

NOR-WESTERS.

McLeod.

Mr. E. J. Christie, whose rancho is about six miles up the river, informs us that on the 25th February he plowed half a day. He could have put in several more days plowing but was not at home. If there is any other district in the Northwest where plowing was done, or could have been done on the 5th Feb. we should like to hear from it. Mr. Christie states that he plowed under the old plowing.

Ahead of us, but you are furrong south. —En. Non-Waxza.

The attention of the Lieut.-Governor is called to the necessity for advertising the proclamation setting apart Stock District No. 1. It is very important that the residents throughout the said district should know just what they must do if they wish to record their brands, and if all of them are to be reached, the proclamation should be published at least in the Calgary and McLeod newspapers.

The Old Man's River has been in a rather dangerous state during the past week. The high warm winds have ruffled the ice, and made crossing rather unsafe. C. Ryan, with whom, broke through last Saturday afternoon, and had considerable difficulty getting steam out. The stage did not start its last run, but remained on the other side.

Jones, Mrs. Morden and Mrs. Smith started yesterday morning for the Bell Ranch on Belle River. When about a mile and a half beyond the slough, the hind axle of the wagon broke. Jones unhooked the team, returned to town and took out another wagon.

At about six o'clock the other evening the N. W. C. & N. Co. saw mill was discovered to be on fire. A gang of men were promptly on hand and put it out before any damage was done.

I. G. Baker & Co.'s new store is well worth a visit. The interior is about finished now, and reminds one more of a city than a small western town. Too much praise cannot be given Mr. Overfield, under whose directing hands the goods have been arranged in their present attractive style.

Battleford.

The weather for the past week has been cold and stormy, but yesterday it took a change for the better.

The Government has ordered an enumeration of the half-breeds who did not participate in the distribution of land in Manitoba.

An Indian on one of the reserves near here claims that he can cure glandered horses, and says he will do it for \$5 a case, —no cure, no pay. If he really has the secret it would be worth a good deal to owners of horses to get it out of him.

An Indian found a couple of horses on the prairie last summer and advertised them in the fall. The advertisement was seen by a person from Duck Lake, and a few days ago he proved ownership of the animals and recovered them.

Moosomin.

E. Brokovski, Esq., of the Dominion Lands Intelligence Office of this District is paying a visit to Winnipeg.

The ball at Crooked Creek last Friday night was attended by some forty or fifty persons. Several sleighs of Moosominites were there, who, no doubt enjoyed the drive in the cool night air. Mr. Erwen will, it is hoped, soon open his house again.

The Canada North West Land Company purchased a carload of extra No. 1 hard Red Flax wheat, for seed, for the Crofters. It was purchased in Port Arthur, and the C. P. R. shipped it through free. Mr. Bedford found it necessary to make this purchase as grain was coming in so slow to Moosomin.

We were favored with a call from Mr. Robertson, a Scottish Lowlander, who is here for the purpose of spying out the land for a party of Lowland emigrants who are expected to arrive shortly under the auspices of the Northwest Land Company. Mr. Robertson has been some little time in the country, and says it is just the place for the past up energies of overcrowded Britain.

Qu'Appelle.

Rain and sleet fell the greater part of Monday.

Messrs. Thompson & Clark sold, last week, the north-east quarter of section 4, tp. 21, r. 12 for \$1,000.

Messrs. Russell & Davis, butchers, are excavating an ice well, wherein they purpose storing ice for summer use.

The next sitting of the Assiniboia District Court will be held here on the 21st prox. Suits may be entered with Con. Gurnsey.

At the Council meeting, on Saturday last, it was decided to bridge the creek that crosses Broadway, at the west end of the town, and for the erection of which tenders are invited.

At a meeting held at the parsonage, on Monday evening, the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Lewis, Joyner, Nixon, Mc Donald, Pavy, Lay, and Cruthers, were appointed a building committee to attend to the erection of the new Episcopal church which is to be built in this place, and they will proceed at once to make preparation for the commencement of work as soon as the weather will permit.

Kamloops.

Weather mild and pleasant, with light snow occasionally covering the ground. Horses and cattle are to be seen feeding along the banks of the river and sides of the mountains.

We are credibly informed that bitter complaints are made throughout Nicola at the way mails are now received. The business people of Kamloops are also sufferers, as changes recently made are from bad to worse. Im-

provements have been expected instead of going back to primitive times. Where does the blame rest?

Mr. W. H. E. Smith, late of Nicola, recently arrived in Kamloops and has entered upon duty as an assistant to our Government Agent, Mr. Tunstall. Mr. T. has had more to do than he could well attend to and Mr. Smith will, no doubt, render important service.

Regina.

Staff Sergeant Saffrey of the N. W. M. Police, Regina, went by Sunday night's train to Qu'Appelle.

Captain Cotton, N. W. M. P. of McLeod, arrived by Sunday night's train from the West and is staying with Col. Irvine at the Barracks.

When Mr. F. G. Smith went to Calgary on Wednesday he had a 'Rowdy' companion with him, but it cannot be said that he left not a 'Spark' behind.

Mr. Mayter Reed, Assistant Indian Commissioner, went by Wednesday evening's train to Qu'Appelle, from which he will drive to visit the Indians in the vicinity of the Touchwood Hills.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was confined to the house for some days in the beginning of last week and the end of the week previous by a severe attack of lumbago. We were glad, on calling at his office the other day, to find he had recovered, although he has not quite resumed his wonted activity.

Prince Albert.

The writ for the election of school trustees for the Red Deer Hill district, is expected by next mail.

The remainder of the stock of the J. O. Davis & Co. estate will be disposed of next week, either by private sale or public auction.

New Westminster.

Mr. Beatty, the agent for Van Horne & Co., having despaired of securing the agreement ceding the Coal Harbor lands, has arranged with the owners of property at Port Hammond to accept a portion of the town-site, and make that place the river terminus for the railway. Mr. Beatty left for the Sound yesterday morning. The only salvation for this city in connection with Port Moody.

Montana.

A wealthy New Yorker's son has come to Montana and joined the wild and woolly cowboys. Whereat the 'old man' is exceedingly wroth and offers one thousand round John dollars for the return of the stray.

Mr. C. E. Conrad, of Helena, has been quite ill. He is suffering from a bad cold, attended with fever, but is improving.

STOCK ITEMS.

Reliable parties in New Mexico report that cattle there are being held at pretty stiff figures. Our New Mexico friends are of the opinion that in view of the possibility of Texas cattle being virtually barred out of the Northwest, they will be able to secure prices this season pretty well up as compared with other years, when no embargo existed upon Texas cattle.—Cheyenne (Wyo.) Live Stock Journal.

Spring Pigs, as a rule, are worth more than any other. It is of much importance therefore that as many of them as possible should be saved. If lost, the main profit of the year are gone. Considering them as a source of wealth to the breeder and the nation at large, great care should be taken in providing for their safe delivery and in so arranging that they may thrive and do well from the first. No one having sows in furrow at this time should allow them to be neglected.—Phil. Thriftless.

[Sun River Sun:] Kyle Price who is wintering a band of pilgrim sheep in the Marias, below Fort Conrad, tells the River Press that he has sustained no loss so far this season.

The cow men of this valley have put in the winter after their cattle and gathering in such as need feed. Messrs. Hodson, Austin Woodsworth, Travis and Thoroughman have lived in the saddle all the past cold weather and they show it by their hardy, brown faces. They returned a few days ago from a trip to the Lakes and Trout creek basin, where they went to look after cattle wintering in that high altitude. They report, after a very careful examination of the condition of stock, that they were doing exceedingly well. They did not see one dead animal during the six days' trip.

[Chebanut, Mon.]: Martin Frowen, general manager of Powder River Cattle company, which owns extensive cattle ranches in Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas, arrived in Superior, Wis. on the 15th, from England, where he has been for a few months past in the interest of his company. He has succeeded in securing the consent of the English government to import American cattle into that country for fattening purposes duty free. The company will at once build several more large cattle sheds at their stock yards here, and otherwise increase their facilities for handling stock to 10,000 head. They will ship the cattle from their ranches to this city by rail previous to the opening of navigation, and then ship to England via the lake.

[River Press:] A gentleman who is largely interested in cattle on the Yellowstone states that thus far this season has not been as hard for cattle as east.

Parties who have returned from the ranges report that the cattle are beginning to look pretty thin, the late cold weather being rather hard on them. Up to this time however there have been no losses.

The third number of the Montana Wool Grower, will be issued next month. This

Journal is receiving an extensive circulation among the wool growers of the territory, and in the east.

The Conchranes Cattle and Rancho company of the Northwest have just issued their annual statement. Sales realized \$154,000, paying a dividend for the year of 10 per cent (80,000) to stockholders. The sum of 82,000 was carried forward to profit and loss. The live stock of the company amounts to 37,000 head of cattle and horses, which have been valued at \$937,600. They have also during the last twelve months erected and paid for over a hundred miles of wire fence.

Kyle Price says that his sheep have wintered remarkably well, there being no losses to record thus far. His band of sheep is located on the Marias, below Fort Conrad, and probably as far north as any sheep in Montana. They were brought from Oregon last summer. There being no losses speaks well for the manner in which they have been handled.

George D. Patterson says the losses among his sheep during the past winter will not exceed two per cent. Out of one of his bands of 1,640 sheep only six have died during the winter. This speaks well of Montana as a sheep raising country.

The Southwestern Stockman says there seems to be a great disposition among Arizona stock growers to increase the size of their herds rather than the quality. Experience elsewhere has shown that it pays better to grade up from the start with good blood lines than to devote all one's means to the accumulation of scrabs.

The condition of cattle in the Bad Lands is almost beyond the belief of an eastern cattle raiser. They are mostly states cattle brought in here, turned loose and never received a grain of any kind. Their entire food is the rich grass, and to-day, after enduring the hardest winter and deepest snow on record, a large majority of them are fit for slaughter.—Melora (Dak.) Cowboy.

Taking into consideration the rumors of losses from starvation and cold that have been industriously circulated in the east it may seem almost beyond belief to state the facts. The real facts are that three out of five of all cattle in the Bad Lands, pilgrims included, are now in prime condition for slaughtering. It would be well for anyone who doubts this statement to get a horse and ride among the cattle and see for himself. E. G. Paddock, who is certainly a good judge of stock, came in from a ride Saturday and made the statement that he had seen a thousand head of cattle and not a poor one in the lot. Also that he had not seen a dead one. This statement only confirms many others of the same kind that we have repeatedly heard.—Bad Lands (Dak.) Cowboy.

'That's a pretty smart boy of yours, Uncle Moe.' 'Yes, sah; he am, fur a fac'.' 'You'll give him a good education, I suppose?' 'No, sah; I doesn't want ter make no rascal out o' dat boy.'

'Were you drunk?' asked the police magistrate of the shattered-eyed man standing before the throne of justice, and hardly able to keep his feet. 'Shoo, sah! Phati-tio-cally, shoo, sir! I sh only drunk schlager abbeer, and that ain't 'tox-tox-intoxicating, as everybody shows.' 'What causes your present condition, then?' asked the registrar. 'Muss-muss-muss have been the raw onion I ate' and the prisoner quietly commenced settling to the floor.

'See what it is to be poor!' he exclaimed, as he stood shivering in a doorway. 'Hungry!' queried the other. 'Well, I'm always hungry, for that matter but just now a man whom I fell against on the corner got mad about it and offered to lick me for two cents.' 'And you hadn't the money?' 'Couldn't possibly raise a red cent, and I told him so, and he had to go away disappointed. The rich either ought to come down on their prices, or the poor have some new way of making money. A thinking would have warmed me up for a whole week.'

A man in Georgia tells of a ten-pound trout which stopped a mill wheel. Either the wheel must have been smaller than the trout or the fish bigger than the mill.—Boston Post.

'Another big failure,' said Smith, as he opened his morning paper. 'A big failure?' queried his spouse. 'Yes. A firm in Holland who were engaged in the wue-ese sugar trade have failed for \$1,000,000.' 'Is it possible?' exclaimed Mrs. Smith. 'The recent reduction in the price of sugar caused their failure, didn't it?' 'I don't know,' said Smith. 'I guess the reason of the failure was: because the weather was too cold for anybody to eat sugar.'

'Is there harmony in your church?' asked the presiding elder. 'There is, there is,' replied Deacon Ransgate, 'perfect harmony; we have dismissed the pastor, discharged the organist, compelled the choir to resign, discontinued the Sabbath and week-day meetings, uncharged the sexton and expelled about one-half the members, and while-winged peace now broods softly within the walls of this branch of the earthly Zion. Harmony? I believe the very angels envy us.'

Whatever may or may not be said of George Francis Train, no one who has ever met him will deny that the erratic gentleman is remarkably quick at repartee. It was during a lecture he gave in Chicago some years ago that he exclaimed: 'Every man has his price.'

'What is your price, Mr. Train?' cried a voice from the gallery. 'Quick as a flash the lecturer faced the questioner and exclaimed: 'Fifty cents admission; children' (pointing out the owner of the voice, while the entire audience focused its gaze at the astonished person in line o' Mr. Train's index finger) 'half price.'

A Scotch boy, having injured his leg severely, was turned over to a local practitioner. The cure progressed slowly, and the mother, who idly became very anxious, concluded to consult a 'bone-setter' living some miles away. The latter worked hard over the leg and at last 'got the bone in' to the music of the boy's loud screams. 'Didn't the setter do it well?' asked the cheerful old lady as the pair hied homeward. 'Yes, he did, mother,' said the lad, 'but I was as sick a fool as to give him the salt leg.'

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED BAKERS, OF the town of Calgary, do hereby agree to sell bread, on and after March 2nd, at the following prices only: 2 Loaves... \$1.00 12 " " hotels for cash... \$1.00 If any of the undersigned bakers break this tariff, and be convicted of the same, he will thereby forfeit the benefit of his place in the Union. By the Bread Act to be enforced by the Town Council of Calgary, all bread must be 1 1/2 lbs in weight (Signed) THOMAS SIRETT, City Bakery. JAMES MORTIMER, Vienna Baker. F. J. CLAXTON, Star Bakery.

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Canadian Pacific RAILWAY. WESTERN DIVISION.

Winter Time Table. On and after Dec. 7th, 1884, trains will move as follows: Going West. 8.30 Leave Winnipeg. 11.05 Portage la Prairie. 1.00 Brandon. 11.00 Broadview. 1.00 Regina. 5.25 Moose Jaw. 1.00 Swift Current. 1.00 Maple Creek. 2.15 Medicine Hat. 1.30 Arrive Calgary. 1.10 a.m. Leave Calgary. 8.45 p.m. Trains between Winnipeg and Brandon daily, except Sundays. Three trains a week between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, leaving Winnipeg on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; returning, leave Moose Jaw Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Once a week between Winnipeg and Laggan leaving Winnipeg Tuesday; returning, leaves Laggan on Friday. Train between Calgary and Laggan subject to cancellation at any time without notice. Going East. 7.30 Leave Winnipeg. 2.00 a.m. Rat Portage. 2.00 a.m. Ignace. 1.00 Arrive Port Arthur. 1.30 p.m. Train for Port Arthur leaves Winnipeg on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning leaves Port Arthur Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Going South. Leave Winnipeg. 8.05 Winnipeg. 10.50 Emerson. 8.40 Winnipeg. 9.15 Morris. 10.30 Morris. 11.55 Gretna. 11.40 Gretna. 5 p.m. Mantou. *Daily except Saturday. *Trains run daily between Winnipeg and Gretna. Train leaves for Manitou Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only; returning leave Manitou Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Train leaves Winnipeg for Stonewall Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9.50 a.m., arriving at Stonewall at 12.30 a.m. Return same days, leaving Stonewall at 1.30 p.m., and Stony Mountain at 2 p.m., arriving at Winnipeg 3 p.m. Train leaves Winnipeg for West Selkirk Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m., arriving at West Selkirk Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30 a.m., arriving at Winnipeg 8.50 a.m. *Trains east of Brandon will run by Central Standard Time. Trains west of Brandon by Mountain Standard Time. Central Standard Time is one hour faster than Mountain Standard Time. John M. Egan, Wm. Kerr, Superintendent, Gen'l. Pass. Agt.

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