

**Letter from Helena.**  
**HELENA, Aug. 15th, 1865.**  
 Ed. Post—The ever available topic of "the weather" affords me a starting point for my letter, and this time with good reason, for the gloomiest hypochondriac would have felt light hearted had he accompanied me on a pleasure trip which the splendid weather of last week induced me to take.  
 As we emerged from the confined streets of our city, at 4 A. M., and reached the bluffs lying to the east of our town, we gazed delightedly at the fairy scene. The young morn rising in its beauty from behind its misty curtains, was kissing the brow of the highest peak of the Bear's Teeth and Belt Mountains. Our situation was comfortable. I know of nothing more exhilarating than a ride on one of Oliver's well appointed coaches, behind a ten mile-an-hour team, guided by a scientific Jehu; the cool breeze of early morning fanning the cheeks and filling the heart with gratitude to the God of Nature.  
 On we rolled, at a rapid rate, over one of the best roads to be found in the mountains, to Montana City, on the Prickly Pear. This town, although of greater age than Helena, seems as yet to be only in its infancy; but should the expectations of the richness of the Prickly Pear Valley be realized, it will become one of our largest cities, possessing as it does all the natural advantages that are required to constitute a first class mining town. As the coach thundered through the quiet streets, the inhabitants were wrapped in profound slumber; without stopping, we passed on, and entered the romantic and fertile Valley of the Prickly Pear. The road runs for awhile along the creek, and then climbs the side hills, and again descending the farther slope, winds along their base. Two miles from Montana, we pass under an arch, bearing the Territorial coat-of-arms—a sign board "proper," "suspended," and bearing the motto, "Toll Gate"—in memory of the last Legislature, which patriotically chartered every piece of passable natural road in the country. Good men! The Law and the Profits were their study, the latter especially. The Prickly Pear wagon road is something ahead of the generality of these arduous highways. It is passable. Three miles from the Toll-gate is the Hot Springs Rancho, and there I alighted at the door of mine host, Dustin; but he being absent, the guests were received by his son, Herman, who, though young, possesses the affability and business tact of a veteran caterer for the public. About a quarter of a mile from the house, over an area of about two acres, the sulphurous streams bubble up in a dozen different places, the temperature at the place of exit being too hot to be pleasant to the touch. A dam at the mouth of the ravine turns the water into a ditch about four hundred yards long, which, at its termination, empties into a commodious bath-room, close to the farm buildings. A tank, 12x12 feet, and affording ample room for the movements of the bather, receives the water, which, at this distance from the source of supply, is of nice temperature. It is said that a course of bathing in these springs is an infallible cure for rheumatism in all its annoying varieties. Trout, in large numbers, lurk in the quiet nooks and deep eddies of the creek, and game in abundance, on the neighboring hills, tempts the sportsman to sojourn in this lovely vale. The most enthusiastic admirer of nature's works can here be found, surrounded on all sides by scenery of surpassing loveliness. A new building, intended for the accommodation of guests, is in course of construction, and with its completion, a want long felt by Helenaites will be supplied. Henceforward the fair and the gallant of Last Chance will make this the termination of many a pleasant ride and drive.  
 Mining is steadily progressing in all the gulches, and money is plentiful among the miners. Reports were afloat here last week, of the riches of McClellan gulch, lately discovered on the main range of mountains, about forty miles from Blackfoot. One hundred and seventy ounces were taken out in four days, with a hand rocker. The gold, it is said, is found in crevice or bed-rock diggings. The several camps situated on "the other side of the Missouri," as it is called, have attracted nearly all the floating population in and around Helena, leaving the streets of the town somewhat less lively than formerly.  
 The United States District Court, Judge L. E. Munson presiding, has been exclusively occupied with cases arising from the infraction of the License Law; but I hear no complaints from the defendants, as the Court has been as lenient as possible in its decisions. Only a few obstreperous individuals have come before his honor, and these, chiefly Jeffersonites, have had to come down heavily.  
 Quite an amusing illustration of the "fear of law" was presented last week. A nymph of the pave, lately arrived from the northern mines, and consequently not well posted on the "customs of Montana," was enjoying the blessings of matrimony without the necessary legal qualification. The U. S. Grand Jury being in session, the erring fair one and her dearly beloved were informed that an indictment would be found against them, on the next day, and that the only path of safety lay through the gates of matrimony. A "J. P." was sent for post haste, and the knot tied with the tongue, which, on better information, the lady would willingly have untied, but could not, even with her teeth. Henceforth must she perform the journey of life in double harness.  
**BUNNER.**  
 We hear of a new-fangled arastra on Mill Creek. Working on surface quartz, it gets \$300 per cord, where a stamp mill only gets \$80. Half a ton of stuff is put in at night, and the same in the morning, and running by water. That is all the attention that it requires. It is built in an octagonal form, and in each angle beyond the circuit made by the mullers, is a quicksilver rifle, where the gold is caught. In every view of the case, this ought to be termed a neat little arrangement. No quicksilver is lost or wasted; it doesn't cut, nor flour, nor coming in contact with the grinding surfaces at all. We should like to see Clear Creek lined with such machines, and there is no reason why it shouldn't be. Their construction and use are cheap, and they do the work handsomely. Mr. Blackburn, the man who is running the one of which we speak, and who is an experienced mill man and engineer, says that he has been equally successful in treating ore as quartz. He has been running steadily for almost six weeks.—*Black Hawk Mining Journal.*  
 The belief is gaining ground in Washington that President Johnson will recommend to the next Congress, in his first message, that unless the States adopt a measure or embody in their new constitutions provisions for universal suffrage, they should not be admitted, and that in determining the qualifications of members from Southern States, entering Congress, it will require in respect to all classes in the South, a rigid endorsement of all the changes which have been rendered in the existing laws and proclamations necessary.

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