WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The Grief Engendered by the Greeley Relief Expedition.

Spring and Lent—True Meridian for Lincoln—Six-pounders for Wymore—Other Items.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The fitting out of the Greeley relief expedition creates more discussion in this city than in any other probably, because so many of the young naval officers who are to go on the Thetis and the Bear and the Alert are residents of this city. They are supposed to "volunteer" their services, but their volunteering is in most cases the result of a polite request from the officer in command of the expedition to accompany it. A request of such a nature cannot well be refused and amounts virtually to a command. The list includes many of the most popular men in Washington society, the beaux of the last winter and many preceding winters, who will leave behind them everything that is comfortable and attractive to plunge into the frigid fastnesses of the pole and all the dangers and discomforts of an Arctic journey. Lieutenant Emory, for instance, who is aide to the admiral at present, will leave behind a young wife and one of the prettiest houses in Washington. Lieutenant Lemly, who has been on soft "special duty" in the judge advocate's office for years, is another. They do not seem to fear any danger, though, and look forward to an early return in the fall and a grand procession up the avenue, covered with glory and honor.

A YOUNG ENSIGN,

an acquaintance of mine, entertained me the other evening by pointing out on a large chart the proposed route. He goes on the Thetis, the advance ship, and the only one of real danger. "Here is where the Proteus sank." "Here is where the ice-pack occurs." "This is the point we will reach in August," he went on to say, and I was glancing about his cosy room, with its cluster of German favors over the mantle, the pretty desk, heaped with invitations and notes on one side and his own P. P. C. cards ready to mail on the other.

"Pour Preridre Conge," indeed, and for how long, and for what different surroundings, thought I.

The New York Times declares for private expeditions for the relief of the Greeley party, and criticises the joint recommendation of Secretaries Lincoln and Chandler against the offer of a reward by congress, as being a plea for red tape. It is anything but red tape, for that symbolizes delay, and this expedition is not to be delayed and private enterprise could not be more expeditious or certain or better prepared. If the navy of the United States cannot rescue, nobody can. The delay is more likely to arise in the case of an offer of a reward, for then whalers would push into the ice pack, endanger themselves and delay the Thetis and the other ships.

THE APPROACH OF SPRING

is seen on every side in this beautiful city and the spring time here is the best time; the period that all who come here or live here are quite certain to rave about. The summer time is quite a different thing, I am told. Congress is likely to sit into the summer, however, as late as August almost everybody says. The senate is to be commended for its dispatch of business; but the house is receiving condemnation on all sides for its procrastination.

Speaking of the beauties of the capital, its fine points are very admirably brought out by the articles in the last two numbers of the Century Magazine, especially that on the White House by E. V. Smalley.

The Lenten season is more rigidly observed here than I had expected; indeed, in a very model way. There are no longer parties; receptions are very rare, and at the card parties where dancing closes the evening it is without other music than the piano. Small dramatic entertainments, the matinee, the dog show, and calling in a quiet way are all the attractions. A much-needed rest is obtained and opportunity granted for making more intimate the acquaintenances formed during the "season."

TRUE MERIDIAN AT LINCOLN.

The city engineer at Lincoln, Neb., Mr. J. P. Walton, recently made inquiry of the U. S. coast and geodetic survey, through Senator Manderson, to ascertain if the government would not establish a true meridian at the capital at Lincoln. Mr. J. E. Hilgard, the superintendent of the survey, has replied that the determination of a true meridian at Lincoln would be a very simple and inexpensive matter if any person connected with the coast and geodetic survey were within reasonable distance of Lincoln; but as such is not the case at present, the cost of sending an officer for that special duty and bringing him back to Washington, including his subsistence while traveling, would be entirely out of proportion to the actual expense of the work.

"As soon as our appropriation for the next fiscal year becomes available," writes Superintendent Hilgard, "the work can be done by one of our western parties without expense to the local authorities, except for the necessary monuments, and at the same time the latitude and longitude of the place will be determined. The importance of Lincoln as the capital of Nebraska would make the determination of its geographical position desirable in the regular progress of the survey, and the establishment of a true meridian line can be effected at the same time at an inconsiderable additional expense."

A LIGHT BATTERY.

A short time ago Captain C. M. Murdock, of Co. A., Light Artillery, N. N. G., Wymore, Nebr., wrote to Senator Manderson asking whether it would be possible to procure from the war department two six-pounder guns with equipments. The secretary of war has answered that upon requisition of the governor of Nebraska, two six-pounder guns with carriages and the necessary implements for firing salutes will be furnished without delay, under the law for arming the militia.

Senator Manderson thinks, and has so written to Governor Dawes and other prominent officers of the Nebraska National Guard, that it would be well to make an effort to obtain a full battery of six guns. One section would be taken by Captain Murdock, another section might go to some company to be raised in the northern part of the state, say at Fremont, Norfolk or West Point, and the third section to the southeast. These three companies, uniformed, each with its section of artillery, could come together under command of the senior caption or some experienced artillerist in the state, and at Fremont during the G. A. R. encampment, or at the annual militia meeting would form an interesting and valuable feature. There is a great awakening in the east on the subject of militia, and Nebraska should also do something.

ODDS AND ENDS.

An Omaha man writes to our senators, complaining of the practice of forcing the sale of quack medicines by sly doses of various drugs previously administered in the food of those who are likely to buy. He claimed that all proprietary medicines are disposed of in that way.

Congratulatory telegrams and letters are coming in from all parts of the country to Senator Manderson on his Fitz John Porter speech, as well as requests for copies of his speech, which is now printed in pamphlet form.

Minor W. Bruce, secretary to Senator Van Wyck, has gone for a week's trip to Nebraska.

George V. Morfud is seen about the capitol nowadays, and is supposed to be looking after a bridge bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye, who have been in Washington over a month, start on Sunday for New York, where after a day or two's sight-seeing and a week in the country, they will leave for Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Loring (Edith Ramsey) were here several days this week.

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A SONG-BIRD NO MORE.

The Sudden Death of Mme. Bishop who Charmed Audiences Everywhere.

New York Journal.

Mme. Anna Bishop is dead. She passed away so quietly that only her nearest friends knew that she was dead even twelve hours afterwards. Her body lay in a front room of a Fourth avenue flat yesterday. There was no hurrying of feet up and down the two flights of stairs leading to her late abode. A simple piece of crape marked the door. Passers-by knew not that it meant that Mme. Anna Bishop, the song-bird who for forty years charmed audiences in almost every land, was dead. Only two years ago she gave a grand concert in Chickering Hall, astonishing all who heard her by the wonderful power and sweetness of her voice after all its use. Her last appearance was at a concert given by Dodworth in Steinway hall about a year ago, where she was encored several times. On Sunday last she went to church with her husband, Mr. Martin Schultz. When she returned home she found an old friend awaiting her. This was Mrs. Laird, the mother of Colonel George W. Laird, a vivacious old lady. She has been confined to her house this winter, and her appearance was an agreeable surprise to Mme. Bishop. They spoke of many things, among them being the proposed trip of Mme. Bishop to England. She intended to sail on the City of Richmond, commanded by her son-in-law, now on his westward trip. While the great singer was telling of the pleasure she anticipated at seeing her grandchildren in Liverpool and her brother and sister in London she was seized with a violent pain in the head. She threw up her hands and fell backward, unable to speak, remaining unconscious until her death on Tuesday night. It was apoplexy.

Mr. Schultz, the husband, spoke yesterday of the longing for home which possessed his illustrious wife. Not that she was tired of America, but she yearned to see her kindred. Instead she will be interred in the little village burying-ground in Red Rook, Dutchess county, beside the body of her son.

Mme. Bishop made her debut in Her Majesty's theatre, London, in 1839, she being twenty-five years old at the time. She sang Rossini music. In front of her was a discriminating audience. On the stage were Mario, Lablache, Rubina, Garcia, Grisi, Persiani, Tamburini and Thalberg. Both before and behind the footlights she was feted and caressed for her instantaneous victory. She had received the careful training of years to bring her to that point. Her father, Riviere, understood his treasure and spared nothing in order to fit her for her proper sphere. She was thoroughly versed in Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven before that eventful night. Her husband, Sir Henry Bishop, was professor of music in the university of Oxford. She was in a congenial circle.

The successful debutante made a triumphal first artistic tour on the continent. Jenny Lind was then in power. Mme. Bishop did not shun Sweden on that account. She went to Stockholm and captured Jenny Lind's stronghold. She sang all over Europe—a Danish ballad at Copenhagen, the Swedish national airs at Stockholm; in Russian before the czar's court, in German at Vienna and Berlin, in Italian at Florence, in French at Paris, and in her own native tongue in London.

Then Mme. Bishop looked across the sea in 1874. A grand reception awaited her. She went to Mexico and California, and still west to Australia; thence to South America, singing in the small republics, closing at Rio Janeiro in big Brazil. She returned to England and sang Rossini's "Stabat Mater" to 38,000 people in the Crystal Palace. Again she made an American tour extending over four years. At its end she went to the Sandwick Islands, and from there she sailed for Hong Kong, but was shipwrecked on a barren island. From this island in a boat twenty-two feet long Mme. Bishop, with twenty-one other persons, set out for one of the Mariana islands, 1,400 miles away. Mr. Schultz has two pictures of this trip—one a painting of the crowded boat in a heavy swell, and the other the arrival on the island of destination and the welcome by the inhabitants. Mme. Bishop lost all her property on that occasion.

The great singer had a love for endless travel; she was moving all her life and was probably the greatest woman traveller known. She made an Asiatic tour, ending it in Australia in 1868; then back to England. In May, 1875, she sang in Steinway hall, in this city, previous to a farewell tour round the world, in which she visited South America. In all her travels she must have sung to millions of people. No language was too difficult for her to master. In Tartary she sang the national airs of the country. She sang to every audience in its own tongue. Her voice was a rare one. In undeviating purity of intonation and unfailing perfection of execution Mme. Bishop has not been surpassed. Up to the last it preserved in a great degree its quality. She bore her seventy years with ease and was cheerful to the end.

WESTERN NEWS.

DAKOTA.

Wahpeton is moving toward $20,000 water works.

Douglas county farmers will plant a good deal of flax.

The population claimed for the Black Hills now is 40,000.

Yankton, Sioux Falls, Huron, and Mitchell have formed a circuit for spring races.

The Homestake and DeSmet mining companies' taxes amounted to over $40,000.

Yankton Catholics are raising funds to erect a school building on the church premises.

The population of Union county is 9,000. It is one of the best agricultural counties in Dakota.

A manufactory for terra cotta and fancy colored brick has been established at Fairview, Lincoln county.

Nearly forty G. A. R. posts have been organized during the first year of the department organization.

A transfer of an interest in a herd of Black Hills cattle recently took place in Rapid City, which involved the payment by the purchasers of $175,000.

The total number of post-offices of all classes in Dakota is 728, an increase during the past year of 192. Within the past nine years the number has grown from 133 to 728, an increase of 592.

A man named Goodwin, Deuel county, who seems to have a mania for mortgaging his property, has succeeded in getting nineteen mortgages on one piece, amounting to over $2,000. He has been arrested.

The Bismarck land district covers over ha that portion of Dakota north of the forty-sixth parallel. It is said to contain more excellent land still vacant and subject to entry than any other district in the United States. The district comprises over 50,000 square miles.

The new county of Butte, north of Lawrence, is attracting attention. It is an agricultural section, well watered by the Belle Fourche and a half dozen of its tributaries. It is a popular grazing section and fifty different herds of cattle feed upon its nutritious grasses. The largest herd in the county numbers 25,000 head. Minnesella, which has been built on the Redwater, is the county seat and the center of a very thriving trade.

WYOMING.

The property owned by the city of Cheyenne is valued at $205,207.50.

A barb wire fence is utilized for a telephone wire between Laramie and the suburb of Gloversville.

With the prospects of organizing, Fremont county is livening up, and Lander, as the coming county seat, is experiencing a real estate boom.

W. P. Carroll, the poetical reporter of Cheyenne, has squatted on an 800 acre tract of land near old Fort Casper in the northern part of the territory.

Specimens of copper ore from Spring Canyon have been brought to Laramie. The mines are only six feet deep, yet the ore shows a good per cent of copper and silver.

Cheyenne proposes to refund her old bonds and issue new bonds at a lower rate of interest. In addition $25,000 sewer bonds will be issued, making the total $65,000.

Last year the assessable property of the city of Cheyenne, real and personal, footed up to a total of $1,976,700; this year, according to Treasurer Bergeman's official estimate, it will amount to $2,500,000.

The Cheyenne postoffice pays $2,500 salary and perquisites. The present incumbent is Mrs. Susan R. Johnson, but a number of patriotic politicians are paring their corns to wear her shoes.

The Rawlins Journal reports a fatal disease among cattle on the upper Platte, particularly those imported from the east last year. They are first taken with a swelling under the jaws, which gradually extends over the whole body, when they die. Several have been cut open to see, if possible, what causes the disease. When the swollen places upon those that died were cut open an offensive yellow pus would exude. The disease does not seem to be particularly contagious; still there is considerable anxiety among stockmen.

The preliminary survey of the Cheyenne, Black Hills & Montana railroad is being made. The road will start from the northeastern part of Cheyenne, make a circuit westward, and pass through the Fort Russell reservation to Crow creek, which will be followed up twelve miles to the mouth of Sand creek, thence north across the Pole creek, three miles east of Cheyenne pass, to the head of the Chugwater, and thence down the Chug to the Laramie river, to Fort Laramie, the entire distance being 123 miles.

COLORADO.

The damage to the South Park railroad by the recent floods is estimated at $1,000,000.

Wandering Navajoes off their reservation, have attacked white settlers in Southern Colorado.

Glenwood, near Tomichi, was entirely covered up by a snow slike a few days ago. The citizens have been digging themselves out ever since.

The Colorado Coal and Iron company intend making several thousand acres of land north of Pueblo available for agricultural purposes.

Arapahoe county has purchased the Shreve property, near Central park, Denver, for $12,000. It will be used for poor house and hospital purposes.

"Three cheers for hell! Who cares for fire?" exclaimed an enthusiastic rustler at the republican primaries in Denver, as he rushed into a saloon and called for whisky.

The artesian well at Colorado Springs, after being bored to a depth of 730 feet was allowed to rest for awhile, and during the period of idleness the sides caved in and filled it till it is now 650 feet. The contractor will bore in a new place and continue till a depth of 1,500 feet is reached, or water found.

A female bruiser in Denver, who developed her muscle by "mopping the ground with her daughter," battered the mug of a policeman, blacked the eye of the prosecuting attorney and made a break for the judge because he sent her up for twenty-one days. She did not get near enough to paste him, but her tongue wagged while he was in sight. Bets are offered that she can give Sullivan a lively turning over.

MONTANA.

A fine quality of lithographer's stone has been found in the lower Yellowstone.

The county debt of Madison county was reduced to the extent of $13,352.98 last year.

Since January 1st of this year, the silver mining companies of Butte have shipped over 600 bars of fine bullion.

The Inter Mountain says that bullion shipments from Butte for the week ending March 8th, aggregate $98,000.

Some of the prominent capitalists of Madison county are organizing a creamery company, with a cash capital of $50,000.

The ore of the Drum Lummon, near Helena, tapped 600 feet from the surface, is said to be richer than ever—running $100 to the ton.

The Northern Pacific has already arranged for the shipment this spring of 25,000 young cattle from Iowa and Minnesota to Montana ranges.

A number of conductors on the Yellowstone and Montana divisions of the Northern Pacific have received the g. b., on the allegation that they did not fairly divide traffic receipts with the company.

The Utah and Northern is now running two freight trains daily each way between Butte and Garrison. This is required by the heavy and increased business in ore, bullion, lumber, grain and general merchandise, and will doubtless continue.

About 150 miles north Missoula, a region has been discovered by an exploring party in which are 22 cascades over 500 feet in height, and a true glacier with a mile of frontage and 500 feet fall; it is said to be a more wonderful region than the Yellowstone.

Calamity Jane, the most noted woman of the western frontier, and the heroine of many a thrilling nickle novel, has been living down the Yellowstone for some time past since leaving the Black Hills country, but has pulled up stakes and joined the stampede for Coeur d'Alene.

Miss Mary Virginia Nutall, the first white girl born in Montana, was married the 28th of last month at Raton, New Mexico, to Edward J. Wells, Rev. Mr. Boyle, of Trinidad, officiating. The young lady was ushered into this territorial world at Virginia City, in the spring of 1864, where her people then lived, and her Christian name of Virginia owes its origin to her birthplace. The young bride will be 20 years old in April, and is said to be a lovely woman.

UTAH.

The railroads at Salt Lake City are waiting on the Union Pacific to chip in for a Union depot.

The Germania lead works are running full capacity, manufacturing white and red lead, litharge and lead pipe. They propose to soon begin the manufacture of various colors for paints.

The receipts of bullion in Salt Lake City for the week ending March 19, inclusive, were $87,922.52; of ore, $6,890, in aggregate, $94,812.52. For the week previous the total was $110,777.95, of which $101,177.95 was bullion.

Work on the extension of the Salt Lake & Western road has been stopped. The officers of the road in Salt Lake City are disappointed over this decision of the managers of the Union Pacific, but they hope the time will soon come when they will receive orders to push forward with the road. The sixty miles of road in operation is doing well.

CALIFORNIA.

Two hundred thousand acres of grain have been sown in Fresno this season.

It is stated that John L. Sullivan cleaned up $18,000 on his Pacific coast tour.

A huge corporation is being formed in Southern California to handle and treat new wines by the electric process.

The country between Downey, Cal., and the ocean is described by the Los Angeles Express as being surrounded by water and barbed-wire fences.

Kit Joy, an escaped Arizona railroad robber, has been "sighted." He was riding a bay horse and was armed with a shotgun, a Winchester rifle and a revolver, and had on six belts of cartridges—a veritable traveling arsenal.

An old California miner, just returned from the Coeur d'Alene country, publishes in the San Francisco Chronicle that the rich quartz specimens and nuggets exhibited as having come from the new mines, are all California productions.

Nearly all the railroad land that has the remotest possibility of being in the artesian belt, Tulare county, has been purchased by San Francisco capitalists. It is expected they will have numerous wells bored at once.

NEW MEXICO.

Socorro is to have a new court house and jail to cost $40,000.

Santa Fe boasts of having twenty-nine lawyers—more than other city in the southwest.

A ranch one mile from Albuquerque contains 700 apple trees and 2,000 choice grape vines.

The miners of New Mexico are already sending in specimens of ore to Prof. Langhammer, for exhibition at New Orleans.

The delinquent taxes and licenses in Socorro county amount to $19,500, which accounts for county warrants being worth only 40 cents on the dollar in that county.

The Grand Army posts and citizens of New Mexico have inaugurated a movement for the erection of a fitting monument over the grave of Kit Carson, at Taos. It is expected that all of the Grand Army posts west of the Missouri will take part in the project.

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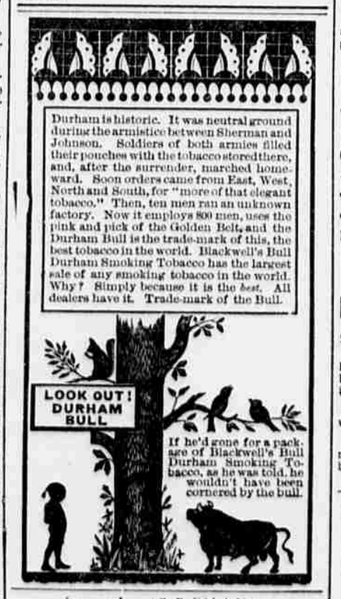
About April 15 a special edition of the Spirit Lake Beacon will be issued, devoted almost exclusively to immigration interests.



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