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ENCOURAGING.

Better Reports than Ever from the Mines.

Monday last we had the pleasure of meeting Chas. Baird, a young gentleman just in from Eagle City, who brings us better reports than ever from the mines.

Of late all reports from the mines have been discouraging. Men are leaving Eagle City daily and arriving here in great numbers.

The most lugubrious statements in regard to the conditions of the mines and the population inhabiting the same. While we have taken these statements with a grain of allowance at the same time they have had the effect of weakening confidence in the mining section.

The miners men commenced pushing into the mines at a late date. Fired with the rumor of a gold find and desirous of crowding in first they made a grand rush in the winter.

What was the result? Many of those who crowded forward took just enough with them to pay expenses for a few weeks. They found everything covered with snow, and living at exorbitant figures.

They soon ran out of means and having no chance, or desire, to prospect, left the camp disgusted and discouraged. Hundreds of others started in with some means, but falling into the ways of the camp blew it in over the green cloth and then footed it out with a great many curses heaped up against the diggings. It gives us pleasure to be able to see and report a break in the cloud.

While we have never entertained a doubt as to the genuineness of the mines, yet these constant failures in the water kind of chilled our enthusiasm. We felt a little groggy after writing all that we have on the subject of the Coeur d'Alene, but our confidence has returned and the old feeling of certainty has returned. We owe Mr. Baird thanks for being the first man to bring in good news from Eagle, and believe that it is only the first of the many that will follow as the snow disappears so that the ground can be worked to advantage.

Mr. Baird informs us that four men, Davis, Laird, Forbush and Ray, opened up a claim on Dream gulch last week, one and one-fourth miles below Eagle City, and struck bed rock Friday. Saturday night they cleaned up sixty-two and one-half ounces of pure gold, and on the clean-up Monday night they gathered in sixty-two ounces. The gold runs \$17.50 to the ounce, which shows a paying claim. In a small vein one and a fourth miles below Murrayville fifteen men have been averaging \$100 per day clear gold, \$20 to the man. There may have been much richer claims in America, but for a starter we consider this showing pretty good, and proves that there is mining in the diggings. We have the utmost confidence in the statement of our informant, and equally as much in the value of the mines. It is only recently that miners have been able to work the ground and we anticipate encouraging reports from this time forward.

RATHER FRONTIERISH.

Old Jobs for the Night Patrolman.

The reach of time between 9 o'clock Monday night and 4 o'clock Tuesday morning embraced no especial holiday to awaken the enthusiasm of the rougher element of the population, yet the proceedings recorded under the eye of night and a few observers were such as reflects nothing creditable upon the participants and gives the date an odor of July 8, St. Patrick's Day, or some other special anniversary in the calendar.

Monday was a sample of the true climatic beauty of the territory, ripely warm, mild and invigorating, but a rain storm of a light calibre came drifting in the early evening which may have had the effect of changing the humor of that brand of the populace that does a good deal of moving about at night.

Anyhow, Nightwatchman Kohlhand found enough business to keep him awake, and also sufficient to exercise his muscles. The first break in the monotony of pressing brick stirred up his feelings about 11 o'clock when an outbreak occurred in a prominent place of sin where virtue is not its own reward.

There a couple of the fair inmates gave publicity in some private trouble in which the "green-eyed monster" formed a component part, and words waxed high and personal. One of the sirens drew a self-cooking revolver, and in the war of words, during which blood formed the principal topic of argument, the dangerous plaything was discharged. The riot attracted the attention of the officer, who, though in an embarrassed position, made himself conspicuous on the premises and threw all, so to speak, upon the troubled waters. No one was injured by the flare-up, although affairs looked very gloomy for a time. Sometime after this speck of war a stranger was discovered on the streets full of gin in a very hostile humor. He became mixed in several woody affairs, finally at last he tried his biting powers on some inoffensive party sitting in a chair in the office of the N. P. Hotel. It took three or four policemen to quell the disturber, who was at last carried bodily to jail. After sobering up he was ordered to leave town, being in an impecunious condition, and departed. Another person making himself obnoxious was bodily thrown into the street from the N. P. Hotel. Taken as a whole Tuesday night was an interesting date and proved conclusively that our city has a police force that it won't do to fool with. If they keep down the bad element, even if coercion is necessary, they will be upheld by the best class of the population.

FIXED.

Our New Law and Real Estate Firm.

Messrs. Cox & Lewis are now settled in their new quarters on East Main street, where they have one of the most convenient offices in town, consisting of a suite of three rooms.

The front room, presided over by Judge Lewis, is devoted more to the real estate business and has its walls decorated with maps and plats of city property, one of which is worthy of especial notice, being a large plat of the city of Spokane Falls, including its various additions on a single sheet. This is by far the best map of the city we have had an opportunity to examine. Mr. Lewis is indebted to C. E. Reeves, his able clerk for this map, which was drawn by him in his leisure moments. One side of his office is occupied by a book case containing nearly five hundred volumes of fine legal works and reports, carefully selected, and making one of the finest collections of legal lore in the city. Adjoining the front office is the private office presided over by Judge Cox, who devotes himself to the legal part of the business, and very successfully, too, as would appear from the cases he is getting. Judge Cox is eminently qualified in this line by thirty-two years of practice in the various courts up to and including the U. S. Supreme Court, as well as by the experience gained as Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Minnesota. Still further back of the private office is the working room presided over by Mr. C. E. Reeves, one of the ablest and best clerks that we have in the city. Taken all in all, you would have to look far to find a better equipped office, or one more adequately managed in its various departments than that of Messrs. Cox & Lewis.

Military Matters.

An order has been issued from headquarters in Washington, directing the First and Second Cavalry Regiments to exchange stations.

This order will send our regiment to Montana, with headquarters at Fort Custer, a military outpost situated about 20 miles from the mouth of the Big Horn river. The order was most unfavorable news to the majority of the officers and men constituting the 1st Cavalry. They claim, and justly too, that if they were removed to all their many years of frontier service should entitle them to a more favored station than one in Montana, away from civilization and the railroads. The 1st Cavalry were stationed on this coast long prior to the Rebellion, having made their first pilgrimage to the West as the 1st Dragoons during the Mexican war. In 1873 the regiment of the Rebellion they were sent East where they did effective work in Virginia. After the war they were returned to the Division of the Pacific, always taking an active part in the campaigns against the Apaches in Arizona and the Indians of the North.

They took a prominent part in the Arizone, Nez Perce and Banack campaigns. In 1878 the regiment was ordered to the Department of the Columbia, headquarters at Fort Walla Walla, where they have since been stationed. Their duty on this coast has always been, what in military parlance is termed, "hard."

They have suffered hardships and privations during the Indian wars in which they have been engaged, and justly too, that if they were replaced, it is replacing them where they were fifteen years ago. Perhaps it is one of the injustices to which military men have to subject themselves in recommending them to the departure of the First Cavalry is shared alike by our citizens. Not the least among our losses is the famous First Cavalry band, of which Walla Walla has justly been so proud. It can hardly be expected that the place now occupied by the First Cavalry band will be as ably filled by their successors.—Union.

The First Train.

Sunday was a gala day at Alnsworth, the occasion being the annual opening of the Alnsworth bridge. Sunday forenoon, an excursion train bearing about forty citizens of Walla Walla and a large number of railroad men left the junction for the purpose of testing the structure preparatory to the crossing of the first regular train on Monday morning.

Arriving at the bridge, two heavy engines, drawing a large number of heavily loaded freight cars, moved slowly across the great iron structure, being greeted with loud cheers from all sides as they touched terra firma on the opposite side. The train was then moved back and forth several times rapidly, stopping short in the middle of the bridge in order to thoroughly test the strength of the structure. The test was in every respect highly satisfactory. In the afternoon the great transfer boat

COTTONWOOD.

The satisfactory conclusion on the 9th of the trial of Ezra Scovill, for the destruction of private property, ended in the conviction of the prisoner and a fine of \$50. Considerable indignation was expressed in this case by citizens who attended the trial from the vicinity of Fort Spokane as to the lightness of the verdict. Although only a light charge was made against him at this time some half dozen heavier charges await future prosecution.

Scovill had a warrant served on J. C. Bowen, charging him with violation of the estray law, which was tried on the same day, resulting in a verdict of not guilty. The masterly manner in which the witnesses were handled by the defendant's attorney, Geo. W. Forster, of the goodly city of Spokane Falls, eliciting much favorable comment from those assembled.

The name of the to be large city of Cottonwood has been in question for many months. Many of the residents of the township dislike the name of Davenport, and the name Cottonwood is not unpopular, and the misunderstanding in regard to the name has caused considerable trouble in delay of the mails, sometimes for weeks, and it is supposed even at a loss. The name of Cottonwood Springs was registered at the postoffice department in Washington. That is where mail should be directed.

The church in Lurane township was dedicated last Sabbath, the sermon being preached by Rev. Compton, and \$20 was subscribed by the audience to pay expenses.

Boasting Ahead.

Much to the mental pain and chagrin of those who do not wish to acknowledge it and greatly to the exaltation of those interested Spokane Falls exhibits every symptom of the growing fever in its most virulent form. The spirit of progress seems to have taken a firm hold upon the inhabitants and has no desire to let go. Every species of building from the cheapest habitation to the most expensive brick block is under way, or will be shortly, and there is no end to it. With the appearance of spring and steady weather the sympathy of the hummer and trowel has filled the air, and the air has had no rest since. The building has not been confined to one particular part of town, but every block can boast of an addition in the shape of a building since work commenced. Much money has been already spent in improvements, but the sum total is nothing to compare with what will be expended during the balance of the year. The change that will be effected in our city during the next six months will be so great as to surprise even those who have studied the subject matter thoroughly. We have heard a great many new additions in the shape of conspicuous structures that are to assume shape in a short time, but among all of them the best is the proposed new brick block about to be commenced by Frank H. Moore, Esq., President of the First National Bank. The spot selected to be decorated by a brick and white structure is on the east side of Howard street between Riverside avenue and Main street. This vacuum is to be filled by one of the most expensive and prominent structures yet constructed in our city, where handsome brick building are too common to attract more than passing notice. The contract for excavating and basement walls has been let and work will commence immediately. The block will be 77 feet front on Howard street, with a depth of 78 feet. Mr. Moore has not yet decided whether it will be a two or three story building, but which ever it is the public can rest assured that it will be finished throughout without regard to expense. This block will be a striking improvement to Howard street and will feel satisfied will be followed by a number of other attractive buildings. It shows that our old citizens and capitalists have unwavering faith in the stability of this place and mean to do their share toward crowding ahead its prosperity.

The land department of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in Portland has sent out a poster printed on cloth, to be posted in the timber regions of Washington Territory, warning all persons against starting fires in the forests which through carelessness of the parties starting them, frequently destroy large tracts of valuable timber.

The poster contains the orders of the commissioner of the general land office at Washington directing the timber agents to proceed against all offenders under the law of Washington Territory relating to the unlawful setting out of fires, and admonishes all offenders that the Northern Pacific will aid the government in checking the evil. This warning is very timely, as many will remember the large amount of valuable timber destroyed last summer through the carelessness or carelessness of persons in timbered regions. The penalty under Territorial law is very severe, and it is sincerely hoped that a few examples will be made and a check put upon the destructive forest fires which take place annually in Washington Territory, likewise in Oregon.—Olympian Courier.

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