



The News.

The last received telegrams tell us little more than that Lincoln and Johnson are elected. Thus far all is well. The exact details, we have yet to receive, but we are sure that an overwhelming majority of the people have pronounced in favor of Freedom and Right.

Shelling.

If there is any way of settling disputes which may be called unsatisfactory, it is duelling. It is illegal, uncertain, vindictive and barbarous; and we trust that a community composed of energetic and practical men, will at once frown down the introducers of this relic of the middle ages.

Prospects.

In all parts of our city, every day shows new improvements. Business in all its different branches is prospering. Although cold weather has set in rather early, and clothed all the surrounding hills and gulches in its snowy garb, no change has been felt in the liveliness of commerce, excepting a few days during the change from mellow Indian summer to icy winter.

The latter class are true pioneers of a new country, and tend to improve and benefit a community like ours. These are the ones that have helped to build up our glorious republic, and these are the ones that keep it up.

How is it now? Prosperity and wealth show themselves in improvements in every part of the city. Quiet and order prevail, and good and efficient officers enforce the law. Substantial stone buildings have been erected and still more are being put up.

Virginia City has a bright future, and is bound to be what it is now, the commercial center of Montana. Daily discoveries of rich quartz lodes are made in the vicinity of the town, and ere long we shall hear the shrill cry of the steam whistles, and the incessant hammer of the stamps.

Education.

There is probably no subject of more importance to mankind than education. To draw forth the hidden traits of character, to develop the embryo of genius, and to form and mould the mind, are labors, which whether performed in the school house, the church, or at home, call for the exercise of energies, talents and acquisitions possessed by few.

Considering man as merely a mortal being, terminating a life of vicissitude with annihilation; how vast is the subject? But when, to the cares incident to a life terrestrial, we add the responsibilities incurred by the knowledge of the future, the theme becomes inexhaustible, and the most learned treatise by the most gifted author is but as a candle to the effulgence of noon-tide, or a drop to the depths of the ocean.

Sturdiness as the assertion may appear, it is nevertheless true, that even in enlightened America, few subjects receive so little attention. Schools there are in numbers, at least in one section of the United States, but in these schools, little is done but to impart scholarship and exterior deportment; so that, while immensely beneficial in many respects, moral training is nearly ignored, or confined to the limits of school drill and discipline.

The want of brains may also contribute to restrain his aspirations, and be it remembered that the most dangerous man in a community is a well educated man, without principle to guide him in the right use of his knowledge.

A respect for religion and a true love of country, always united wherever found, form the third test. A man who calls religious teaching priestcraft—who ridicules the service of God and blasphemes to show his contempt of it, is unfit to live even in a dangerous, unless in solitary confinement; while he who loves not his country with a pure and unselfish devotion, but seeks to live by it or on it, rather than for it, is certainly neither half educated, nor half a man.

If such sentiments are necessary (and that they are not born with one in ten thousand, all must admit) how are they to be implanted? By constant and unremitting training in youth. Spasmodic disciplines are worse than none. Steady, cool, firm, rigid as iron, but quiet, calm and enduring as a true woman's love, never tiring and inexhaustible patient, the training imparted more by example than precept, never fails.

Agriculture.

While all tongues are busy in discussing the lode question, and none are tired while discoursing about claims, few think much about a still more important subject, viz: Agriculture.

Now this is very foolish. Montana can never be a home, strictly speaking, until it becomes, in a great measure, self-supporting, and it is only because this is forgotten, that we hear so many men declaring, that they cannot live in it, for want of profitable employment. To us it seems a miracle that there is not wide spread destitution, in place of the prosperity every where manifest. In every land there must be a division of labor. All cannot be miners; and the rule holds good, with especial force, in a territory so far removed from the exterior sources of supply, as Montana.

The longer we live in this territory, the more accounts we receive of the fertility of the soil, and we urge upon our fellow-citizens the propriety of taking up claims that will not be worked out or jumped. We mean farms. If any one wishes to know how to put in a crop of turnips next year, so as to be sure of a return, we can set him in the right way very shortly.

Edwin Post:—For about a month I have heard the question, "Who knows anything about Prickly Pear?" asked something less than forty times a day, and I asked myself not a few times, without having an satisfactory answer.

And so I rolled up my blankets and rolled into Jim's wagon and we rolled out of Alder gulch at a rate that made one wonder if "Frank"—who drove—hadn't somehow got possession of that celebrated spur said to be "worth two on the heel."

Of course we have spoken to beginners only. Those who have worked for a year, have stables and they can be worked into drills, with one-tenth the labor that spade culture requires; but spade, hoe or plough, the three requisites of good farming are manure well (for green crops) and well (for everything) and sow early! (always) in the most fertile lands, a small quantity of quick, forcing manure, like Shes or sheep manure, is necessary to start the brain to the second stage of loading; when that is once inaugurated, the crop must succeed if properly attended to.

Shooting Party at Hell Gate.

From Mr. Chamberlain, the Lewiston Expressman, we learn that a shooting party took place, a short time since, at Hell Gate, between one Crow, alias Preston, and Matt Craft, the ferryman at that place, resulting in the death of Crow.

From Lewiston. D. D. Chamberlain arrived from Lewiston, Idaho Territory on Saturday last, and has our thanks for copies of the Age, seven days later than received by mail the same day. When he left here for Lewiston last, he promised to be back in 40 days, which he did, lacking three hours of his own time.

For the Grand Jury for the first term of the District Court, December 6th, 1884. Henry Brandy, John Ault, Lester Campbell, Charles Behreer, Stephen Edmunds, G. W. Brown, G. J. Rockwell, W. C. Gillette, W. Kemp Roberts, J. P. Gosnell, John J. Hull, D. D. Carpenter, Henry Thompson, H. W. L. Turner, John McCord, S. W. Russell, William P. Wheeler, Wm. Decker, J. A. Williams, Joe Brown, B. C. Williams, Benj. R. Martin.

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much wider out to a beautiful valley. Messrs. Merriman & Sheenan have located a town, which, in the writer's humble opinion, is destined soon to become one of the leading cities of Montana. Situated as it is upon the most direct, and far the most practicable, route from Fort Benton to Virginia City, at a point of great natural beauty—at the head of a valley said to be unsurpassed by any of like extent for agricultural facilities—at the confluence of three streams, each capable of furnishing almost unlimited water power—in near proximity to inexhaustible supplies of timber, and in the very midst of what is probably the richest "quartz district" of the territory—what can hinder "Jefferson City" from going ahead with all that magical rapidity so characteristic of a successful town in a mining country.

The leads already discovered in the vicinity are very numerous, and if one can believe what many prospectors agree in asserting, they are rich enough to build in a few years, a city such as the old Spanish gold hunters dreamed of, viz: with walls and towers of solid silver and gold.

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PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, By an act of Congress approved May 20, 1864, entitled "An act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Montana," it is provided that the persons elected to the first Legislative Assembly, shall meet at such place and on such day as the Governor shall appoint: Now, therefore, I, SIDNEY EDGERTON, Governor of said Territory, by virtue of the power thus vested in me, do appoint that on the second Monday of December, 1884, said Legislative Assembly shall meet at Banquet City, in said Territory.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Messrs. Jos. O. Hamel HAS just received a lot of French Books from San Francisco, and is ready to open an evening class to teach the French language. All those wishing to take lessons will please call on him at TILTON & CO'S Book Store, Chicago-Wholesale.

JERRY COOK, ASSISTANT Assessor of Internal Revenue, 1st Division, District of Montana. Place of business at the office of Thompson & Co's Bankers at TILTON & CO'S Book Store, Virginia City, Nov. 23d, 1884.

Sheriff's Sale. PURSUANT to and virtue of an Execution in my hands in favor of Allen A. Millard and against the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the estate of George C. Hamel, deceased, I have this day levied on the following described property, for the full amount of \$1000.00, with interest thereon, to wit: A certain lot of land situated in the town of Alder Gulch, in the County of Madison and Territory of Montana, belonging to George C. Hamel, deceased, and known as the "Nebeker Home," said property I will sell in front of the Register's office, in Virginia City, on the 5th day of December, 1884, at 3 o'clock, p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said execution, said property will be sold subject to redemption, according to law.

Notice. IF W. L. THURMAN, who formerly kept a Grocery Store on Ferry Street, Denver, will communicate his present address to Francis B. Hill, Virginia City, M. T., he will confer a favor.

EGNELL'S VIRGINIA CITY, PRICKLY PEAR AND SILVER CREEK EXPRESS. Make Weekly trips between the above named places, with punctuality and dispatch. First class and good stage wagons. Office at King & Gillette's Store, Stone Wall Corner, Virginia City, Montana Territory.

WANTED. CAPTAIN BOZEMAN being authorized to raise a Cavalry Company, will accept of a person at the Virginia Hotel in Virginia City, on the 24th to the 26th, inclusive of the present month, for the purpose of taking recruits to accompany him in a single expedition in pursuit of marauding Indians, who have been murdering, robbing and stealing horses. Such applicants will probably start from three to five weeks. All prizes taken will be equally divided with the company.

Administrator's Notice. Beaver Head County, Territory of Montana. In the matter of the Estate of George Cochran, deceased. To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration having been granted by the Probate Court of Beaver Head County, to the undersigned, on the Estate of George Cochran, deceased, this is to notify all creditors or persons having claims against the deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within six months from the date of this publication, to wit, on the 1st day of December, 1884, at the office of JOHN COCHRAN, Administrator of the Estate of George Cochran, deceased.

YOUNG AMERICA EATING HOUSE. Wallace Street, Virginia City. Meals at all hours. Diners and every luxury the market affords. The bar is supplied with the best of liquors and cigars.

NOTICE. THE undersigned, having bought out Mr. Meisters entire stock of Watches and Jewelry, will continue the Jewelry Manufacturing and Watch Repairing business, at his old stand on J. H. Ming's store, corner of Wallace and Jackson streets, Virginia City. N. B.—All work warranted to give perfect satisfaction or no pay. 9-11 ROATH & CO. ELECTROPLATING. IF YOU THAT ARE SICK! You that have got the Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Mumps, Fever, Summer Complaint, or any other disease incident to the climate; and are not relieved, try Prof. McIntyre's new system of treatment by Hydro-Magnetic Electricity. Six years of experience in the States warrants him in saying that this is the most efficient method of curing disease that is now practiced. No unpleasant sensation is produced during treatment. Orders left at Major Hadley's store, Main street, Virginia, M. T., promptly attended to. Nov. 12, 1884. 12-14 W. MCINTYRE. WISCONSIN HOUSE. Will give Board and Lodging at \$14.00 per week. Any one who wants warm, comfortable beds, clean linen, meals and liquors, let our call on us. 12-14 CARPENTER.