

LOCAL NEWS.

From the Daily Herald of May 13.

A Horrible Tragedy near Cow Island.

Reported Massacre of A. J. Simmons and Party by a band of Sioux Indians.

They Are Said to Have Been Surprised by the Treacherous Red Devils and Butchered in Cold Blood.

Painful reports have been rife for some days at Fort Benton that Special Indian Agent Simmons and party have been killed by a band of Indians (Sioux) somewhere in the neighborhood of Cow Island, Missouri river. These reports reached Benton through half-breed sources, and seem to be credited by those best informed of recent Indian movements in the upper river country. Mr. Arnoux, of Benton, writes to Mr. Broadwater, of this city, of these reports, and states that a considerable sum of money has been volunteered by the merchants and others of that place to induce a responsible person to proceed below and ascertain the truth or falsity of the information received. The half-breed accounts are to the effect that Simmons and men, while passing some point above Cow Island, were hailed from the river bank by Sioux, who signified their desire for the party to land and talk with them; that the party complied, went ashore, were overpowered and subsequently killed by the Indians. This terrible tragedy must have occurred—if it occurred—between the 26th and 29th of April.

As previously communicated by our Benton correspondent, and published in the HERALD of May 8th, Mr. Simmons' party took their departure from that place on the morning of the 24th ult., on the splendid new Mackinaw boat "Jas. M. Arnoux," bound down the river to interview and issue provisions to the Sioux. Six men constituted the party, as follows: A. J. Simmons, Special Indian Agent at Fort Browning; Chas. D. Hard, Deputy U. S. Marshal; Wm. B. Judd, employee of Indian Department at Browning; J. X. Beidler, employee of Indian Department at Fort Peck; Wm. Bent, Interpreter; and one other man whose name we have not yet learned, engaged at Benton to make up the quota for the hazardous river trip.

It will be remembered that our correspondent, writing us on April 27th, stated that it was thought by Benton people that Mr. Simmons "would encounter the Sioux before going many miles, as the war party, supposed to be Sioux, who fired upon a party of white men at Eagle creek, and stole four horses from them on the 16th, are probably lingering on the river not far away." The inference is that these are the Indians who have been guilty—if reports are corroborated—of this fearful butchery. We earnestly trust, and are not without hope, that the accounts of this tragedy will yet prove to have been greatly exaggerated or wholly unfounded. The wires between Helena and Benton are broken, and we are obliged to await further advices through the torturing slow medium of the mails.

LATER.—Since the above was placed in type, the operator at Benton telegraphs to Mr. Fredericks, of the Helena office, that the impression is general at that place that Mr. Simmons and his entire party were murdered by the Indians, as first reported. Further news of this bloody tragedy is expected at Benton this evening or to-morrow, and will be immediately telegraphed to the HERALD.

West Side Items.

From the Independent of the 11th inst: The Pioneer Company, on Bratton's Bar, near Pioneer, had cleaned up over \$2,000 up to last Saturday evening. All expenses this spring have been covered and a dividend declared to shareholders.

During the winter the Miners Ditch at Frederickson has been extended to Spring gulch, a distance of nearly two miles. The ditch will be carried to Antelope gulch, where Messrs. Pemberton & Kelley own over two hundred acres of mineral land.

We have had more sickness in town this spring than ever before known, and that it is attributable to a neglect of proper sanitary precaution in a great measure, there is no doubt.

Henry Valiton, Esq., has recovered from a severe attack of mountain fever, and we are pleased to see him on the streets attending to business again.

There are "rumors in the air" that a prominent Federal official in Deer Lodge is about to resign his position.

The Commissioners have appointed John O'Neil, Esq., Road Supervisor of this District. The appointment gives general satisfaction.

From the Northwest of the 11th inst:

Mr. Jere Roach, of the firm of Murphy, Kenyon & Co., Pioneer, met with an accident a few days ago which demolished one rib and demoralized a couple more. While working on the saw-mill he fell through into the pit, striking his side against the carriage timbers, and inflicting the injuries mentioned. Charley Kenyon brought him to town, and under skilful treatment he is rapidly recovering.

The Deer Lodge and Helena road is getting in pretty good condition again. Three or four good days will set it right. Sleighs are only run now about two miles—this side of Clark's.

Personal.

—Capt. Mills, of the Northwest, is in the city.

—Lieut. Doan, of Fort Ellis, who has been stopping in the city for several days, left for that Post this morning.

—Johnny Forbis, the successful competitor for the West Point cadetship, took his departure by overland coach this morning, to enter upon his four years course at the U. S. Military Academy in June.

—Walter W. Johnson, who returned from the West Side on Saturday, has just made a survey of the Atlantic Cable mine, to be submitted to a company which have been negotiating with a view to purchasing the same.

—Among the attorneys of this city, who have gone to Radersburg to attend the District Court, which convened this morning, are Judge Symes, Col. Johnson, Warren Toole, District Attorney Williams and Chumassero & Chadwick.

—Jno. Keating, who has been laid up for several weeks, in consequence of a broken leg, caused by that runaway accident, is able to hobble about on crutches. We saw him on the streets to-day for the first time since the unfortunate occurrence.

—Mr. Wm. Goodyer, of the Indian office, left by the Benton coach this morning, to gain if possible, at an early day, reliable information of the fate of Agent Simmons and party, the killing of whom by Sioux Indians in the neighborhood of Cow Island, was reported here from Benton on Saturday last.

—C. A. McCabe, a successful miner of Elk Creek, was one of the passengers on the Overland from Corinne this morning. Charlie has been visiting with his friends in the East during the past winter, and comes back to Montana perfectly satisfied that this is the best country on God's footstool. Says he don't want any more of the States in his.

—We were pleased to receive a call yesterday from J. L. High, Esq., recently acting U. S. Prosecuting Attorney for Utah, who arrived on the overland coach Saturday. He was one of the unfortunate passengers who were in the coach that upset near Pleasant valley, and received some severe bruises. Mr. High will remain several days in the metropolis, and then proceed to Fort Hall, and thence to Chicago, his former home.

—Mr. T. H. Kleinschmidt and family, after an absence of several months in the States, returned to their home in this city on Saturday evening last. The trip up from the Railroad was exceedingly fatiguing, and Mrs. K. and children were pretty thoroughly worn out by the stage jaunt of over 400 miles. Mr. Kleinschmidt and lady were kept tolerably busy to-day in receiving their many friends, who cordially greeted their return to the mountains.

The New Pamphlet of the M. A. M. & M. Association.

We have received from Messrs. Wilkinson, Ronan & Co., publishers, the new pamphlet containing the premium list, rules and regulations of the Third Annual Fair, which commences on the 3d of September next. The work embraces a good deal of valuable information, such as rules to be observed by exhibitors, general arrangements, programme, ticket system, a full list of premiums to be awarded in the several departments, etc., etc. The pamphlet itself is a handsome specimen of typographical neatness, and reflects much credit upon the publishers.

Judge Murphy.

Judge Murphy of the 1st Judicial District, is receiving first-class notices from the press of Montana. We have been informed that all the attorneys in this city except two, have signed a remonstrance against the Judge's removal.—Independent.

Arms for Settlers.

Mr. S. T. Hanser is in receipt of a telegram from Washington, stating that one thousand breech-loading guns and two hundred thousand cartridges, for the use of the settlers of Gallatin valley and other exposed points of our frontier, were shipped to-day.

Items.

—Everybody is interviewing our friend Kleinschmidt, whose exceedingly interesting oral narrative, entitled, "What I know about St. Louis," surpasses in graphic and enthusiastic portraiture Mr. Greeley's letter descriptive of "The Future Great City of the World."

—The Interior Department has our thanks for a copy of Prof. Hayden's "United States Geological Survey of Montana and Adjacent Territory," recently issued from the Government printing office. It is a volume largely devoted to the Yellowstone country, which it scientifically describes. The many striking features of our wonder-land are illustrated by numerous engravings, rather rudely and cheaply cut in wood. The work is one, taken altogether, of considerable merit.

—We are indebted to Mr. Clagett for a handsomely printed pamphlet copy of the "Proceedings of the United States Centennial Commission," which assembled at Philadelphia in March last, to inaugurate measures for celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence. This celebration is to take place in 1876, at Philadelphia, and, as contemplated by the act of Congress, will be an international exhibition of arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine.

Night Watchman.

Mr. Coulson, by request of many of our citizens, has consented to act as night watchman to fill the place of officer McCarthy. Coulson, we believe, will be a faithful and vigilant watchman and give general satisfaction.

Personal.

—A. M. Essler returned last night from an extended trip through the eastern part of the Territory.

—Superintendent Vial, we learn, is on his road homeward, and is expected to arrive at Helena within the next ten days.

From the Daily Herald of May 14.

Court Martial.

The St. Paul Pioneer of the 13th inst. has the following military news: A general court martial for the trial of Capt. Indian, Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Abercrombie, for neglect of duty, was convened at Department Headquarters in this city on the 1st inst. The court is composed of the following named officers:

Col. Geo. Sykes, 20th Infantry.
Surgeon Anthony Heger, U. S. A.
Maj. J. E. Yard, 20th Infantry.
Capt. J. H. Gilman, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A.
Capt. J. C. Bates, 20th Infantry.
Capt. John Hartley, 22d Infantry.
Capt. Wm. Fletcher, 20th Infantry.
Capt. Malcolm McArthur, 17th Infantry.
Capt. John N. Coe, 20th Infantry.
First Lieut. T. H. Fisher, 22d Infantry.
Maj. G. N. Leiber, Judge Advocate, U. S. A. Judge Advocate.

Personal.

—Capt. Cook, of Boulder Valley, is in the city.

—W. F. Sanders has gone to Radersburg to attend Court.

—Paymaster Walker returned from Fort Shaw, accompanied by his two daughters, Miss Julia and Miss Maggie, who have been visiting with their friends at the Fort.

Items.

—Barney Collins is lying quite ill at his cabin in Tucker gulch.

—The material of the Salt Lake Review was sold recently at auction, by order of the Supreme Court of Utah. It was bid in by Oscar G. Sawyer, late editor of the Tribune, and that gentleman will soon open up with a new journal.

—By an advertisement in the HERALD to-day, it will be seen that the Territorial Central Republican Committee is called to meet in this city on the 25th inst. Business of importance will be transacted, and it is expected there will be a full attendance of the members thereof.

—Two large ox trains wheeled out from the Diamond "R" Warehouse to-day with freight for Montana, and vast quantities of merchandise are yet on hand, and coming in constantly, for trans-shipment to the prosperous territories north of the railway.—Corinne Reporter 7th inst.

—Mr. Bohm is running his lead ore at the Smelting Works into "pigs," preparatory to shipping it to St. Louis. He has contracted with the North Western Transportation Company for the shipment of 100 tons from Helena to St. Louis at \$40 per ton. As lead is worth 65 cents a pound, this will net Mr. Bohm \$90 per ton, or \$9,000 for the lot. Pretty good.

From the Daily Herald of May 15.

The Reported Murder of Mr. Simmons and Party.

Major Walker, Paymaster U. S. A., who returned from Benton yesterday, states that the reports received at that place of the killing by Indians of Agent Simmons and party were from two different sources—from half-breeds, who crowded into Benton through fear of the Sioux, said to be preparing in force for the war-path; and from White Eagle, the well-known Grosventre Chief, who subsequently arrived at that place. Both reports agree as to the killing by Sioux of seven men bound down the river in a boat, and the place of the killing was given in each instance as at Cow Creek, above the Mucleshell. White Eagle was surprised to learn that the half-breeds, who arrived at Benton in advance of him, had the same information he had brought, and that the news had already been communicated to the people there. It was difficult to find at Benton a responsible person willing to incur the risk of proceeding down the river to ascertain the truth or falsity of the reports, and to determine the fate of the party. One of White Eagle's braves was finally secured for the undertaking, and departed on his journey to obtain definite information in the premises, and to return as speedily as possible thereafter. Some days may yet elapse before we can say for a certainty that the reported tragedy has or has not foundation in fact.

LATER.—Since writing the above, Mr. Goodyer, of the Indian Office, telegraphs us from Fort Shaw, 11:30 o'clock this a. m.

"Reports not yet confirmed. Will not know for certain before Sunday."

Stabbing Affair at Cedar.

Private advices received in the city last evening, state that a stabbing affair occurred a few days since at Cedar Creek, by which Rock Drolette received several ugly and severe slashes in the shoulder from a knife in the hands of an insane Frenchman, who recently emigrated from over the sea. The assailant, after his attempt upon the life of Mr. Drolette, retired to his cabin near by, and plunged the same knife into his own breast, wounding himself, it is thought, fatally. Mr. Drolette is painfully though not dangerously hurt.

The New Mining Law.

The new mining law which appeared in the HERALD last evening interests all our people, and we have therefore struck off an extra edition to supply those who may want it. Those owning or interested in mines will find it to their interest to read and understand the new law.

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Passengers from Corinne.

CORINNE, May 6.—W. B. Webb and wife, John Mahan, Owen Gaffney, Virginia City. May 7.—W. McCoy, James Burgis, Virginia City; G. W. Lane, Joseph Hanna, Virginia City; A. L. Richardson, Deer Lodge; C. A. McCabe, T. H. Kleinschmidt and wife, Joe Diaberry, Arthur Brown, A. P. Espenshard, J. H. McFarland, Helena.

May 8.—G. McFarland, W. H. Smith, six Sisters of Charity, Mrs. C. C. Harwood, Helena; E. H. Elenhurst, J. H. Koller, Deer Lodge.

May 9.—Miss Ella Kelly, Miss Bridget Kelly, Mrs. Mary Kelly, James Kelly, Deer Lodge; S. Purvin, S. Weber wife and five children, Virginia City.

CORINNE, May 10.—A. E. Hanford, A. J. Edsall, Mrs. Bowen, H. Williams, Frederick Smith, Master Pease, Virginia City; M. T. Burgess, J. B. Hussey, Sidney Holston, Helena; S. E. Child, Fred Mead, Deer Lodge.

May 11.—O. E. Webb, Mrs. Gilg and son, P. W. Woodward and wife, F. D. Pease, Virginia City; Johana Casey, John Mallard, James Mallard, James Stevens, S. M. Hall, Helena.

CORINNE, May 12.—W. S. Reed wife and daughter, A. Loponce and wife, Helena. CORINNE, May 13.—James Bettner, L. Martin, G. D. Chenoweth, E. Wilson, T. M. T. McKernan, A. O. Lambert, W. Runsey, C. B. Latham, Chas. Latham, Helena.

CORINNE, May 14.—R. Street, wife and daughter, W. Clancy, W. C. Boyde, Moses Hirschman, Helena; H. Wolff, Banack; Miss N. Bessie, A. W. Renie, Virginia City; Mrs. M. Pastor, Miss Paster, H. M. Dollinger, Z. W. Burnham, Deer Lodge.

Missouri Items.

The Pioneer of the 11th inst. has the following items:

Since the location of the railroad to this point has become a settled fact, town lots are going off like hot cakes.

The Nez Perce Indians, who left here last week on their way to their reservation in Washington Territory, intending to go by the Lo Lo Pass, have returned, and are now encamped on the opposite side of the river.

Since Wednesday last the Hellgate river has been rising rapidly, and is now up almost to high water mark. During the few days cool weather last week and the early part of this, it fell so low that it was almost fordable.

Chas. Haydon, our enterprising livery man, left last Thursday morning for Helena with a number of fine American horses which he intends disposing of in that market.

Col. W. S. Scribner, late "Ye Local" of this paper, has dissolved his connection therewith, and this morning took his departure for the Jocko region. Good bye, Col., and may success and prosperity crown your every undertaking. You have the best wishes of the Pioneer family.

We are informed that Rev. T. C. Hitt has purchased a lot on Main street, near the residence of Dan J. Welch, and that he contemplates the erection of a M. E. Church building upon it very soon. A good Church building is something that has long been needed here, and we are glad to know that this want is so soon to be supplied.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remain in the Post Office uncalled for at Helena, M. T., on the 15th day of May, 1872.
A. Vignion Dan D. Humphreys G. O.
Anthony R. J. Jewett William
Asbury H. H. Johnson S.
Benham Wm. Kellogg John N.
Bell J. D. 2 Miller Levi
Beal W. L. McKay Geo.
Binger Frank Oris Kossuth
Bloom Solomon Quinten James G.
Bradley Frank Ray B. F.
Briley N. L. Reece David
DeBorde J. M. Schwank Frederick
Dent Alfred 2 Seneer Ollas
Dent Geo. W. 2 Sharp James
Edmonds W. Sieten Leonard
Greene Gustav Spiva H. N.
Griffith Wm. Story Wm.
Grinnell P. G. Thomas John
Hardy Rufus Todd J. L.
Hilton Rolt L. Wells George
S. H. CROUNSE, P. M.

BORN.

In Roseman, on Sunday, the 5th instant, to the wife of Wm. H. Randall, a daughter, in Virginia City, April 29th, to the wife of A. Lambrecht, a son.

DIED.

At the residence of her brother, Wm. McWhirt, in Missoula, on Thursday, the 9th day of May, 1872, of consumption, Henrietta, wife of Isaac Harrison, aged 29 years.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, Washington April 17, 1872.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the Montana National Bank of Helena, in the town of Helena, in the County of Lewis and Clark, and Territory of Montana, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 30, 1864, and has complied with the provisions of said act, required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking under said Act. Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Montana National Bank of Helena, in the town of Helena, in the County of Lewis and Clark, and Territory of Montana, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 17th day of April, 1872.

JOHN JAY KNOX,
Acting Comptroller Currency.

FRANK JONES, JAKE MILLER
Jefferson City Meat Market.
Messrs. JONES & MILLER give notice that, having opened a first-class Meat Market at Jefferson City, the best of all kinds of meats will be furnished to tributary camps, at reasonable rates. A meat wagon and pack animals will ply daily for the accommodation of all.

C. X. PAGE, G. S. COLEMAN
PAGE & COLEMAN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Offices at RADERSBURG AND BOZEMAN.

Will practice in all the Courts of Record in Montana. (wlm-decl)

WEEKLY WHOLESALE MARKET REVIEW.

HELENA, May 16, 1872.

SUGAR.—Extra C, 22.
SYRUP.—10 gal. kegs, \$10@10.50; 5 gal. kegs, \$10@11.15; in cases, six gal., \$14.

COFFEE.—Old Government Java, 40@42; Costa Rica, 30@35; Rio, 35@36; Charities, 37 1/2.

CAN FRUIT.—Cal. Peaches, 2 1/2 lb, \$14; States, Peaches, 2 lb, \$10@10.50; Cal. Peas, 3 1/2 lb, \$14; do. Plums, egg, 2 1/2 lb, \$14; do. Apricots, 2 1/2 lb, \$14; do. Damsons, 2 1/2 lb, \$14; do. Quinces, 2 1/2 lb, \$14; States Blackberries, \$5.50; do. Gooseberries, 47; do. Pineapple, \$5.50; do. Strawberries, 47; Green Gages, 50; Scuppernon Grapes, 12; Cherries, 12; Cranberry Sauce, 15; Can Honey, 2 lb, \$17@18 per case; 4 lb, do., \$25; glass, 12.

CAN VEGETABLES.—Winslow's Corn, \$9; Cal. Tomatoes, \$11; States do., \$8; String Beans, \$9; Lima Beans, \$10; Green Peas, \$10.

FISH.—Mess Mackerel, 1/2 bbis, \$30; do. kils, \$6; Codfish, \$15; Salmon, case, \$14; Oysters, \$9; Lobsters, \$10.50; Sardines, \$4.50@5; HERRING.

CANDLES.—Wicks 12 oz., 35c.

SOAP.—Castile, \$17@18; Bab's (75 lb box) \$20; Schaeffer's, \$16@18.

Tobacco.—Chewing.—Cable Twist, \$1.05@1.10; Gold Bar, \$1.01@1.05; Black Navy, \$1.00@1.05; Bright do., \$1.00. Smoking.—Virginia, \$1.25; Ingleside, 90c; Montana 65c; Gams Coc. 60c.

DRINK FRUIT.—N. Y. Apples, 20c; Cal. Peaches, 27c; Blackberries, 25c; Cherries, 25c; Raspberries, 45c; Currants, 25c; Cal. Grapes, 25c; Peas, 30c; Raisins, whole boxes, 37; half do., \$2.50; quarter do., \$1.75.

TEA.—Imperial, \$1.25@1.50; Young Hyson, \$1.50@1.75; Gun Powder, \$1.75@2; Japan, \$1.50@1.75.

SPICES.—Pepper, 50c@60c; Cloves, 75c; Nutmegs, \$1.75; Cinnamon, 25c; Allspice, 50c; Mustard, 50c; Bernard's assorted ground, per case, \$5.50.

CALIFORNIA WINES.—Landsberger Champagne, 90c; Port, \$2.50; do. dnta, \$2.00; Angles, gallon, \$3.00; Q. T. do., \$3.00; White do., \$3.00; Sherry, do., \$3.00; El Dorado, \$3.00; Wine Brandy, \$3.00; Oregon Champagne, 10c; Brandy, according to age, \$3.00@5.00; Missouri Imperial, 10c; \$2.00@2.50; California Wine Brandy, per case, \$12.50.

BEEF.—\$14@30 per hundred pounds.

SUNDRIES.—Salt, 6c@7c; Broome, 7c@8c; Soda, 20c; Saleratus, 15c; Cooking Extracts, \$3@3.50; Rice, 17c; Hammy, 15c; Dooley's Yeast Powder, 25c; P. & M. Yeast Powder, 25c; 25c; Concentrated Lye, \$14; Corn Starch, 25c; Pepper Sauce, 25c; Tomato Catsup, 25c; Cal. Pickles, kgs, \$5.25; Matches, telegraph, 9c; Bar Lead, 75c; Nails, \$1.04, \$1.15; Rope, \$2.50; Bacon, \$4.50; Lard, 30c; Whittaker Hams, 25c; other hams, 25c@30c; St. Louis Cakes, 15c; State do., 15c; Quicksilver, \$1.25; Green Apples, 30c@40c; Coal Oil, 90c; Corn Meal, 10c; Wrapping Paper, 17c; Hostetter's Bitters, \$14; State's Pickles, 5 gal, \$8; do., 10 gal, \$14; Helena Cakes, 17c.

PRODUCE.—The changes in produce are slight. Madras and Union XXX flour is selling at \$7.00@7.25; Standard XXX at \$7.00; XX at \$6.00, with small receipts and good demand. Oats are in good demand at 45c; barley, 40c@45c; wheat, 35c@45c; potatoes, 15c; onions, 6c@10c; cabbage, 8c; fresh butter, 10c@12c; Fall butter, 40c@50c; eggs, 60c; do. 50c; \$1.00 per ton.

Eastern Exchange, buying, 1 per cent. discount, selling at par.

Gold Bars, buying, 109.

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