WEEKLY POST.

OUR AGENTS.

A. B. HAMILTON, is our Agent at Fort Benton.
MR. A. J. SMITH is our Agent at Bannack.
J. M. FISH, Sterling, Hot Spring District.
GEO. S. RAWLINGS, Silver Creek.
J. M. MILLS, Silver Bow.
JAMES STUART, Deer Lodge.
WORDEN & CO., Hell Gate.
GILPATRICK & BRYANT, Helena.
JOHN TEMPLE, Junction City.
CHAS. E. SMITH, Gallatin City.
MAX WAGNER, German Gulch.
H. H. HATHAWAY, Highland District.
F. CHURCH, Summit City.
CAMPBELL & CO., Confederate Gulch.
R. C. JOHNSON, Blackfoot.
I. N. BUCK, Boulder Valley.
G. W. WHITE, Reynold City, Elk Creek.
J. W. MAGRUERY, Rocker City.
J. S. WILLIAMS, St. Louis, Mo.
L. P. FISHER, San Francisco, Cal.

JNO. THORNLEY, of Virginia, is our authorized Agent to receive subscribers and moneys. His receipt will be good.

—Foster & Culver have an ample supply of feed for animals, which can be accommodated in their large corrals.

—Feed! feed! feed! for animals, animals and animals, may be obtained at the new stable of Foster & Culver.

—Go to Griffith & Mahan's store, opposite the El Sol Billiard Hall, and inspect their fine stock of tobacco, pipes and cigars.

—Tobacco, pipes, cigars, etc., are found in desirable quantities at the store of Griffith & Mahan.

—Gov. Smith will receive members of the legislation, and other citizens, at the hall in which the Council holds its session, on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at 8 o'clock.

—We are informed by reliable gentlemen that one party realized as profits from his claim in Alder gulch last season, $40,000. We think that this is the largest amount that was received by the miners of this district.

—On the 12th inst., one of our most enterprising merchants bought from one firm, merchandize of the value of $112,000. This is a straw, which shows the activity of the current of business in our city.

CORRECTION.—In our legislative report the names of Messrs. Clanton and Donegan were transposed in the second ballot for Speaker of the House. Mr. Clanton voted for Rogers and Mr. Donegan supported Mayhew.

—Gurney & Co. have received a large addition to their splendid stock of boots, shoes, gaiters and similar articles. Embroidered slippers and ladies' shoes of the most fashionable varieties and styles, certain to please every customer, may be purchased upon the most reasonable terms.

—Mag McCormick pleaded guilty in the District Court on the 6th inst. to the charge of assaulting Daisy Dean. On the 10th inst. Chief Justice Hosmer sentenced her to pay a fine of $100 and costs. There are now no indictments pending against this woman, and she has paid four fines for her conduct upon one night.

—The History of the Vigilantes was published on the 10th inst., and the demand has been very large. Every person should possess the first book that was written and printed in the Territory, and forms the basis of its history. Apply at once for a copy, because the edition will be exhausted.

"The telegraph works beautifully." So says everybody, and our columns filled with what is literally the news of the day, proves the truth of the remark. Some narrow minded politicians did not think much of its operations last week, because the election returns did not please them. With this exception the enterprise has been regarded with favor by the citizens.

—Mr. R. has written a letter from which we derive the following facts regarding Jefferson City. Old leads are being developed, new ones of extraordinary richness have been discovered, and many building lots have been pre-empted. A school, with a "Yankee schoolmarm," has recently started to teach the young idea how to shoot. The farmers have been troubled by the grasshoppers, but expect to thrive next season. A smelting furnace will be constructed during the ensuing winter. Two stores supply the wants of the inhabitants of this section.

—Colonel Bright, the new mail agent for Montana, left our city on the 14th instant for the north, to establish a mail route from Walla Walla to Missoula Mills. John Allman, an old citizen of Montana, has obtained the contract to carry the mail, and will run a line of coaches between those two points. The selection of stock and other necessary preparations have been made, and it is thought that Mr. Allman will begin to work upon the first day of December.

—Mr. L. Branch Lyman, one of the most successful farmers in the East Gallatin Valley, has given us some valuable information relating to his crops. He raised more than sixty bushels of winter wheat to the acre, and every bushel weighed over sixty pounds, which he claims to be the "largest yield ever threshed in the Territory." He has thirty acres under cultivation, and will be prepared to supply farmers next season with seed of the well known varieties of the "White Victoria" and the "Premium red bearded Mediterranean." Mr. Lyman also remarks that it has never been necessary to irrigate the crop in the fall or spring, the grasshoppers have never injured it when they devoured other wheat growing in its immediate vicinity, and it does not smut. He has now planted his third crop in the valley, and believes in the agricultural richness of Montana.

—EDITOR POST: We have been staging it many miles in this western country, have carried shovels in winter and rails in summer, but the hardest case we ever heard of happened last week on the Prickly Pear. A load of "Solons" intent on going to the Territorial Legislature per coach, were stuck in a mud hole when, to their relief, appeared that centaur, "X," and immediately told the gentlemen in the coach to lighten up. Movements to comply with X's advice were vetoed by him, and he explained that bodily movement was unnecessary if two or three of the gents would deliver themselves of their speeches. W——y, of Edgerton, took the hint, got on the driver's seat and astonished the company, and Wilkinson threw into the mud his editorials, when the coach, being lightened, moved at once and soon parted company with X. O. K.

—R. N. Farley, Esq., has just completed his tasks and reports that there are 221 persons between the ages of four and twenty-one years in the first district of Madison county, which includes the cities of Virginia and Junction. Messrs. Deimling, Rodgers and J. A. Carlisle, have been elected trustees. Upon making inquiries into the matter, we were surprised to find that there is no public school house in this large district, and we suggest that measures to erect the necessary building should be taken at once. We regret to inform our readers that the school fund appears to have been grossly mismanaged, and there is a mere pittance in the Treasury, when there should be at least $2,700. There is something mysterious connected with $2,600 that has been deposited at a bank in orders that are worth about thirty cents per dollar. Knowing that the trustees of the district will investigate this subject in the most thorough manner, we will postpone our comments until their report is published. We will add that our censure does not apply to the parties who supervise the school fund at the present time.

PERSONAL.—Mr. George W. Irvin, of Deer Lodge, is in our city.

—Foster & Culver have large corrals and good feed for animals, and also a few fleet steeds to let.

—A portion of our Helena locals, and letter containing the Firemen's Ball advertisement, are too late for this Saturday's issue. They will appear in Tuesday morning's Post.

—Judge Dance, of the pioneer firm of Dance, Stuart & Co., is paying his friends in this city a brief visit. He enjoys good health and brings favorable reports from Deer Lodge.

—Tobacco and every article that is required for its use and enjoyment, are sold by Griffith & Mahan, at their store, opposite the El Sol billiard hall.

—Farmers and gardeners attention! I have just received a lot of No. 1 onion sets, which I propose selling to suit purchasers. First come first served. JAMES M. RYAN,
116tf Nevada City.

—On the 13th inst., three wagons, loaded with flour from the Gallatin Mills, arrived in our city. We are glad to learn that the demand for this excellent product of Montana is active, and everybody praises its qualities.

—The first edition of the History of the Vigilantes has been nearly exhausted, and the call continues to be great. For sale at the City Book Store, where DeLacy's map of Montana, stationery and interesting reading matter may be bought.

—The Legislature has been in session nine days, and two bills have passed through both branches, and been transmitted to the Governor for his signature. One of them relates to vacancies in office, and prescribes a rule for filling them. The other changes the name of Montana City to Argenta, which is located in the rich silver Rattlesnake district. There was no opposition to them in the Council or House, and the Governor will approve them.

—Members of the Legislature, and other persons, are dissatisfied with the manner in which the proceedings of the two houses are printed. The quality of the paper is poor, and the typographical appearance does not reflect much credit upon the choice of Secretary Meagher. However, the government pays for the job and it will make no difference to the officials in Washington, who will allow a certain amount for it without regard to the quality of its execution.

—The policemen have destroyed many curs and dogs of low degree since the 12th inst., and the work of destruction goes on. A license and a leather collar will stay the bloody hands of the officers of the city. We notice that many worthless quadrupeds of the canine species have been protected by their unfortunate owners, who exhibit in this matter a small degree of common sense. However, "there is ho accounting for tastes," especially when a dog is the object of attraction.

—In the last number of the Gazette, Wilkinson alluded to a ball which would take place as soon as a certain case in Court was determined. He received an invitation to attend it, which was couched in the following words:

"Yourself and friends are respectfully solicited to attend a ball, to be given at the Shades, on Wednesday, the 14th inst.
"KATE & KATE."

As we were not invited, we shall be obliged to refer our readers, who may be interested, to the columns of the Gazette for a report.

—Many years ago, before steam had achieved its triumphs, John Quincy Adams remarked that he hoped the day would come when the whole country would be intersected by turnpikes and canals. Basing our opinion upon the bills that have been introduced and debated in the present legislative body of Montana, we think that some persons desire to see the Territory cut up by toll-roads and the streams traversed by ferry boats. We are pleased to notice that a disposition prevails upon the part of a majority of the members to reduce the rates of toll and protect the rights of the prospectors. Unless the Territory is speedily invaded by thousands of immigrants, we do think that the gentlemen who receive charters will make large fortunes in one year from date.

—We are indebted to Messrs. John Donegan, President, and Wm. Galbraith, Recorder of Need gulch, for the following information relating to its description and prospects. It is situated eleven miles from Virginia City, and is three miles in a southerly direction from the toll-gate on the road to Great Salt Lake. The gulch is thirteen miles in length, and commences at the Summit, from which the world renowned Alder received its deposits of the golden treasure, and a small ridge separates them. The gravel yields from five to fifteen cents per pan, and the depth to the bedrock is only eight feet, but the distance is greater in the canyon district. A drain ditch is being constructed, which will facilitate the labor of the miners. All parties, who have examined this gulch, are satisfied that, when it has been thoroughly worked, (and it will be next year) many thousands of dollars will be washed from its "golden sands."

—A vigorous effort is being made by patriotic members of the unterrified Democracy to procure the removal of many of the Federal officers in this Territory. The marshal, collector, judges and certain postmasters must change possessors, to enable citizens that vehemently opposed the election of President Johnson to office in 1864, to gain these desirable offices. We trust that this political movement will be unsuccessful. Do the people desire to see Mr. Langford, who has been one of the most diligent and faithful officials that ever rendered any services to the national government, displaced, in order that county treasurers, like Mr. Ray of Edgerton, may be promoted to collect a small portion of the revenue? It is proposed to import from the States some individuals who are anxious to visit Montana at the expense of the public. There is no necessity for this strange proceeding, and we think that the claims of residents should be considered first, and, if the Territory does not contain competent persons, it will then be proper to appoint parties that live in America.

—During the last week, Wilkinson has been very busy, and consumed many hours in writing a speech, of which the POST, with its usual enterprise, furnishes the only accurate report. He rose with a senatorial air, and prepared to deliver his historical effort. Members, who anticipated a rehearsal of his dull editorials upon his favorite topic of hurdy-gurdies, seized their hats and left the hall, and it was almost impossible to keep a quorum of the Council present. He commenced in an original style, as follows: "Mr. President." The moment that his harsh and extremely disagreeable voice pronounced these important words, the spectators abandoned their seats and fled to escape the punishment which was so imminent. He continued his eloquent (?) remarks: "I ask permission to leave the hall." We have read many essays regarding Latin conciseness, but the well known military reports of Cæsar cannot be considered as models of style, while Wilkinson's great oration is studied. We need not add that Wilkinson achieved a triumph, and every member was willing to accede to his request. If he had tendered his resignation, it would have been joyfully accepted by a unanimous vote. In one respect, it reminds us of the words of schoolboys, "May I go out?" but there is a deep significance in the learned (?) editor's sentences. As a campaign document, it is invaluable. We sincerely believe that another speech from the same source would destroy the Missouri Radicals and abolitionists, who are daily increasing in numbers, and design to carry Montana at the next election.

—Those who are so lucky as to own property in Madison county, will find it advantageous to pay the taxes thereon previous to the first day of December. Twenty-five per cent will be added to the bills of delinquents.

—Captain Wall left for St. Louis last Tuesday morning. We have no more excellent or enterprising citizen than the Captain, and we are glad to know he contemplates an early return to Montana.

—Judge Alden has purchased one-half of the El Sol Billiard Hall, which offers its usual attractions, and all lovers of billiards will find good tables, cues, balls and similar articles ready for their use.

—The Delevan House continues to supply all boarders with every delicacy which can be found in the markets, and although the tables are generally full, there is always room for one more guest. All travelers can enjoy at this place repose upon "flowery beds of ease."

—Nearly every gentleman in the city, who is neatly and fashionably dressed, buys his clothing at Content's store, which is supplied with garments that were made in San Francisco, expressly for the Montana trade. Charter clothing of the best styles constantly on hand.

—Our readers will be gratified to learn that Singleton's fleet, consisting of twenty-five boats, arrived at Sioux City on the 20th ult. The passage consumed thirty-four days, twelve of which were occupied in sailing down the Yellowstone. No trouble was received from the "brown Indian," and the passengers, with the exception of Mrs. Thompson, who died of disease, reached their destination in safety.

—To-morrow (Sunday,) there will be service in the Catholic Church. The first mass at 8, and the second at 10 o'clock, with sermon. In the evening at 5 o'clock, vespers, benediction, and lecture. The same service to be repeated every Sunday. Everybody is invited to be present and join in the exercises. The Rev. F. Vanzina is the pastor.

—Judge McCullough tried the following cases during the week: On the 11th inst., M. Rob, arrested by Grimes for breach of the peace, fined $5 and costs; J. Doe, arrested by Grimes for creating a disturbance, fined $10 and costs; on the 16th inst., John Doe complained of himself for disturbing the peace, fined $7.50.

—Governor Smith's reception, last night, in the Council chamber, was a decided success. Nearly all the leading citizens of the city were present, and the members of the Legislature called in force. Those who are so fortunate as to possess wives conferred a great favor upon the gentlemen by bringing them to the festive scene. Excellent music was provided, and all enjoyed the occasion, which we trust will be only the beginning of many more.

—Mr. J. Moore, who has just returned from the Salmon River district, brings the following interesting information: Five hundred miners are working in the diggings, which comprise several gulches—Napa, Ward's, Antelope and Alder. The dust is of the finest quality, and has assayed in Helena $19.20 per ounce. The towns of Leesburg, Grantville, and Eureka are thriving at present. Mr. Moore has made arrangements to start a pony express from Bannack to Eureka.

—The proceedings of the first communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, at its organization, January 24–9, 1866, have been received, most tastefully printed. Copies can be procured by the officers of the Grand Lodge, and officers of subordinate lodges, from the Grand Secretary at Virginia City, or from Ben. R. Dittes, Helena.

—A meeting was held in Judge McCullough's office on the 15th instant, for the purpose of organizing a bucket and a hook and ladder company. About twenty persons were present, including Mayor Castner, Alderman Lea and others. Henry N. Blake was elected chairman, and F. G. Heldt acted as secretary. A. H. Foster, Esq. was chosen foreman of the Hook and Ladder Company, and James McEvily, Esq. was elected foreman of the Bucket Company. Both the above gentlemen will occupy their positions temporarily, until the companies are filled and organized. The meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on next Monday evening at 7 1-2 o'clock. It is earnestly hoped that the citizens will take an active part in enlisting members for these companies. Do not fail to attend the meeting.

—The following trains arrived in Virginia, from Great Salt Lake and the States, during the week: on the 9th inst., eight wagons in charge of McQuade, with machinery of Hosmer Mining Company, which left St. Joseph, July 23d; on the 10th inst., seven wagons in charge of James Brunett, with flour for J. S. Rockfellow—left Cache Valley on the 24th ult; on the 13th inst., seventy-seven wagons in charge of Owens and Ryan, with goods for J. S. Rockfellow—left Leavenworth, July 1st; on the 10th inst., thirty-two wagons in charge of E. Olinghouse, with fifteen hundred sacks of States flour for Kiskadden; on the 14th inst., twenty-five wagons in charge of Jas. Adams, with goods for L. H. Hershfeldt & Co.—left Great Salt Lake, 4th ult; three wagons in charge of N. Montgomery, with produce for O'Donnell & Co. and others—left Great Salt Lake on the 25th ult; on the 11th inst., fifteen wagons in charge of A. Kirkpatrick, with flour for himself—left Great Salt Lake on the 1st ult.

Helena Locals.

—A few miners returned from their journey to the Wind River mountains on the 6th, and bring reports not calculated to induce emigration thither. The best ground that was prospected by these men was only moderately good. We all know what this expression signifies, and as long as even moderately good claims remain unworked, all about us within a circle of a few miles, the better portion of the miners will remain here.

—The District Court met on the morning of the 5th. The case of T. W. Taliafero, ex-Probate Judge of Meagher county, was taken up. Mr. Shober resumed his argument of Saturday night in favor of the motion to discharge Judge Taliafero from arrest. This motion was opposed by Mr. Cavanaugh. Upon the opening of the court in the afternoon, Judge Williston read an opinion which he had drawn up in the case. His Honor said he was relieved from the responsibility of deciding upon the jurisdiction of Probate Justices within this Territory, as that question had already been passed upon by the Supreme Court; that tribunal holding that under the organic act, the Territorial legislature could not confer jurisdiction in civil actions upon probate justices. But as this decision appeared to be not generally known as yet, and there being no proof that it was within the knowledge of the prisoner, His Honor said he could not hold him guilty of a contempt, and accordingly ordered him to be discharged from custody.

—The grand jury was impanneled and sworn on Monday last, and proceeded to business. It is understood there is but little business before them.

—At the District Court, on motion of J. H. Shober, L. M. Brown, and on motion of J. J. Williams, Henry Burdick, were admitted to practice in the courts of this Territory.

—Within two days past considerable quantities of goods have arrived in wagons, and have been stored in the various warehouses on the hill and elsewhere. The freight was chiefly flour from the Gallatin Valley.

—A large new frame building is being erected on Broad street, two doors above the postoffice, the upper or second story of which will be occupied as a Masonic Hall.

—Horse stealing has been, and still is carried on very extensively, and thus far with impunity. Under the present system of ranching, or turning stock loose in the mountains, the owner does not become aware of his loss until the thief is so far away that his apprehension is almost impossible. The unfortunate owners of the stolen animals are beginning to long for the by-gone days when the Vigilantes administered speedy justice to this class of malefactors.

—Hon. T. W. Taliafero left for Virginia City, by the Overland stage, on the 7th.

—It is understood that the managers of the Overland stage company are about to transfer Mr. Jas. Hughes, their agent at this place, to Salt Lake, where he was formerly, and from which place he was transferred to this city. We hope this will not be done. Mr. Hughes, during the short time he has been with us, has gained the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, no less by his attention to his business than by his gentlemanly deportment. A good man is as much appreciated in Helena as elsewhere.

—Henry ——, a boy, was brought before Justice Duke on Thursday afternoon charged with throwing a stone at a Chinaman's house. The testimony was conflicting, and the justice held that the boy had not "proved" himself innocent, and imposed on him a fine of $2 and costs. At last accounts, the young man was looking for some one who would let him have the money wherewith to satisfy the demands of blind justice.

—On the night of the 6th inst. there was an alarm of fire raised. On proceeding to the place, on the uppor part of Wood street, it was found to be nothing more serious than a chimney or stovepipe, the soot in which had taken fire, and which was easily extinguished.

—Another incipient conflagration was discovered about 10 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, on the premises known as the old corner, and arising from the same cause that produced the fire of the night previous, a foul stovepipe.

—The warning given by the fires aroused our citizens to take some measures to organize an efficient fire department. Accordingly a meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the county court house, on Wood street. On motion of Mr. Curtis, H. A. Edwards was called to the chair. J. Elsasser was made secretary. The secretary read the call, and stated briefly the object of the meeting. Quite a prolonged and earnest debate arose, which was finally shut off by a motion to proceed to business. Upon motion the chair appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws to govern the new engine company. This was the occasion of much debate, and finally a motion was made to reconsider, and afterward it was moved that a new committee be appointed. The chair thereupon named Messrs. Elsasser, Mansfield, Curtis and Reamish, to raise fnnds to construct cisterns and procure apparatus necessary to make the fire department effective. On motion Mr. Mansfield was made treasurer, to receive the money collected for this purpose. A motion was made and carried unanimously authorizing the fire wardens to examine flues and chimneys in the city forthwith, and inform the occupants of houses of their defectiveness. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday evening, Nov. 12th. The formation of a new fire company to be embodied in the old department, is under advisement.

—In court little has been done except the argument of motions in the various Confederate mining cases. The Grand Jury came into Court on Thursday afternoon, having found six or seven bills of indictment, and were discharged. There will be no petit jury until Monday the 12th.

—Dumphy's new building is so far completed as to be tenable, in the opinion of Messrs. Cavanaugh & Chadwick, who have removed to their new offices therein.

—Barnum's restaurant, on Wood street, has ceased to be. Messrs. Gilpatrick & Bryant, the well known booksellers and stationers, are fitting up the building for their place of business during the winter. We understand these gentlemen will have in connection with their store a reading room where the leading newspapers of the country can be found, and also a circulating library comprising the best literary matter of the day. Those who form their idea of the stock of Messrs. Gilpatrick & Bryant from the display made at their present place of business, are not posted. They have a large supply of every thing properly belonging to their department, and intend bringing some of it out when they occupy their new building.

—There was another small fire, or attempt at one, in the house on Clore or Rock street, facing Bridge street, on the 9th inst., and which shared the fate of its predecessors—prompt extinguishment. These small affairs, if our citizens are wise, will prove providential dispensations, and will be the occasion of future safety.

—A. M. Woolfolk and E. C. Moore, comprising the law firm of Woolfolk & Moore, have gone to the States. They left last week.

—Grass & Klein received on the 10th inst. a large lot of goods from Walla Walla. The old Crystal Palace, which these gentlemen have purchased, is at present used as a store-room.

—A party of serenaders are going the rounds of the streets at night and treating their friends to very fine music. We were not aware that there were so many good vocalists in the city as these serenaders have brought out.

—The business of the Court has been as usual, the hearing of motions in injunction and attachment cases. The end of this has, however, been reached, and on Monday the trial of actions will commence.

—The following are the officers of Montana Engine and Hook and Ladder Company, No. 4; S. Levy, foreman; Joseph Hancock, first assistant; B. J. Triest, second assistant; Jos. Bloomingdale, President; J. H. Ming, Treasurer; M. B. Edinger, Secretary.

—Mr. T. V. Russel, the acting attorney general of the Territory, is in town, having arrived by the Overland on the 10th. We understand that Foster's case will not be taken up until next week.

—As an instance of the peculiar fortune of miners, we may mention a case not generally known, we believe, to our citizens. On claim number 13, in Grizzly district, a deep shaft was sunk last fall, reaching what was then supposed to be the bed rock. This shaft being left open during the winter the ground at the bottom was frozen very hard, and has not thawed out yet. Still a party has been working it, and has gone through the supposed bed rock, and is taking out the frozen pay dirt, which, when thawed out, is washed, and yields under these unfavorable circumstances from $7 to $8 per day to the hand. How much would be the yield with a fair chance at working the claim, old miners can perhaps form some idea.

—Messrs. Wagener & Co. have re-opened the old California Restaurant, on the corner of Main and Bridge streets, Helena. These gentlemen are well experienced in this business, and can, consequently, "keep a hotel."

—Crow Creek, the great hunting ground to which so many have gone from this city, seems, if we can credit common reports, to be exhausted. That single deer which, at last accounts, was pursued by some score of hunters, has not been captured yet, and this last of a great family may preserve the species to the country for a while longer. A party of five who went to that region some four weeks ago have returned more empty than when they set out, having, during their stay in the mountains, killed but two deer, the greater part of which were consumed by themselves. Don't go to Crow Creek to hunt this winter.

—The snow that has been threatening us for a few days, came at last on the night of the 10th. It was only a sprinkling though, and by the afternoon could not be seen except on the hill-tops. Pleasant weather still continues to cheer and comfort us.

—Cave gulch, situated about three miles from New York, about which there was a stampede on a small scale two weeks ago, proves to be all that it was represented to be at that time, a thing very unusual according to our limited experience of these affairs. From different sources we hear substantially the same news regarding the mining ground on this gulch. The diggings are deep and the dirt very rich, paying $2.50 to the pan on the bed rock. Parties of three and four men are taking out from $200 to $300 per day. Of course the ground is all taken up, and as we hear of no sales or quotations, we presume those who own ground are content to keep it.

—Edward McLean has removed his store further down Main street, and is now located two doors below the Walla Walla Restaurant. Mr. McLean is, we believe, the only merchant in Helena who closes his store on Sunday.

—Vegetables continuet o pour in from various ranches. Turnips and rutabagas seem to take the lead now, dozens of loads of these roots having been brought in on Monday last. Small game, too, is abundant, and those who wish for venison can obtain it, notwithstanding the failure of the Crow Creek hunting expeditions.

—The District Court was held in the new court-room in the new stone building for the first time, on the 12th inst. No platform having been erected, the judicial authority found itself on the same level with the members of the bar. The room is a spacious one, and when completely fitted up, will be well adapted to the purposes for which it was designed. The chief defect at present is a disagreeable echo which often mixes up questions of law with questions of fact in puzzling confusion. This fault is common in new rooms, and will probably disappear in time. The Clerk's office has been removed to the same building and occupies a room directly in rear of the court room. We congratulate Charley on his comfortable winter quarters.

—William A. Ellis was brought before U. S. Commissioner Burdick on the 12th, by officers Featherstun and Beidler, on suspicion of having stolen a gold watch and chain from Mrs. ——. The watch was found in the prisoner's possession, and the chain had been sold by him. He however gave a satisfactory account of the manner in which the articles came to his hands, and was discharged from custody. The property was restored to the owner.

—On Monday afternoon F. P. Heatty, Marcus Lessner, M. G. Chase and Charles Lewis, better known as "Saxey," were arraigned and pleaded guilty to indictments found against them by the grand jury; the first two for keeping gambling-houses in which three card monte and the ten dice game were played, the latter two, Chase and Lewis, for dealing and carrying on those games. Sentence not yet passed.

—The adjourned meeting of those interested in the formation of a fire company did not take place last evening. We understand there will be a meeting for a similar purpose on Tuesday evening.

—At the District Court, on Tuesday, Messrs. Heatley, Lessner, Chase and Lewis, who had plead guilty to two indictments each, for having violated the laws of the Territory against gaming, received the sentence of the Court, which was, that they pay a fine of $1,000 on each indictment, and costs of the proceedings. This makes each of these individuals a public debtor to the amount of over $2,000. On the same day Con. Orem was arraigned upon two indictments for the same offence, and gave bonds to appear and plead on Thursday.

—Two small fights took place on the 13th, on the old ground corner of Main and Bridge streets, one of them arising out of a dog fight. None of the combatants were seriously injured.

—Neil Howie, our Assistant Assessor, has moved his office from Clore street, where he has been living in comparative seclusion, to the new building in which the court is held.

—On the 14th, Maggie Johnson was brought before Justice McCarty, charged with having committed assault and battery upon James Raffel. Fined $5 and costs.

—The History of the Vigilantes of Montana has come to hand, and is extensively read. The effect of its perusal is to reconcile every one who is thus informed of the state of society in the early days of the Territory, to the acts of the Vigilance Committee. Under such circumstances the administration of justice by such an organization is no more than government by the people, direct, and without any of the formalities which attend the execution of delegated power and authority.

—Proceedings of the meeting called for the purpose of organizing a new engine company: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Greenhood, at 7 p. m., Nov. 9th, and the following officers were elected: Jo. Bloomingdale, President; M. B. Edinger, Sec'y. The Secretary stated the object of the meeting and, on motion, a list was opened and signed by all parties who wished to become members of the company. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Jo. Bloomingdale, President; M. B. Edinger, Secretary; J. Levy, Foreman; John Ming, Treasurer; Jo. Hancock, 1st Asst. Foreman; Barney Triest, 2d Asst. Foreman. On motion, this company was named "Montana Engine Co. No. 4." Messrs. Loeb and Edinger were appointed as a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws. Second meeting, Nov. 13th: Old business finished. Constitution and by-laws approved and adopted as read. A motion was made and carried that the company give an inaugural ball on the evening of Nov. 28th. The following gentlemen were appointed as committee of arrangements: Messrs. Summers, Edinger and Greenhood. Motion was made and carried that a special invitation be sent to the officers of the Helena and Virginia Fire Department and members of the press. Adjourned.

—Before Justice McCarty on the 5th inst., John Chinaman appeared in the character of defendant in civil process. A "melican man" had left some clothes with one of the numerous members of the "Lee" family, whether Ye, or Hob, or Sing, we do not remember, and presume the public does not care. Lee not returning the articles of wearing apparel, the owner brought his action, and as he had the Chinaman's receipt, the defendant had to come down with the dust.

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