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LOCAL ITEMS.

The Delevan House.—The Delevan House is still flourishing, and visitors obtain a square meal, with all the corners filled out. Go and give them a trial.

On a Visit.—B. R. Dittes, of the firm of D. W. Tilton & Co., proprietors of the POST, left on Tuesday morning for Helena. He is expected home on Sunday, (to-morrow).

New Play.—Go and see the "People's Lawyer" to-night. *Solon Shingle*, (S. M. Irwin) the Yankee Teamster, is John E. Owen's celebrated part. Pocahontas will also be played.

Disappointment.—Our Theatre-going friends will be sorry to learn that it is doubtful whether Miss Belle Douglas will come hither at all, this season, owing to professional engagements in the City of Waters.

Resignation.—We were informed by Major Bruce, on Thursday last, that he had resigned the office of Public Printer, preferring a free finger to the trammels of office. He has the undoubted right to choose when the alternative is presented.

A "Goak."—We understand that Mr. Spratt, of the Council, reported in favor of the granting of a right of ferriage across the inscrutable depths of fluid mud that separate the Idaho from the Stonewall, to J. M. Castner. The "masheen" is not to draw more than ten inches of mud.

After the Dust—Dick Heller, one of the kindest and most generally popular young men in the clothing department, has dispatched his goods, and leaves for Elk Creek to-day. We wish him success in his enterprise, and a pocket full of rocks for ballast on his homeward journey, when bachelorhood becomes insupportable.

Star Restaurant.—George Brandt, of the Star Restaurant, is doing a fine business, his tables being filled with regular boarders and a good show of "transient gentlemen." He is determined to offer the best bill of fare in town, and will pay a higher price than any one else for game, fish and fowl of all kinds, of which fact all who have them for sale will please to take notice. He wants all they can bring.

Quartz Bureau.—The Solon and Winona lodes, in Brown's Gulch, are entered on the books of the Quartz Mining Bureau. Several other ledges will appear there, next week. The move is a good one, and, next year, we prophesy that few genuine ledges will be unrecorded; its advantages are so obvious to all men owning genuine property.

Montana Billiard Hall.—Adam Kleser and Paul Schwarz have entered into partnership, and will run this popular saloon. The tables and tools belonging to the billiard department, will be always of the first quality, and will be kept in order, both of the proprietors being given to "ivory driving." The bar will be supplied with choice liquors and good cigars. Adam and Paul solicit a call.

Farewell Services.—The Rev. A. M. Hough, of the M. E. Church, will leave us on Tuesday next, for Helena. On Sunday next (to-morrow) he will preach his last sermons as resident pastor of this city. The services will commence in the morning, at ten, and in the evening at seven o'clock. A goodly number will, we trust, be present to hear his parting exhortation, and to wish him "good luck in the name of the Lord."

Midas Company.—We have received a pamphlet from Rochester, New York, containing the report of Professor Ward on the property of the "Midas Mining Company." He recommends the erection of a twenty stamp mill at Hot Springs, and declares that an examination of the lodes of Montana has convinced him that in no other mining country are ledges half as rich, on the average, as those of Montana.

No Mail.—The Overland stage of Tuesday night brought in no Salt Lake or Eastern mail. Only the Boise mail came in, and the driver reports that, at Bear river, the Salt Lake coach was twenty-four hours behind time when he left. It is thought that some bridge must be down. The road is very deep and heavy; strong frosts by night and thaws by day leave a crust, which gives way, and frequently injures the feet of the horses severely.

Improvements in Helena.—One of the many improvements visible in Helena, and one that will add greatly to its beauty, and to the comfort of the traveling public, is the "Crystal Palace," situated about the center of Main street. It is a large, two-story building, well adapted for hotel purposes, and is now undergoing a thorough repairing. Capt. Cox is fitting it up with some fifty new beds, and appropriate furniture. It will be completed in about ten days, and will be opened under his supervision.

Chivalry vs. Mud.—The proprietors of the Montana Billiard saloon have packed stone from the heap deposited in the oldentime, for street repairs, by the Corporation, and have made a passable *trottoir* across the muddy road opposite their house. James Ptomey, with the gallantry for which he is so conspicuous, has placed a sack at the end, for ladies to wipe their shoes upon. Not to be excelled in chivalrous devotion to the fair, the boys of the Metropolitan have deposited a lambskin at the other end, for a similar purpose. The ladies smile approvingly, and pass on.

Fancy Their Feelings.—Judge Lovell has dared to do right, and to expound the law of Montana, instead of the wishes of the Democracy. What an awful old reprobate he must be to "go back on the party for a legal quibble." The Council enters a "solemn" protest—very solemn—we may say mournful. They have said it, and Douglass is Clerk, "not by any election of the people or legal voters of the City, but by decree of said Probate Court." The only way to do, is to elect a man who will post a printed notice on the Court room door: "None but Democrats need apply."

Planter's House.—George Williams has found his right place at last. We always like a portly landlord; it is a sign that the fare of the house agrees with the proprietor, at any rate; and we know the man too well to fear either the "grub" or the cooking. George's figure will be a small fortune to him. Having been for many years a skillful butcher, he knows what is good and how to get it. The Planter's House has been thoroughly renovated, and is ready for the comfortable accommodation of guests and boarders. They all speak highly of the fare and "fixins" of the establishment.

Missionary.—The Reverend Father Giorda, Superior of the Roman Catholic, Indian Missions, will leave this city, in a few days, on a trip to the Pacific coast. His first halt will be at Helena, whence he will proceed, in turn, to the Mission to the Blackfeet, Pen d'Oreille and Cœur d' Alene Indians, and, by way of Colville, will eventually reach Portland, Oregon. The Reverend gentleman expresses his warm appreciation of the kindness and liberality of our citizens during his stay here. On a recent occasion, two hundred dollars was required for a melodeon, and two hundred and fifty dollars was at once forthcoming.

Quartz on the Brain.—"All the world's a stage," and each in his time plays many parts. The latest move for an original caste we noticed on Thursday. Our good friend, Sol Irwin, with two sympathizers, passed our office in quest of auriferous and argentiferous quartz, determination written on his manly brow. We thought we had struck a party of Vigilantes, as each man had a coil of rope *en croupe*. A nearer sight dispelled the illusion; for we observed that our dramatic friend gracefully wielded a pick in his sinister hand. We wish him all sorts of good luck in his new venture, and a complete deliverance from the claws of the "wild-cat" of the mountains.

Centralization.—We notice the constant removal of cabins to this city from parts adjacent. It is a good sign. There is no doubt of a tremendous influx of visitors, and a large addition to our permanent population, as soon as the emigration arrives. Passengers by the coaches report the advance of the vanguards of the army of colonization which has started on the journey from Omaha, Leavenworth, Atchison, St. Joe, St. Louis, San Francisco, Sacramento, Oregon, Idaho and, in fact, from every conceivable place. There is a tolerably reliable rumor that a large number—some thousands—of Vermonters, and other New Englanders, are coming here this season. Well, all of them are welcome.

The Weather and the Corporation.—The spring weather is setting in, bright and balmy during the day, with frost at night. Mud is as prevalent as selfishness. Boot blacking is ridiculous; cleanliness below the knee, impossible. The City Council are sleeping in the most useless and dignified manner, being afflicted with a disease compounded of the big-head and the snarls. They awake only to make little snaps at each other, and then run off and go to sleep again. Meanwhile, the streets are in a filthy state, and the public interest is entirely neglected. Acting-Mayor J. M. Castner, the original Simon Pure of the Mayoralty, holds on like death to a defunct African. He has now issued a *quo warranto* against Mr. Patton, the alleged usurper of his civic crown, and is "going" for damages, on the ground that, not being a freeholder, he is not even an Alderman. The mention of a rival Mayor always provokes a horse-laugh from the more ancient dignitary, who has grown several months older in the public service. J. D. Douglas has notified the public that he is the license man, and that J. S. Rockfellow is likewise a usurper of the licensing power. Rockfellow smiles benignly, and the Legislature has not yet either demolished or amended the Magna Charta.

School Exhibition at Nevada.—The school exhibition at Nevada, on last Monday evening, was an entire success, and, notwithstanding the storm which prevailed during the day, was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The programme presented, contained a choice selection of comic, sentimental, quaint and original recitations, spiced with not a few local allusions. The efforts of the young people were so entirely successful, that the applause was constantly and heartily repeated whenever opportunity permitted. The genteel deportment, and evident mental improvement of the scholars, reflects great credit on Mr. Michael Roath, their instructor, whose painstaking efforts have succeeded so admirably. The proceedings terminated with a most interesting and practical address from Representative McCullough, of Madison.

Visitors.—Any quantity of aborigines of the "bishkeet" and "oongree" pursuasion are to be seen paying morning calls at the houses of the citizens, receiving most emphatic "puck-a-gees" from the old inhabitants, and looks of horror and disgust from the later arrivals of the citizeness pursuasion, as they timidly donate chunks of bread-and-butter, as deprecatory offerings to their red sisters, each detachment of whom is accompanied by a highly vermillioned buck, who acts as a taster, and orders the instantaneous pouching of approved contributions. The viscera of departed oxen and swine add largely to the native commissariat. Huge braves on staggering poneys ride through the streets, mechanically kicking and flogging their cayuses as they go, and receiving reports from the foraging squaws at intervals. The smile on the warriors' faces tells uncringly that they believe they have "struck a soft thing" in the subsistence department.

Pleasing Desperation.—An unknown lady, who dates from the "Vale of Despair," has sent to our drug-dispensing friend, Morris, a most curious sample of ingenious and stimulating mechanism, in the shape of a piece of perforated card, on which are wrought, in needle-work, certain cabalistic looking signs, apparently defying the scrutiny of any one less versed in hieroglyphics than Nineveh-Layard or some other equally gifted antiquary. After a minute inspection of an "impossible post-mark," and a diligent use of his fingers as a substitute for a hair-comb, our friend wilted; but an acquaintance spying the legend, "twirl and read," obeyed orders; whereupon the soul-stirring mandate, "*kiss me*," became instantly visible. It was too much; obedience was impossible; but the desire to do as directed was so overpowering that he was about to call for a clean plate and faint, when he remembered that there was no lady near to catch him. He therefore put the missive into his breast-pocket, and wiping away—a little mud from his pants—went to dinner.

The People's Theatre.—Since our last issue, we have had some splendid performances. The "Female Gambler" was most successful. Mrs. Irwin as *Madame de Fontanges*, played magnificently. The scene in which she faints, after accepting the alternative of *Fouché*, was splendid. A fine woman struggling against one overpowering vice, is hard to play; but this lady always succeeds in it. Her *Pocahontas* was highly amusing, and the apparitions of *Agnes*, in the "Mistletoe Bough," were beautifully managed. *Betsey Baker* was a gem of truthfulness. What the cockneys call the "hexasperated haitches," were most natural. The impersonation of *Gertrude* was also much enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Irwin's *Henri de Neuville* was finely rendered in bravura style, and his *Sir Reginald de Courcy* was very scientific, especially in the finale, where the acting was consummate. *Captain Murphy Maguire* was as natural an Irishman in love as we are likely to see for some time. Charles Graham has made his mark, for life in two characters, *Desmaret* and *Aminadab Sleek*. The first, crafty, obsequious and deadly, would make a name by itself; and the last would bring down any house with an audience in it. The sanctimonious old sinner was a perfect portrait. Harry Rainforth's best characters were the trembling *Marquis de Cevennes*, in the "Female Gambler," and *Rolf*, in "Pocahontas," the last being a very humorous piece of play. Edwin Clarke's *Fouché* and *Baron de Clifford* were very creditably managed; the latter showed much less of the stiff and ungainly air of a young man playing an old one, than is usual with actors. Dick Johnston's benefit night was stormy and unkind, but the house was very well filled, nevertheless—much better than we expected, under the circumstances. The labor of *Kobo*, the goblin page, is physically enormous; it was well sustained. The "Mistletoe Bough" and "Betsey Baker" are two good pieces. In the latter, *Mouser* was "firm as a rock." *Kross-as-kan-be*, in "Pocahontas," on the 24th inst., was a decided hit, and received with universal laughter. Billy Norwood has quartz on the brain, and has "hung up his traps in a row." We are sorry to say good-bye, for he is a useful actor and a good fellow. He played *Jaboi*, the serjeant-at-arms, in "Pocahontas," and *Slow*, in the "Mistletoe Bough," with good taste and effect. Billy Sheppard is as black as ever, and a double *encore* man. John Messenger has taken some parts this week, of which *Frank Vincent*, in the "Serious Family," was the best. Miss Woods was very beautifully and correctly dressed as *Poo-te-pet*. The most thoroughly natural piece of acting this lady has ever given, was in *Mrs. Torrens's* confession to her husband of her being to blame for his hypocritical conduct. Miss Perkins as *Ernestine*, in the "Loan of a Lover," as *Mrs. Mouser*, and as *Cecille*, in the "Female Gambler," played very well. The marked and constant improvement in this lady's style of acting are frequent subjects of remark. The deep mud is a great draw-back to play-goers of both sexes, and especially to ladies.

HELENA LETTER.

HELENA, March 27th, 1866.

Recognizing the fact that sermons should be varied for different congregations, and that in the use of similes, particularly, the known likes and dislikes of the listeners should shape the figure—it has been suggested that the internal regions should be represented to the negro as a cavernous sea of ice, in which long-tailed icemen are constantly forking about huge blocks of Sambo's greatest horror, and plunging the "inevitable" beneath the chilling flood, which is constantly freezing but never freezes. Now, if horses were capable of receiving religious instruction, they would be told that if they were not good nags, and baulked, they would go to a place where they would constantly travel streets with the mud knee deep; mud thick with cutting ice crust; mud medium, with a mortar-like consistency and cohesiveness, and mud diluted, a miscegenated product of cream and coal tar; he would be told, in fine, that the streets of his hell for eternity would facsimile those of Helena the past week. This muddiness is, in one manner, acting beneficially, it shows the property owners the necessity for making some provision for pedestrians, who would prefer to go dry-shod, and the consequence is, that plank side-walks are multiplying. The eastern side of Main street has a nearly continuous plank walk through its business portion. Every builder seems to have had widely different ideas as to what the future grade of the street would be, thus causing a miniature reproduction of early Chicago; but despite this all but dumbheads rejoice at the improvements, and church-goers, admiring their "Sunday-shrine," bestow a passing blessing upon the general benefactors. Water is flowing down the gulches, affording abundant facilities for sluicing.

Of course there was an excitement here last week. A mining community without its weekly stampede is like a bunghole without a barrel. A considerable party thought that New York Gulch was a big thing, and, therefore, went for it, and found it emptying into Trout Creek, on the other side of the Missouri, and twenty miles in a northeasterly direction from Helena. Returning, they pronounced it a humbug; the reported eight foot pay streak having dwindled, according to some accounts, to eighteen inches. But the stampede was to Indian Creek, situated twelve miles below Crow Creek, and forty miles from Helena. The gulch is reported to be fourteen miles long, divided nine miles from its source into two distinct portions by rocky precipices, between which there is a very narrow and impassable cañon. Both the Mountain and Idaho districts, as the upper and lower portions of the gulch are named, have their peculiar disadvantages. Three miles above the cañon the gulch forks; but the combined waters sink, and leave the mucky bush-covered flat below entirely destitute of the requisite mining power. The Idaho district is also minus water, and wood is scarce throughout the entire length of the gulch. It is claimed that sufficient water can be brought from the forks to supply every claim. The upper diggings are, of course, deep, in the lower district, on discovery, the bed-rock has been struck at twelve feet, and the dirt taken out prospected sixty five cents to the pan. Larger prospects are reported, and a great many considerable smaller. Your readers may believe any of the latter, but place no confidence in the former. The gold resembles that of Alder Gulch. The stampede commenced on the 20th instant, and, at one time, nearly a thousand were in the promised land. Most of them returned, and, since no "city" was laid off and named, and plenty of claims are for sale to "particular friends" at prices ranging from a cayuse pony to any article of barter that can be obtained, it may be presumed that Indian Creek is not more safe to bet on than its treacherous Godfather.

Colonel Howie arrived on the 19th inst., bringing with him, as a prisoner, a man from the Gallatin valley, who had been complained of by the settlers of that region for selling liquor to the Indians, said "noble red men of the forest" having become very troublesome, during their drunken spees. On a preliminary examination before Judge Munson, the prisoner was admitted to bail in the sum of $500, conditional for his appearance at the next term of the United States Court.

In obedience to an order from the Acting-Governor "Neil Howie, Esq.," last week, tumbled over some forty rifles to Messrs. Tutt & Donnell for safe keeping. The Indian expedition seems to be finally abandoned.

Helena shows daily signs of improvement; new board fronts, and hundreds of signs, work the same transformation upon our cabins that white-wash did upon the sepulchres of Bible times. Mr. James Vivion is putting up a two-story stone warehouse, in the rear of his store; and Messrs. Tutt & Donnell have the foundation laid for a two-story stone building 35x77 feet, just below King and Gillette's, on Bridge street. It is expected that several other stone buildings will be erected during the season. Several fine glass fronts have been put in, and many old stores are being thoroughly refitted.

The accidents liable to happen on "gutted" ground, were, last week, brought to mind by the sinking of a portion of Bridge street, at the head of Main.

Collector Langford arrived on the evening of the 20th inst. His visit pertains to the Muscle-Shell.

The Editor of the Salt Lake "Vedette" is in town. He is about to visit Diamond City, but will return to this city and examine some of our rich lodes, a thing which is, at present, impossible to do, on account of the horrid traveling.

The Territorial Court commenced its March session yesterday. Some idea of the business of this district may be formed when it is stated that some fifty suits have been brought into this court since its last term.

Reliable authority states that the "Radiator" has been "reconstructed." Hereafter the "Confession of Faith" of the Democratic party will be its guide in all matters political.

Jerry Mann has been in town during the past week. He left yesterday with a large number of cattle, and a force of twelve men for the purpose of bringing up his train from Milk River.

The Democrats are generally very well pleased with the laws (?) that have been passed by the body of men at present playing Legislature in Virginia City; but over one in particular there is great rejoicing, and that is the act which protects them from being married by nigger wenches, China women and squaws. Until this action of the honorable body, aforesaid, what protection was there against the colored amazon? What surety had the honest Democrat that his children would be white and be entitled to the privileges pertaining to their color? Their hearts furiously palpitating, and in momentary peril, the fraternity of the unterrified have, like a certain lady in a captured city, been every minute expecting the ravishing to commence. But, instead of seduction, reconstruction and the above mentioned act have greeted them. The safeguard is complete, they breathe more freely, and only await to read "I, by the power in me vested," etc., before celebrating the bursting of their thraldom, with exuberance of joy and rot-gut whisky.

It is hoped that the Convention, which is positively to meet at Helena on the 9th proximo, will endorse the protective policy of the Virginia comedians. A State Constitution, with the provision in question engrafted into it, could not fail to meet the approval of Congress; indeed, it might be demanded that still further protection, from female rule, should be granted the easily led astray. Some in Helena seem to need it. Yours,

EVERYWHERE.

VIGILANTES OF MONTANA.—The last chapter of the work of Professor Dimsdale, of the MONTANA POST, will be published in that paper to-day; and the book containing the complete record, in thirty chapters, each containing an account of the execution of one or more of the outlaws that have infested this country, will make its appearance shortly afterwards. The labor of crowding so much subject matter into so small a space has been immense. The history, though terrible, is, as most agree, scrupulously correct, and is fraught with fearful interest to evildoers, as well as painful interest to the upright, who cannot but recognize and deplore the necessity that called the committee into existence and governed their subsequent action.—[Montana "Radiator," March 24th.

ANOTHER STAGE LINE.—Greathouse & Co., will start a line of stages from Boise City to Helena on the 10th of April. They start out with three hundred and fifty horses and a sufficient number of coaches to stock the road by way of Fort Hall and Virginia, with the intention, as they get better fixed, to change the route via Camas Prairie. They expect to make the time from Boise in three days and two nights, and from San Francisco in nine days.—[Montana "Radiator," March 24th.

COMMERCIAL

VIRGINIA CITY WHOLESALE MARKET.

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VIRGINIA CITY, M. T., March 30th, 1866.

FLOUR.	
St. Louis, ℔ sk	$30 00@00 00
States	24 00@27 00
S. Lake, Provo,	$24 00@25 00
Other brands,	$22 50@23 50
BACON.	
Heavy Sides, ℔ 100 lbs	55c
Medium, do.	50c
HAMS.	
Prime canvassed ℔ lb	65c
Country	55@60c
LARD.	
Small cans	60c
Large	55@00
CANDLES.	
Werk's Cincinnati ℔ lb	62½c
Other brands	57½c
SUGARS.	
New Orleans ℔ lb	55c
Clarified	55c
Powdered	57½c
Crushed	57½c
A refined	55c
COFFEE.	
Java ℔ lb	none.
Rio choice	$0 90
Ordinary	87½
TEAS.	
Imperial ℔ lb	$3 00@3 25
Young Hyson	3 50@3 75
Japanese in papers	3 00
SYRUPS.	
Belcher's G.S., St.L., ℔ 10 gal. keg	57 50
S H M ℔ 10 gal k	50 00@ 55
Sorghum	4 50
BUTTER.	
States ℔ lb	1 00
Salt Lake choice ℔ lb	1 10
Ranche	1 75
FRUITS.	
Dried Apples ℔ lb	55c
States Peaches	none
Salt Lake Peaches	60c
Blackberries	$1 00
Raspberries	none
Currants	90c
Cherries	none
Ground Cherries	none
Prunes	55@60c
Raisins ℔ 24-lb box	$16 00
℔ ½ boxes	8 00
℔ ¼ lb box	5 00
CANNED FRUITS.	
Peaches ℔ case 2 doz	$22 50
Pine Apples	27 50
Strawberries	27 50
Tomatoes	26 00
Corn	26 00
Blackberries	25 00
Cherries	26 00
OYSTERS.	
Field's Steamed	24 00
Other brands ℔ case	22 00
TOBACCO.	
Lewis' Eld. ℔ lb	$3 50@4 00
Ordinary	3 00@3 50
SARDINES.	
℔ case ¼ size boxes	$75 00
℔ case ½ size boxes	85 00
CHEESE.	
Western Reserve, ℔ lb	60c
English Dairy, ℔ lb	70c
BEANS.	
Navy	40c
LEAD.	
℔ lb	75c
SHOT.	
℔ 25-lb sack	$18 00
SOAP.	
Palm	60@65c
Castile,	$1 75
OIL.	
Coal, ℔ gal	5 00
Linseed	4 50@5 00
NAILS.	
℔ 100-lb keg	$40 00
GLASS.	
℔ box of 50 ft	$24 00@26 00
PUTTY.	
In Bladder,	50@52c
SODA.	
Babbit's, in 1 lb papers.	50c
In bulk	50c
PEPPER.	
Grain, ℔ lb	$2 00
Ground, ℔ 20 lb box	20 00
BROOMS.	
℔ dozen	$14 00@15 00
CHAMPAGNE.	
℔ b'sket, Heidsick (qts)	60 00
Sp'rkling Cat'ba	40 00@42 50
CLARET.	
℔ case	$24 00@26 00
WHISKY.	
Bourbon, ℔ gal	$10 80@12 00
Rye	10 00@12 00
BRANDY.	
Imported	$18 00@20 00
Domestic	12 00@15 00
GIN.	
Domestic	$12 00
CORN MEAL.	
Sifted, ℔ 100-lb sack	$22 00
CREAM TARTAR.	
℔ lb	$1 25
MUSTARD.	
℔ box, 2 doz	$7 00
℔ lb, in bulk	1 75
STARCH.	
Glenfield, ℔ lb	75c
GINGER.	
Jamaica, ℔ 20-lb box	$14 50
Root, ℔ lb	4 00
PICKLES.	
℔ case, 2 doz, ½ gal	$27 50
℔ 10 gal keg	50 00
CANDY.	
Stick, ℔ 22-lb bxs	$16 00
Fancy (French) ℔ lb	1 00
Fancy (American) ℔ lb	90c
HONEY.	
Strained, ℔ 3-lb can	$3 25
SALT	
Fine, ℔ 100 lbs	$50 00
Coarse	none
Table, ℔ 10-lb sack	5 00
MATCHES.	
℔ gross.	40 00
℔ case, 2 doz bxs	$7 00@ 00
WRAPPING PAPER.	
℔ ream	$7 00@9 00
SHOVELS.	
Ames' Cal., ℔ doz	$50 00
Ames' Spring Point	54 00
PICKS.	
With handles, ℔ doz	$90 00
SLUICE FORKS.	
℔ doz	$30 00@32 50
AXES.	
℔ box, 1 doz	$33 00@36 00
WHITE LEAD.	
℔ 25-lb keg	$18 00

MONETARY.

Virginia City, March 30th, 1866.

Gold is still going down in New York, and we think it certain to go below twenty by the 1st of May. The supply of dust and coin is better than at any time since last fall; while greenbacks are scarce, and we cannot expect a supply before the last of May. Owing to the decline in gold in the East, we must quote at less rates here. We quote to-day:

Virginia dust (and dust of the same quality) paying in Treasury Notes, $19@20 ℔ oz.

Virginia dust (and dust of the same quality) paying in coin, $15 to $15 50 ℔ oz.

Kootenai, Bannack and Blackfoot dust, paying in Treasury Notes, $20 ℔ oz.

Kootenai, Bannack and Blackfoot dust, paying in coin, $16 ℔ oz.

Treasury Notes selling at 90c for dust.

Gold coin buying at 6 to 10 ℔ cent. prem., in dust.

Currency drafts on New York, 3 ℔ cent. prem.

Currency drafts on Salt Lake City and Denver, 5 ℔ cent. premium.

Gold coin drafts on New York, 6 ℔ cent. prem.

Gold coin drafts on San Francisco, 6 ℔ cent. prem.

Drafts on all parts of Europe, 10 ℔ cent. prem.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

COLTON'S MAPS of all the Territories for sale at the City Book Store. tf

GOLD PENS—Eighteen Carats fine, with pencils of the best manufacture, just received at JOHN H. MING'S.

LETTERS written to me, on or before April 1st, 1866, will more surely reach me if addressed to Tallmadge, Ohio. [79-82] W. F. SANDERS.

DRY PINE WOOD—Full measure and full length—at $14 per Cord. Orders left at the City Book Store, Virginia City, will be punctually filled.
75-87 HENRY BRUNDY.

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ON and after the 15th inst., I will run a delivery wagon, and will deliver, free of charge, all goods bought of me, to customers residing within the city limits.
JOHN S. ROCKFELLOW.
Virginia City, March 10th, 1866. 81-tf

FROM and after this date, I will receive for debts due me and for merchandise, City Warants at par; Territorial Congressional Warrants at sixty cents; Territorial Warrants at thirty cents, and County Warrants at forty cents. JOHN S. ROCKFELLOW.
Virginia City, March 10th, 1866. 81-tf

DEPARTURE OF STAGES.

OLIVER'S EXPRESS, for Helena, leaves this city on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, next week. Fare to Helena, $25.

THE OVERLAND STAGE, for the East, leaves this city on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, next week. Fare to Salt Lake City, $75, in bankable dust.

HOT SPRING EXPRESS leaves Virginia City on alternate days, from Davis, Housel & Co.'s store, on Wallace street.

SMITH'S GALLATIN EXPRESS leaves Virginia City on Thursday, and arrives Tuesday night, of each week. Office at the Missouri House.

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Fistiana.

MR. HUGH O'NEIL: In answer to your letter of March 24th, I beg to say that I will fight you for a stake of $5,000, in gold, on the 24th day of August next, I having the choice of the ground. This is only fair, as you are fifty-four pounds the heavier man. The battle to be strictly in accordance with the new London rules. The first foul to lose, without warning. I am ready with $1,000 (gold) forfeit, at any time before the 1st of May, 1866. If you mean business, I am here; if not, good-bye.

Till we meet, yours sincerely,
JOHN C. OREM.
Melodeon Hall, Virginia City, March 28, 1866. 84

Wanted,

A Correspondence with some lady, with a view to matrimony. One who has been divorced in the Territory preferred. Red hair, or one who stutters, need not apply. Must not be averse to my being out late at night, and on my return must ask no questions. Money is no object; still would not let a few thousand paltry dollars separate an otherwise eligible couple. Have travelled all over the world, more especially in the Sandwich Islands. Profession, a gentleman; can support a wife like a lady. All letters addressed to the President of the Nevada Clam and Oyster Company will receive prompt attention. 84

Summons.

MONTANA TERRITORY, } ss.
BEAVER HEAD COUNTY. }

Probate Court, June Term, 1866.

The North-West Ditch Company vs. C. M. Kingsbury and the Bannack Ditch and Mining Company. } SUMMONS

To the Sheriff of Beaver Head County, greeting:

To C. M. Kingsbury: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in the above entitled action, which has been filed in the office of the Probate Judge, in Bannack City, County and Territory aforesaid, on the fourth day of June, 1866, that being the June term of our said Probate Court; and if you fail to answer said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will take judgment against you to set aside a judgment and sale of the North West Ditch.

[SEAL.] Witness my hand and seal of office, this third day of March, A. D. 1866.
[50 cent U. S. stamp.] THOMAS J. HOSFORD,
84-87* *Probate Judge.*

Estray Notice.

CAME to my Ranche, situated at Deer Lodge Crossing, on the 18th of December, 1865, one pale-red cow; white forehead, white on the belly and brisket, right ear cropped, and a slit in the left ear.
JOHN L. BRAINARD.
March 26th, 1866. 84-87

Dissolution Notice.

THE copartnership heretofore existing between C. J. Riker and O. P. Raymond, is this day dissolved, by mutual consent. All accounts against, or due to, the firm will be settled by O. P. Raymond. O. P. RAYMOND,
C. J. RIKER.
Virginia City, March 26th, 1866. 84-85

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" Gaston, Simpson & Co., Helena City, M. T.
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Capt. W. H. Parkinson & Co., " " "
Messrs. M. Branham & Co., Blackfoot City, "
Mr. A. Beattie, Banker, St. Joseph, Mo.;
Messrs. Strode, Rubey & Co., St. Louis, Mo.;
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Mr. William North, " " "
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THE BUREAU is now prepared for active operations. All desired information as well as copies of the By-Laws and Prospectus will be furnished by the Recording Secretary, at his office, at the store of John How, corner of Jackson and Idaho streets, Virginia City. 82tf

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