

## EARED ON SACRED GROUND

Section Hallowed with the Memories and Sacrifices of Frontier Heroes.

## ERIDAN BUILT ON HISTORIC SOIL

Worked Activity in All the Mineral and Industrial Centers of the West—New Developments and New Enterprises—Summary of Current Events.

The town of Sheridan, Wyo., is located on a historic site and in a region consecrated to the lives and sacrifices of many of the country's ablest soldiers. On the very site the town General Crook camped his gallant little army in July and August, 1876, fighting for reinforcements, after the battle of the Rosebud, forty miles away. In this engagement with Sitting Bull's forces, General Crook's command was outnumbered two to one, according to General Crook's own estimate, yet the general led about 900 fighting men. Our little army did its ground and the Indians retreated. General Crook encountered Sitting Bull on the Little Big Horn just one week later, and at the battle of the Little Big Horn, which was the last of his command which went into the fight, about 300 men, was killed.

Where the town of Sheridan now stands there was a busy and a martial scene August 1876. General Merritt, with the Fifth United States Cavalry, joined General Crook at that date, and immediately the order was given to move against the hostile Sioux. There was to be no rest for the reinforcing force, which had marched for many days, the march that night, between the two camps, was alive with active preparations, and the earliest streak of dawn found the entire command, stripped of all impediments, marching toward the north and east. Its subsequent career—its battles, marches and starvation—are known to the army.

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anticipation in Butte at present, and probably there will be none for many years. But there is trouble brewing at Butte and other camps in Colorado, and the trouble has been sent there from Butte to ascertain what the trouble is and what can be done for them, if anything. These things have led to the belief that the trouble is not a local one, but a general one, and that it is only by a local organization that the miners can attain their full strength.

Marble City's Resources. From present indications the next point in Colorado to attract attention will be Marble City, located in Gunnison county, about twenty-three miles in a direct line south-west of Aspen and upon the north bank of Crystal river.

At the present time two railroads are being built up that beautiful valley, one of which is already graded to within three miles of the town. With the advent of steam transportation will come great activity in developing the wonderful and varied resources that abound in its immediate vicinity. Perhaps there is no section in this state that can show so many inducements for profitable industry in such a small area as Marble City and its surroundings. About one mile southeast of the town are located vast marble beds, varying from white to black, and of almost every known shade. These marble beds are considered by the best experts in America to be the finest in the world.

Within a half mile to the east and south-east lies one of the largest slate beds on the continent; this slate is of the class known as rock slate, being very durable, and is worth about \$1 per square foot more than the finest Pennsylvania slate.

From one to four miles east of Marble City is located Sheep Mountain, well known for its mines of precious metals. On this mountain the most precious of good, permanent mines is said to be better than that of Aspen and the same stage of development. Ore has been taken from these mines almost as rich as the mines that night, between the two camps, was alive with active preparations, and the earliest streak of dawn found the entire command, stripped of all impediments, marching toward the north and east. Its subsequent career—its battles, marches and starvation—are known to the army.

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An Electric Line from Besenmer to Pueblo. Pueblo is about to have a second electric railway company. For several days interested citizens have been engaged in soliciting subscriptions for a street car line directly connecting the two cities of Pueblo and Besenmer.

The Denver and North Platte. The Denver and North Platte railway company will not construct the new line at once for a reasonable bonus, a new company will be immediately organized. The movement is in the hands of the proprietors of the Philadelphia and Colorado smelters, the rock yards and packing companies and other manufacturing plants which have no communication with the city, except by private conveyance, although, of course, people live in that vicinity. The new line will certainly be built this season.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. Rev. Henry N. Dunning is to be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Pawnee City today.

The Greater Association of Congregational churches held its annual meeting at Curtis last week.

A half ton of butter is made every day by the Columbus creamery, and New York features a market.

The Lutheran assembly at Wahoo has been presented with a fine collection of birds by A. F. Lufander of Oakland.

The Norfolk district Epworth league meeting opens today at Wayne and will continue until Wednesday afternoon.

Little Jimmie Huestead, while playing along a mill race at Superior, fell into the water and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

"Love Affairs of an Old Maid" is the title of a novel soon to be issued, the author of which, Miss Lillian Bell, formerly resided at Nebraska City.

The program has been issued for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the state general. The convention will be held at the Sunday school convention, to be held at Fairbury June 6 and 7.

President Powers of the state alliance is booked to address the York county alliance at York May 27. Hon. J. Wardell of South Dakota will also be present.

While a bunch of cattle was crossing the Elkhorn on the bridge at Imman, the center span fell, completely wrecking the structure. The bridge had only been completed a few weeks.

Miss Sara Harlock, a flaxing young lady, was recently given a benefit in Denver for a total of \$800. She will use the money in training her voice at some eastern musical institution.

The premium list of the Nebraska state fair has just been issued and it is quite a considerable volume. The fair this year is the twenty-seventh annual and the dates are September 8 to 15.

Miss Christina Baker, daughter of one of the leading citizens of Table Rock, has returned home from a tour of the north and west, where she spent several months in missionary work in Alaska and in the north.

Ham Kauzman, tired of keeping the Beacon Light trimmed and burning at Oakland, has transferred the Beacon Light to where he will stir up the population of Hot County with his pen through the columns of the Independent.

Word was received at Colorado Springs that the Summit Mining company had again struck it rich in one of its Cripple Creek properties. It is now in a good vein, which shows plenty of free gold and will run about \$2,000 a ton.

The strike in the Ida May is confirmed and is of great richness. The pay streak is about eighteen inches in width and the specimens are very similar to those obtained from the rich pocket in the Eclipse and it was all nice and clean with hardly any waste. The vein dips to the north towards the foot of the hill and is about 100 feet wide. It is expected that when this iron is reached they will have an immense body of ore.

On Monday the hanging wall in the Tiger was encountered and disclosed fourteen feet of ore. The work on the upper ore continues, and from present indications they will break through next week, as the sound and jar from the shots can be plainly heard and felt on the surface. As soon as the ore is in it condition ore will be shipped as fast as teams can haul it. They have quite a number of men at work cutting out the ore and loading it on the mine and getting it in shape to ship.

Charles Gibson arrived in camp Monday evening, and Tuesday morning he had a force of men working on the mine. He is pumping the water from the shaft and getting the mine a general overhauling. It was a very difficult task, as the tunnel was also flooded and he had to work in the water. He and his men have managed to overcome it, and they expect to have it clear of water. It is the intention of the company to thoroughly overhaul the mine, and if the result is sufficiently encouraging they will go ahead and work it.

Farmers Fighting Freight. Farmers living in the vicinity of Elkhorn, Summit Lake and Wheatville, Cal., are about to prove that it is possible to run steamers from their neighborhood to San Francisco. They want to send their wheat to market by water, and they are convinced that there is nothing in the way of doing it. Two thousand acres of wheat are planted this year, the largest ever known. Some time ago these farmers, who had grown tired of waiting for engineers and companies to move, appointed a committee of their own to examine the slough from Elkhorn to White's Bay, and they have now completed the route and saw that boats could be run in one or two places, where \$400 would remove the obstructions.

They went to San Francisco, and bargained for a very small team and barges to cost only \$3,350, to be bought in case the rest of the farmers about Elkhorn approved the bargain. They then went home and called a meeting of all the people who favored the idea. This meeting was to meet at Wheatville last week.

This plan is so far away that the result of the meeting has not yet been learned. The steamer is small, but it is thought that it can tow to barges from Elkhorn to White's Bay. The plan is to have six large barges, each with a steam engine, and two will be loading and two unloading. Each will carry sixty or seventy tons. During the summer and fall considerable grain can be taken to market. If the project can be carried out, there is all the money needed backing the business and the people of that vicinity say that while Fresno, Bakersfield and other cities are arguing the matter, the wheat will be sent to market by water.

The Indian Not an Ideal Soldier Yet. The enlistment of Indians into the military service of the United States has not proved a success as regards the Indian soldiers who are stationed at Fort Meade. A great deal of trouble has been experienced with some of the Indian soldiers there. One of them at that post has been discharged from the service by a special order from the War Department, and Trumpeter Oscar Bear, who was tried before a court-martial for forging the name of his lieutenant to two checks on a Sturgis bank, was sentenced to three months confinement in the military prison at Fort Meade. These, with the case of Harry Woodface, the Indian soldier who was convicted of striking a superior officer, is not an enviable record for the Indian soldiers at Fort Meade.

John Tho Smart for His Own Good. The Chinaman is a wonderful irrigator, and his presence on the big irrigated ranches of California is a great boon to the proprietors. He is the most perfect type of the servile laborer, and is, therefore, very satisfactory to those who have no objection to servile labor. Where there is a good system of irrigation eight Chinamen will irrigate 1,000 acres a day at a cost of 5 cents per acre. They work with remarkable speed and accuracy, and often locate checks by the eye that would ordinarily require the services of a surveyor. The Chinamen works are cheap and they would soon drive out all white labor if no restrictions were imposed on immigration. It would require

much space to set forth a complete list of his points of superiority over the usual hired help of the farm.

An Electric Line from Besenmer to Pueblo. Pueblo is about to have a second electric railway company. For several days interested citizens have been engaged in soliciting subscriptions for a street car line directly connecting the two cities of Pueblo and Besenmer.

The Denver and North Platte. The Denver and North Platte railway company will not construct the new line at once for a reasonable bonus, a new company will be immediately organized. The movement is in the hands of the proprietors of the Philadelphia and Colorado smelters, the rock yards and packing companies and other manufacturing plants which have no communication with the city, except by private conveyance, although, of course, people live in that vicinity. The new line will certainly be built this season.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. Rev. Henry N. Dunning is to be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Pawnee City today.

The Greater Association of Congregational churches held its annual meeting at Curtis last week.

A half ton of butter is made every day by the Columbus creamery, and New York features a market.

The Lutheran assembly at Wahoo has been presented with a fine collection of birds by A. F. Lufander of Oakland.

The Norfolk district Epworth league meeting opens today at Wayne and will continue until Wednesday afternoon.

Little Jimmie Huestead, while playing along a mill race at Superior, fell into the water and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

"Love Affairs of an Old Maid" is the title of a novel soon to be issued, the author of which, Miss Lillian Bell, formerly resided at Nebraska City.

The program has been issued for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the state general. The convention will be held at the Sunday school convention, to be held at Fairbury June 6 and 7.

President Powers of the state alliance is booked to address the York county alliance at York May 27. Hon. J. Wardell of South Dakota will also be present.

While a bunch of cattle was crossing the Elkhorn on the bridge at Imman, the center span fell, completely wrecking the structure. The bridge had only been completed a few weeks.