Court House I got a horse in Fredericksburg and road to Bettys in 2 hours and 45 mi found all well a good home a nice Boy & a check for $1,000 I get letter by the 100 am offered from $100 to $250 per Week to appear as a curiosity no such Business at that for me if I had not one cent.

Mr, W, if I *should* come to Ohio I will call on you the Chicago Co. is the only place that I have accepted, yet and that is all right in 6 month time if they cant do without me. I would rather stay in old Virginia than to be in Cities. Betty my wife got from *your* City a check for $871.85 raised by Mr. Edwin Cowles & Mr. E. H. Perdue of the *Leader new* Paper this money is the $856.77 with interest to December 1st, 1883, that is a good christmas gift all money that I can count up that my wife got is $9,999 that places *her* out of Want. I am thankful to the *Lord God* & the good People of the United States for getting me out of Prison if I had not 99 cents Liberty is what I like my respects to you & all.

John A. Mason 1866,
Charles B. Mason 1845.

Write please & I will say *more*

Lost Faith in Physicians.

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How an old Couple Undressed in a Car.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Very amusing incidents sometimes happen in sleeping-cars, owing to the ignorance of untraveled people as to utilizing, etc. An occurrence of this kind took place on the Bee Line a few days since, which caused some consternation among the ladies and considerable amusement to the male passengers. A nice-looking old couple were seated in one of the sections of the New York sleeper, and, beyond being a little restless, attracted no special attention until after leaving the Grand Central station. Immediately after the train pulled out the old gentleman stopped a brakeman who happened to be going through the train and told him that they wanted to go to bed. He was referred to the colored autocrat who presides over that department and gives an able imitation of a man blacking boots. After some little talk the old gentleman explained his wants and the berth was made up. He then wanted to know where the dressing-room was located, and the ladies' dressing-room being pointed out, both he and his wife entered. Although this was a rather unusual proceeding, nothing was said about it, and as the train leaves about 6 o'clock in the evening and it was a little too early to go to sleep, the balance of the passengers distributed themselves around the car and nothing more was thought of the old couple until a slam of the door and a snort of laughter from some innocent youth attracted the attention of all the occupants of the car to a grand triumphal march executed by the old people from the dressing-room to their berth. They had disrobed in the ladies' dressing-room, and the old lady had apparently nothing on but her robe de nuit and and a night-cap, and the old gentleman brought up the rear with his clothes and those belonging to his wife in his arms, being almost completely hid in a mass of female attire not generally exposed to public gaze. It is needless to say that the genuine innocence of the old couple in the whole matter was so apparent that it protected them from any rude comment, but after they had piped down it kept the passengers in a smiling mood the balance of the trip.

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