NOR'-WESTERS.

Edmonton.

Bulletin,

Wood-pecker, the chief of the Two hills, is reported to be anxious for peace, but some of his brothers want to fight and go where the fighting is. For himself he wants none of it

F. Stobo's house on the south side was burned down by a prairie fire on Sunday last.

One of the pumps of the fire engine in the fort burst on Thursday. It is being repaired.

The bridge across the Sturgeon at D. B Wilson's place was carried away this week by high river Kelly's bridge, put up during the winter, is now the only means of access to the north side of the river.

Two members of the ancient order of Calithumpians paraded in uniform on April 1st, creating quite a stir. At a distance they were mistaken by some parties for the advance guard of the 90th, who had lost their way and struck Edmonton instead of Prince Albert.

Prairie fires were raging all last week and the early part of the present week. The weather was beautiful, dry and warm. but on Wednesday morning a change came. The wind blew from the north and the sky became cloudy. Small specks of snow fell, and in the afternoon a thoroughbred snow-storm set in, and all of Thursday and Thursday night. It has been very hard on cattle, especially as so many have been neglected by the owner just at this time on account of the Indian scare.

Ice cleared in the river at Fort Saskatchewan on Thursday last.

Mail was held on Friday morning last, as it was considered unsafe to let it go out.

Montana.

Sun River Sun—

C. B. Walker has purchased James Gibson's hardware store. Mr. Walker is an industrious young man and will no doubt do well.

The contest for the crazy quilt, to be voted to the most popular lady at the fair next month, is likely to be spirited, and the lady who is fortunately popular enough to get it will be in luck.

Brownie, the popular Helena and Benton stage driver, says last Friday night was a little the worst night he ever put in on the box. The snow on the Birt Tail was about three feet, and the road indiscernable, and to add to his discomfort the measly old jerry got tired and tumbled over on its side to take a rest. It is fair to presume, that Brown cooled down his wrath by omitting copious mouthfuls of extra choice cuss words, for which he is famous. We have a faint recollection of sinking out of sight in a snow bank while going over the Divide with Browne, on the box, some time ago; and when he fails to get out of a fix there is no stage driver in the world has any business to tackle the job.

Fort Benton.

River Press—

The river is rising rapidly and is a great deal higher now than at this time last year.

David Wareham, of the Shonkin, is the happy father of a brand new boy, born on Saturday evening last.

The Black Hills Pioneer says Deadwood is alive again with the report that a rich ore body has been struck in the Iron Hill mine on the 600 foot level. The stock at once jumped from 40 to 75 cents.

We understand that Mr. Frazer, the well known Minneapolis mill man, will be in Fort Benton the latter part of this month to look over the field with a view of putting in a flour mill. He ought to receive all encouragement required.

The cattle now are in a good condition. The storm of the past few days has given the grass a good start, which is just what it needed. It is predicted that the early crop will exceed that of many years. The losses during the winter have been nominal, and the general outlook for the cattle industry is better than ever before.

Regina.

Leader,

Mr. W. R. Roberts, watchmaker and jeweller, of Calgary, has been in town for some days and is open for business in his premises on Broad street, opposite the Palmer house.

Our weather lately has been most lovely and every farmer we have seen or heard from says that the sowing season has been by far the best we have ever seen since coming to this country—the land working most beautifully. All our farmers are very hopeful of a good season as they are nearly through with their sowing, have got all in tip-top order, and are some weeks ahead of any previous season in point of time. Our prairie is assuming quite a verdant hue, and is delightfully interspersed with innumerable crocuses. In some places they form quite a bed of beautiful purple.

McLeod.

Gazette.

D. J. Cochrane, whose ranch is on the Blood Reserve, was long ago bought out by Government, the price to be left to arbitration. There was some hitch at the time, and they won't not pay him the price awarded by the arbitration. They have now decided to do so, and W. Pocklington, Indian Agent, has been out there adjusting matter.

People are beginning to ask themselves how many generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, etc., etc., will be inflicted on the long suffering people of the North west after the war. It will probably like the veterans of the noble three hundred—no end of 'em.

The news is confirmed of the shooting of a man at Beaver Creek in the mountains, on the 7th inst., by Sergt. Fury, of the N.W. M. Police. The circumstances are substantially the same as at first reported. A man was arrested and his comrades attempted his rescue. One of the would-be rescuers named McCallum was shot in the arm. The wound was not serious, but had the desired effect.

The Mountain Rangers have secured a valuable addition to their strength in the person of Mr. J. G. Brown, of the Kootenai Lakes, a well-known hunter and scout. He will act as scout for the Rangers, who are to be congratulated on having secured his services.

Moosomin.

Courier.

Mr. Isaac Pearce brought in to-day, a fine black bear, which he killed in township 13, section 31, range 32, near the Pipestone. He also secured two cubs alive and they are at McCallum's stable on exhibition and for sale.

A man named Webster was conveyed to Regina last week in charge of Constable Ryan, N.W.M.P., charged with selling liquor at Broadview. He was taxed $50 and costs

There was a big snow storm on Tuesday night, and the drifts in some places were three feet high. It thawed very rapidly the next day and slush was the consequence.

Two desperadoes were arrested at Turtle Mountain last week, on the Canadian side of the lines by American detectives, one of whom is charged with the murder of four men besides looting stores and stealing horses, and was such a desperate character that the American government offered $1,000 reward for his apprehension.

New Westminster.

Guardian—

Mr. Sharpe, the late constable at Port Moody, says he is still in the employ of the Government; if the powers that be choose to pay a man to do his work, he has no objection.... The old registry office, until recently the Guardian office, is being pulled down; it is one of the oldest buildings in the city.... Steamers are more numerous on the river, and there is generally more movement.... The salmon is appearing in large numbers.... The new Oddfellows' Lodge will be opened in about a week..... Our gallant Volunteers, both riflemen and artillerymen, are ready to go after Riel. the only difficulty is that one of our guns will have to go on crutches... The Telephone company have been furnishing a number of our citizens with transmitters; amongst others, Messrs. Bole, Corbould and McCall We are still happy in the continuance of fine weather.... The str. Idaho went round to Port Moody on Thursday last direct from Tacoma, with freight for the railway; she came round to New Westminster last evening with a large freight for our city merchants.... The Princess Louise steamer from Victoria arrived at 2.30 p.m.... According to the Victoria papers the through to Yale trips are to be renewed at an early date.... The candidate to oppose Mr. Duck in Victoria City, is Mr. R. T. Williams, the well-known bookbinder; he is a most respectable man and will make a good member.... Plenty of fine spring salmon; the eulachans are about due.... The Coal Harbor Land Commission will meet in the city on Tuesday next.

THE WITS AT WORK.

The devil arose from his little bed,
And washed his face and combed his head.

The devil to breakfast gaily went,
And gorged himself to his heart's content.

The devil with many a merry jest
Gave to the meal an added zest.

The devil's mother poured the tea,
And smiled at her son's impulsive glee.

The devil finished his early meal,
And started away on nimble heel.

'For, you know,' he said, 'I make it by six,
Or the foreman would treat me to sundry kicks.'

'God bless you, son,' said the devil's ma,
As the devil caught on a passing car.

'God bless the devil!' 'Tis strange, yet true,
Of a printer's devil I'm talking to you.

--Chicago Telegram

Cheap Telegraphy.

If reports in regard to a new invention are true—and the best informed authorities have given credence to their genuineness—there is soon to be a revolution in telegraphy, brought about by a system less complicated, simpler and yet more rapid, and, of greatest importance to the business and social world, cheaper. The new instrument resembles, it is reported, an ordinary typewriter, and is operated in the same way. It can become at will either receiver or transmitter. A pressure upon a key representing any letter not only records the letter on a slip of paper in full view, so that the sender can be sure of absolute accuracy, but transmits a current by which the corresponding key in the receiving machine is similarly affected, though at any distance. Experiments tried over one hundred miles of wire are said to have been conducted with entire satisfaction. If this process proves as simple and sure said as it is claimed to be, the dream of printing by telegraph will at last be realized. For that is what this invention practically means. Anybody who can operate a typewriter can send a message, and anybody who can read print can receive one. Speed of transmission will correspond to the possibilities of spelling out the message on the keyboard; and that, according to experience with the typewriter, can be done at the rate of from fifty words a minute upward, according to the degree of proficiency. Not the least advantage of the new system would be its accuracy, avoiding all errors of unskillful operators. The cost of telegraphing would be immensely reduced by its introduction, and the telegraph would come into almost as common use as the telephone. Farther news of the invention will be awaited with no slight interest, for if it prove all that it is said to be, the conception marks an era in progress and a revolution in the business of transmitting news second only to that which followed the invention of the Morse system itself.

A Clever Confidence Couple.

A beautiful girl, with large blue eyes and golden hair, but shabbily dressed, greatly interested a large crowd of gentlemen on one of the East River ferry boats the other day by singing very sweetly and tenderly the well known hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul." As she concluded one verse a large, well-dressed man called a deck hand and ordered him to put her out of the cabin. She looked around deprecatingly and burst into tears. There were cries of 'Throw him overboard,' 'Let her alone,' 'Shame!' The large man, who looked like a railroad president, hesitated; said that the deck hand was doing his duty, and that the ferry company had ordered all nuisances suppressed. He acknowledged that he had complained of her. The murmurs of discontent and anger arose around him, at which he seemed somewhat disconcerted, and, approaching the girl, said: 'What's the matter, lady?' Then she told her painful story of a sick mother, a dead father, no work, hunger, distress and her anxiety to get employment 'Oh, don't send me to prison,' she cried, breaking completely down. The large man was abashed and the crowd looked angry and scornful again. He at once apologized and to show his regret for his blunder, immediately took out a $5 bill, which he dropped into his hat. Then he passed the hat, which was soon filled with money. After the passengers had left the boat, he joined the girl and they went off together. He was a well-known clever confidence man, and the young woman was his wife, as clever as he.—N. Y. Letter.

The Official messenger publishes the following telegram from General Komaroff, dated April 1: 'On the 25th of March our detachment approached Dash Capri. When near the bridge we saw an entrenchment occupied by the Afghans. In order to avoid a combat I stationed my troops three miles from the Afghan position. Negotiations with Captain Yate (a member on Sir Peter Lumsden's staff) commenced on the 25th. When the Afghans became convinced that we had no intention of attacking them, they daily drew nearer to our camp. On the 25th they deputed three officers with a gun and a cavalry regiment, a company covering a reconnoitering party. Next day their authority and arrogance increasing they occupied high positions commanding the left flank of our camp, made entrenchments and placed a cavalry post in the rear of our line and attacked with a gun shot of our force on the 30th. I sent the Afghan commander an energetic summons to evacuate the left bank of Yaulai and the right bank of Murghab near the mouth of Kushk. He replied that acting on the advice of the English he would not retire beyond Kushk. I then sent him a private letter couched in amicable terms on the 30th and in order to support my demand I marched with a detachment on the Afghan positions, still expecting a pacific issue, but fire from the Afghan artillery and an attack of their cavalry compelled me to accept a combat.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of

Monday, 25th May, 1885

For the delivery of Indian Supplies during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1886, consisting of Flour, Beef, Groceries, Ammunition, Twine, Ox Carts, Bows, Agricultural Implements, Tools, &c., duty paid, in Manitoba and the North-West Territories

Forms of tender containing full particulars relative to the Supplies required, as well as Blankets, &c., may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg.

Parties may tender for each description of goods (or for any portion of each description of goods) separately or for all the goods called for in the Schedules.

Each Tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque in favor of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs on a Canadian Bank for at least five per cent. of the amount of the tender for Manitoba, and ten per cent. of the amount of the tender for the North-West territories, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

Tenderers are required to make up in the Money columns in the Schedule the total money values of the goods they offer to supply, or their tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

In all cases where transportation may be only partially paid, contractors must make proper arrangements for supplies to be forwarded at once from railway stations to their destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy of the Superintendent-General
of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, 19th March, 1885.

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NOTICE

To Millers and others within the Northwest Territories, and in Manitoba west of the 1st Principal Meridian only.

SEALED TENDERS, accompanied by one hundred pound samples, and endorsed "Tender for Flour" will be received at the undermentioned Indian Agencies in the Northwest Territories up to noon of Thursday the 30th day of April, 1885.

AGENT.	AGENCY.
H. Martineau,	Manitoba House,
L. W. Herchmer,	Battle.
A. McDonald,	Dalhousie Head.
J. A. Macrae,	Cardston.
J. M. Ross,	Battleford.
T. T. Quinn,	Fort Pitt.
W. Anderson,	Edmonton.
M. Begg,	Blackfoot Crossing.
W. Pocklington,	Fort McLeod.

Forms of tender giving full particulars relative to the quality, quantity and points of delivery of flour required, may be had on application to any of the above named agents, or from the Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, Regina; and no tender will be entertained which is not made out on one of the forms in the hands of the Agents or of the Indian Commissioner for distribution to intending tenderers. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, approved by the Indian Agent for the district, for at least five per cent. of the amount thereof, which will be forfeited if the tenderer declines to enter into a contract when called on to do so or if he fails to fulfil his contract to the satisfaction of the Department. If the tenderer prefers to do so he may deposit with the Agent, in lieu of an accepted cheque, the notes of any chartered bank in Canada to an equal amount. Cheques or cash accompanying tenders not accepted will be returned, but a cheque accepted by a successful tenderer will be retained until the satisfactory completion of his contract. Each tenderer is required to state in his tender the full value of all the flour which he is prepared to deliver under contract or his tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

Tenders will be entertained for a portion of the whole quantity of flour required at any given point.

Tenderers residing near one Agency but desiring to tender for delivery within another Agency further distant, may deposit the tender and samples for the most distant at the nearest of the Agencies specified above, with the Indian Commissioner at Regina. Samples of flour will be returned if desired, to unsuccessful tenderers on their application, and the sample submitted by a successful tenderer may be counted by him as a delivery on account of his contract.

In all cases where transportation may be only partially paid, contractors must make proper arrangements for the flour to be forwarded at once from railway stations to its destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Dy. Supt. General of
Indian Affairs.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, 31st January, 1885.

POSTPONEMENT.

The time for receiving the tenders invited in the above advertisement is hereby extended to the 15th May, 1885

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs.

TENDERS
FOR A
TIMBER LIMIT
IN THE
North-West Territories.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for a Timber Berth," will be received at this office until noon on

Monday, the First day of June next,

for a timber berth of two thousand square miles, situated about five miles north of the North Saskatchewan River, and west of and adjoining the Fifth Initial Meridian, in the Provisional District of Alberta, N.W.T.

Sketch shewing the position approximately of the berth, together with the conditions on which it will be licensed, may be obtained at this Department, or at the Crown Timber Offices at Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Prince Albert

A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, April 1st, 1885.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS, marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies," and addressed to the Honourable the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on

Thursday, 14th May.

Printed forms of tenders, containing full information as to the articles and quantities required, may be had on application at Fort Osborne, Winnipeg, at any of the Mounted Police posts in the North West, or at the office of the undersigned.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian Bank Cheque for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the total value of the articles tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the service contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority having been first obtained.

FRED. WHITE,
Comptroller.

Ottawa, 23rd March, 1885.

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