

THE EVENING NEWS.

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THE WHEELER EXPLORING EXPEDITION.

WASHINGTON, July 7.
The following are the latest particulars about the geographical exploration and surveys west of the 100th meridian.—

The Wheeler expedition is making the field. It will concentrate at Pueblo, Col., about the first inst., moving thence in three separate parties, which will occupy portions of southwestern Colorado, and northern New Mexico. The principal portion of the area to be occupied lies south of the 38th parallel of north latitude, in the vicinity of the Rio San Juan and north tributaries of the Rio Grande, Rio Chama, Pecos and the Canadian, a region especially interesting, because of the routes of communication pushing forward toward northern New Mexico, Arizona and the mineral developments coming into prominence through late prospecting. In addition to the main portions of the expedition, two astronomical parties—one in charge of Mr. John H. Clark, astronomer, with one assistant at the observatory at Ogallala, Utah, and another under Dr. F. L. Kampf, with two assistants, will determine the astronomical co-ordinates at Las Vegas and Cimarron, New Mexico; Sidney Barnes, Julian, and the crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad by the 100th meridian.

In Nebraska, a special party to consist of Professor E. D. Cape, Paleontologist and Naturalist, and Dr. H. C. Yarrow, in charge of the mineralogical division of the survey, and one assistant, will visit certain specified areas in the valleys of the Canadian River, Rio Pecos, Rio Grande and Rio San Juan. Professor Cape is well known for his extensive researches in the domain of Vertebrate Paleontology, and is following out his line of demonstration work, which he estimates will require six months. The second division will consist of Lieut. Geo. M. Birnie, corps of engineers, in charge; Lieut. C. W. Whipple, assistant, and six civilian assistants. The first party of division No. 1, to consist of Lieut. Wm. M. Marshall, engineer corps, in charge, with five civilian assistants; the second party to consist of Second Lieut. Rogers Birnie, in charge, and five civilian assistants. The second division—first party, First Lieutenant Philip M. Price, corps of engineers, in charge, and four civilian assistants; second party, Second Lieutenant B. Blunt, Second United States Cavalry, in charge, with three civilian assistants.

A special party, consisting of Dr. J. T. Rothrock, botanist; Dr. W. Hemphill, ornithologist, and one assistant, took the field in May and are operating in portions of Eastern Arizona and Western New Mexico. The above expedition consists of nine different parties and covers a very wide and extensive field, and its contributions will augment the geographical inquiries that are now being made throughout the world.—*New York Herald*.

Days of Murder.

The most careless and philosophical of readers can hardly glance over the columns of yesterday's and this morning's papers without a shudder at the crimes recorded there. It will be worth our while to glance over them for a moment, remembering, however, that it is but the record of two days, and of only those few cases from the many whose incidents were sufficiently out of the common to justify the use of the telegraph in describing them.

The record of the past is too fresh in the memory to suggest the knowledge of the fact that this is but an echo of former murders, only that the list of murders seems to grow larger with every return of the midsummer heat. Our laws are to thank for its—our rules of evidence, our rules of procedure, our trials of accused persons, appeals to our juries, and our pardons. Men willfully inflicted clearly how nineteen out of twenty murderers escape justice, and the small risk of the twentieth chance is too shadowy to restrain them when passion moves to deeds of violence. It would have been a speedy, thorough, sweeping reform, else it were better to go back to the days of "the Avenge of Blood" and the "cities of refuge" of Israel.—*Cincinnati Times*, July 6.

THE PULPIT YEARS.—The habit of shouting so loud to one's self in the ear is perhaps equally objectionable, while a sudden transition from one extreme to the other is sufficiently artificial to comprehend the evils of both. But there is another and growing fashion so vicious, so offensive to good taste, so destructive to spiritual emotions, and so repulsive to serious contemplations, that a public speaker has need only to hear himself, as others hear him to feel conscience-smitten for disturbing public worship. It would be difficult enough to make the description hyperbolical. If there be any who not having witnessed an instance of this malignant folly, are yet unable to realize this picture, let me assure you that it is sometimes witnessed in public speakers. It would be difficult to select language forcible enough to describe the expression hyperbolical. We call further attention to the WALTER A. WOOD MOWING and REAPING MACHINES, which we sell and are warranted to give satisfaction. Also the **BEST SUEY HAY RAKE** in the market.

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