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THE CITY.

Arrivals and Departures During the Week.—*Arrived.*

O C Plummer	Frank Neese	Geo Rockfellow
Miss McNeil	S R Kirby	Frank Gigray
E A Brown	J A Stone	D Andy
J G Hughes,	J L Shirley	Wash Barrow
Ben Bechman	Wm Thompson	J W Slater
Tom Baume	H L Rawson	Gov Pollinger

Departed.

Ben Bachman	J O Cohen	John Munday
W Schimmenfling	G Reenbacks	G Old
I Phillips	A Wamble	J J Blake
W M Barnum	Prof Eaton	Wm Peck
N J Bond	John A Stone	Miss C Hinaman

From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.

THE NEW CABINET.—A few days since in passing the cabinet rooms of Mr. R. N. Renshaw our attention was attracted by a set of furniture that was displayed in front of the building. Supposing some enterprising individual had invested a thousand or two in having it transported from the States, we entered to ascertain to whom it belonged, and were more than astonished at the information that it was the workmanship of Mr. R., and put up in his shop at this place, for Mr. John S. Rockfellow. It is a complete set of furniture, in every sense of the word. The wood work is finely polished black walnut, and the upholstering of green damask; and for the quality of material and workmanship, would be cheap anywhere. There is no use talking about the Freedmen's Bureau, or the Washington Cabinet, or "table turning" anywhere; Virginia is decidedly ahead, and any one who wishes a tip-top article of furniture, from a bureau to a boot-jack, cannot do better than to call on Mr. R. at his mammoth establishment, on the corner of Jackson and Coover streets, where they will receive courteous attention from the gentlemanly proprietor, whether they purchase or not.

ALL ABOUT THIEVES.—On last Thursday night the cabin of Mr. J. P. Rodman, toll-keeper on the Summit road, was entered by some burglar or burglars during his absence and provisions to the amount of $30 or $40 taken therefrom. We were informed of this at the time, but did not make mention of it, as the officers were on the track of the thieves and it was thought the publication might defeat the ends of justice. Although no arrests have been made, it is tolerably certain that the right men have been spotted and their movements watched. There has been a number of petty thieveries committed in this city within the last month, and no doubt the perpetrators are congratulating themselves on their shrewdness in avoiding arrest. Let us say to them—you are known and watched in every movement, and what saves you from immediate arrest is, that it is not deemed advisable to quarter so large a number on the county. Your deeds are *marked in the book* and some of you need only another line to put you beyond the cares of this troublous world. Take warning in good season; it may not come again.

THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE.—We do not remember a more beautiful night than that of Sunday last. The air was deliciously invigorating, and the rude sounds of labor were hushed into a hallowed silence, unbroken save by the whisper of the fairies, or the plashing of the waters adown the gulch. Beyond the town the cold gray mountains reared their majestic heads far into the cerulian dome, where pliant, fleecy clouds floated like angels' banners from the battlements of Heaven. Far beyond pale Luna shed her lambent light upon the scene, and the bright stars whose sparkling brilliancy outvie the diamonds' shimmering blaze, sparkled and glittered in a thousand groups of gorgeous beauty, where the music of the spheres vibrate in endless harmony through all the realms of space. We gazed upon this glorious sight in silent admiration until our heart was filled with joy too full to be restrained, and with an overflowing rush of words we lifted up our voice and—sneezed.

THE STORM—DELIGHTFUL PROSPECT. A regular tornado prevailed here during yesterday and last night. The wind whirled the snow about in a furious manner and kept everybody housed around the glowing stoves except those whom dire necessity forced out into the warring elements. Up to the time of our going to press the coach had not arrived at Pleasant Valley, and the operator at that place telegraphs that a heavy snow storm has been raging there for four days, with no prospect of its ceasing. He says from appearances it may be two weeks before a coach gets through. A most delightful prospect, indeed.

HALF THE STORY.—Episodes will sometimes occur to break the dull routine of commonplace events, and accidents will happen in the best regulated families. One of the former occurred yesterday, which to an unprejudiced observer was extremely interesting, but to one of the parties was of a peculiarly striking character, when seen "as through a glass darkly." We do not feel at liberty to give the particulars at present, but should the "subject" come up before the Police Magistrate in a proper manner, there will be a chiel among ye takin' notes, an' faith he'll prent 'em.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—One of the most important and successful improvements upon old fogy institutions, is the new atmospheric lamp, which combines in itself beauty, economy and durability, with the purest and steadiest flame ever produced in a lamp. Try one. For sale by Housel & Davis.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

IN AT LAST.—Quite an excitement was created by the arrival of the "Overland" Mail conveyance from Helena, on Tuesday night. They had been out three days and two nights, floundering through snowdrifts and exposed to the pitiless storm, and gave vent to their delight on reaching Virginia, in a series of lusty cheers. Shouting is fully as infectious as small pox, and the refrain was taken up all over town—by the street population—and congregated quite a crowd who quietly dispersed on learning the cause. The coach came as far as Redfern's, when the mail and passengers were transferred to "bobs," and came into Virginia on runners. The passengers were muffled up in furs, the sled covered with snow accumulated from the numerous snowdrifts they had encountered, and the entire outfit resembled the picture of an Arctic exploring party more than the regular conveyance from our Sister City over the hill. Among the episodes of the journey were an upset, a mining exploration in a snowdrift for the lost coach, a night's sleep in a stable, and sundry consolations from a spiritual comforter.

ANY WAY TO GET THERE.—"Necessity is the mother of invention" and "where there is a will, there is a way," has not been more truly exemplified since the time when the adventurous pilgrim started from the Missouri for Pike's Peak with a wheelbarrow, than it was in our streets yesterday. The Salmon river fever is the predominating epidemic at present, and many of those who sigh for diggings in that promising land have not the necessary means of conveyance to that locality, and are awaiting the time when "something will turn up" by which they can secure transportation to Leesburg or Grantsville. A couple of irrepressible individuals, however, having made up their minds to go or break a runner, constructed a good-sized hand-sled, stowed upon it their worldly possessions, and at 12 m. precisely, on yesterday, hitched themselves to it and started for Salmon river via Nevada, Junction and Bannack. All success to you, brave spirits, in your undertaking. We wish you the fortunes your enterprise merits, and a return in a coach and six.

PERSONAL.—Captain R. E. Fisk of the *Herald*, Judge Turnley, and J. G. Hughes, Esq., arrived by the coach from Helena, on Tuesday, en route for the East, and were in town yesterday calling on their numerous friends. The Captain purposes bringing on a couple of new presses—and we conjecture another "form"—as soon as practicable next spring. The Judge is our Commissioner to the Great Exposition in Paris, and after purchasing machinery for his quartz interests here, will either return to Montana, or sail for Europe. "Jeems" goes to the city of the Saints, as cashier of Hussey, Dahler & Co.'s bank. We apprehend he will confine his attention more to the "issue" of greenbacks than the other "issue" now pending between the Jews, the Gentiles, and the Mormons. The party intend leaving by the coach this morning. A pleasant trip, gentlemen. May the wild storm cease to howl, and the "beautiful snow" not impede your journey; and, by the by, if you meet the "up coach," hurry it along; we want our exchanges.

THE V. C. C.—This model Club held their *soiree* last night as per announcement. The weather was auspicious, the turn-out large, the music superb, harmony prevailed, "and all went merry as a marriage bell." Our people have gotten fairly over the fatigues of the holidays, the epidemic has abated, and all appeared to take new delight in swinging through the mazy circles. Every face was wreathed in smiles and pleasure beamed from every eye. One individual, evidently of a poetic temperament and laboring under the effects of maiden glances, was heard soliloquizing in guarded tones,

"And oh, if there be an elysium on earth,
It is this. It is this"—

Whether it was or not, all enjoyed themselves "hugely," and the festivities were kept up long past the "witching hours of night." The V. C. C. is all its most sanguine friends could wish.

ON THE MUSCLE.—The boys were having a very spirited wrestling-match opposite the California Saloon last evening, and many "children of a larger growth" appeared to be quite interested in the proceedings. Our first impression was that some of them were made of snow, as we were wont to pile them up in our school-boy days "now gone, John, forever," but on closer scrutiny the fact was developed that inside the snow was a suit of clothes and inside the clothes a diminutive specimen of the boy persuasion, whom some other bundle of snow and clothes and boy had been "wollerin'" in the crystalized vapor. The point under discussion whilst we were passing, was who should have the "under holt," one protesting that his "right arm wasn't good for nothin'" and the other retorting that "he wouldn't do that kind o' rastlin' no how."

OUR MANUFACTORIES.—We took a look yesterday at the cabinet rooms and turning shop of Messrs. Clark & Mitchell, on Wallace street. These gentlemen have a large establishment, with excellent facilities for manufacturing anything in their line. Several specimens in the carving line particularly attracted our attention; among others a very handsome, elaborately carved rosewood stained bedstead, ordered by one of our merchants, and a large rosewood clock case. Their machinery is propelled by water power, so constructed that the severest weather does not affect it, and enabling them to turn out work at a lower figure than that propelled by hand. Their salesroom contains a large variety of choice furniture, and parties desiring to purchase should give them a call.

OUR TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.—The telegraph line between Salt Lake City and the States has been down for a day or two, but commenced working again last night. Our dispatches this issue are rather limited, but Saturday *Deo Volente* we will give our readers the usual quantity. The principal breaks during the winter have been east of Salt Lake. The substantial manner in which the line has been constructed by the W. U. T. Company has enabled them to keep us in communication with Salt Lake City during the unprecedented storms on the mountains.

GENERAL MEAGHER'S LECTURE.—We would again call attention to the lecture to be delivered by General Meagher in the Hall of Representatives on next Sunday evening. The object is a laudable one, and affords its patrons the opportunity of contributing to a worthy charity while enjoying a rare intellectual treat. The hall will no doubt be crowded, and persons wishing to obtain good seats should secure tickets beforehand and go early. We are assured by the committee that the hall will be warm, and every exertion used to render the audience comfortable.

"WATER FAST, SOUND ASLEEP."—Gentlemen who have just returned from the Silver Star district report *four feet* of ice on the Jefferson river at the crossing. That's the biggest thing on ice we have heard of.

WAIT FOR THE WAGON.—Up to a late hour last night the Overland coach had not yet arrived at Pleasant Valley. The storm still continued unabated and the snow was falling rapidly at that place. "Oh Lord, how long."

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THE ALDER GULCH FLUME.—The Virginia and Nevada Ditch and Fluming Company have consolidated with the Alder Gulch Fluming Company, and propose commencing operations on this stupendous enterprise as soon as the weather moderates sufficiently to warrant it. We have it from good authority that this much-talked-of project is now to be carried through. Mr. McEvily and others are negotiating, and have about completed arrangements with capitalists for the purpose of constructing a ditch from the Stinkingwater (Passamari) river to Alder Gulch, large enough to carry four thousand inches of water, for the purpose of fluming Alder Gulch. This ditch, it is estimated, will cost $200 000, and will pass over miles of ground which prospects well, but cannot now be worked for want of water. Aside from mining, this ditch will be valuable for milling and other purposes. It is believed by all well-informed parties that at the least calculation there yet remains in Alder Gulch as much gold as there has been taken out, and also, that in order to work it successfully one company should have the entire control. We do not know of any enterprise that so materially or vitally interests the county and Territory as this, and are gratified to have the assurance that all obstacles have been overcome, and that by August the flume will be in operation. It will give employment to a large number of laboring men, and bring back the flourishing days of Alder Gulch. Of the first company, James McEvily is President; John Donegan, Secretary; Norval Harrison, John Donegan, P. McGowen and James McEvily, Trustees; and A. Hanauer, Columbus Hampton and James Brown for the other.

MASONIC.—The attention of our readers is directed to the Masonic advertisements in today's paper. Virginia now boasts of two Lodges—one Royal Arch Chapter, one Royal and Select Council, and a Commandery of Knight Templars. Authority is daily expected for the organization of several female orders of Masonry, and when that arrives, every evening of the week but one will be occupied by one or the other of the Masonic organizations. The Masons of Virginia erected last year a magnificent hall, which will compare favorably, in style and finish, with the best halls in the States. Each organization has spared no expense to procure the necessary clothing and furniture, and Masonry in Montana is an institution of which every member has reason to be proud. It may be said, too, in this connection, that the Masonic fraternity have been very careful in the admission of members, and those who belong to the order are generally men who will not dishonor their professions. Montana is the last Masonic link in the chain of Masonic light that encircles the world, and as the last, she promises to be the brightest. Let us hope, at least, that in the keeping of the body which now controls it, that the influence of Masonry will be healthful and salutary upon all branches of our society.

ABOUT A BREACH OF PEACE, AND A PIECE ABOUT BREECHES!—The rush of many feet, and the sound of many voices, startled the otherwise solemn stillness of this office two evenings since, and caused a stampede to the door and windows. At first sight we supposed that the intermittent Salmon river fever had assumed a new phaze, and that these nocturnal ramblers had instituted a new fashion, and were making their exodus by moonlight. Something was on the ground, or snow rather, and a pair of stalwart forms were dragging it down the street at a break-neck speed, while a score of others were crowding about and signifying their approval in various noisy demonstrations. The "something" proved to be an inebriate individual who had been disturbing the peace and quiet of the town, and whose refractory conduct when he was arrested, suggested the idea of "coasting" him to the lock-up, which was done in a highly creditable manner. It was a cool performance, but had the soles of the vehicle given way, it would have probably been much cooler, for snow is a great coolist.

STARTLING.—The Police Magistrate has had a case, the first in ten days, and even then the culprit had the unparalleled audacity to plead "not guilty." He was arrested by officer Gage for behaving in a disorderly manner, and attempting to provoke hostilities with sundry individuals whose inclinations did not tend that way. The evidence was conclusive, and the belicose imbiber of galvanic whisky was fined $5 and costs. As the person has been a resident of the gulch for a couple of years and this is the first offense, we forbear making his name public. Go and sin no more.

THE CHRISTNOUGHT MILL.—Owing to the severe weather and an additional amount of labor to what was anticipated, the Christnought Mill, will not be ready for running within three or four weeks. Quartz is being taken out on the "Oro Cache" lode, and it is believed that 90 per cent, of the gold can be saved with the machinery they are putting up. With rock from this lode and that saving, we shall expect heavy clean ups when they get fairly under way. Two mills are running at present in the Summit district.

ACCIDENT.—The Rev. Hugh M. Duncan met with an accident a few days since, at the Summit. When approaching his cabin, he stepped upon a pole covered with snow, and his feet slipping, he was precipitated forward upon a piece of heavy timber, which striking him upon the breast, inflicted a painful but not serious wound. He has recovered sufficiently to be around again.

SALMON RIVER ROAD.—We have it from good authority that there is four or five feet of snow on the range between Bannack and Salmon river, and that the pack trains between the two places are unable to get over, and are camped on this side. Those who purpose starting to that locality must either wait a few days, or go prepared to lay over until the road is again broken.

FROM THE MADISON.—Parties arriving from the Madison, report the snow blown off and the cattle doing finely in that section. The river is clear of ice opposite the eight and twelve mile houses, but gorged farther up, and also below. The road over the range is passable again, and considerable travel has been done on it for the last few days.

THE OVERLAND.—The Coach from the States was within three miles of Pleasant Valley yesterday, and the passengers had reached that place. It is expected that the mails will be brought through the drift and reach this place today or to-morrow. The road is well broken on this side of the valley and the coach will come through in thirty or forty hours.

BEAR IN MIND.—The Lecture of Gen. Meagher for the benefit of the Catholic Church and the Charities connected with it, will be delivered on Sunday evening in the Representative Hall. Admittance $1.

HELENA.

From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.

STRANGE CONDUCT OF A BRIDEGROOM. The inconsistencies and freaks of weak and erring humanity sometimes assume such a ridiculous aspect, and we are so frequently at a loss to know what reason to assign for the perpetration of some of the foibles of which we are the every day observers and hearers—some of them so eminently ludicrous in their character as seriously to task our belief in their occurrence—that when we try to solve the motives which led to them, we find that the task is anything but an easy one, being almost as difficult as the elucidation of the mathematical problem of squaring the circle. To illustrate, we will give a case in point, the circumstances of which are as follows: Some time during the past month a couple resident in the beautiful valley of the Gallatin, being wounded by the shafts of the blind god, concluded to put an end to their sufferings by being made man and wife. Up to the bridal hour a rosy tinge encompassed all things terrestrial. No event had occurred to our Corydon and Phillis whereby to mar the celestial bliss of "love's young dream;" no obstinate "pariest" of either sex, or on either side, interfered with the stern mandates, or in any wise attempted to sever the two fond ones, and it appears that up to the time when the indissoluble knot was tied Corydon was anxious and willing to "love, cherish and protect" Phillis for the remainder of his natural life. Every preparation for the nuptial ceremony had been made by the bride's parents. Friends of both parties were invited from the surrounding neighborhood. Chickens, etc., were no doubt slayed *ad lib.* to appease the wrath and appetites of the attendant gods and goddesses. The day arrived, the company were gathered together, the dominie was on hand, and the ceremony was at length concluded. Friends and neighbors gathered around the fair one and offered the usual congratulations, and were on the point of extending them to the groom, when he suddenly moved to the rear and took a back seat. No entreaties could prevail upon him to come forward, or to explain the cause of his unusual silence. He thus sat for a couple of hours, when he suddenly arose, took his hat, and streaked it across the prairie for his cabin. The bride awaited in anxious expectancy for his appearance, but in vain, and the nuptial couch for that night was minus the future partner of her joys and sorrows. Morning failed to bring to the arms of Phillis her recreant spouse, and she arose from her tear-bedewed pillow sad and forlorn. Two more long, long, weary nights succeeded and still he manifested no desire to enjoy the sweets of wedled life, or even send an explanation of his conduct, while she like Niobe, was "dissolved in tears and inconsolable." At this stage some of the friends of both parties thought best to interfere, and proceeded to the habitation of this more than second Joseph, (if we are to ascribe his conduct to bashfulness,) when after some conversation, he concluded to go to the residence of the bride's parents, which he accordingly did. Business of importance calling our informant from his home in Gallatin valley, to this city, on the same day, we are not advised as to the final ending of the affair, but we expect to be able to give it to our readers in the course of a week. It was certainly a very strange freak of the bridegroom, and we would be inclined to think that he was at least undeserving of the good luck of obtaining a wife.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—A man named John Owens, who was slightly insane, was found on Crow Creek in a fozen condition, on Monday, the 8th inst. It appears that he was traveling on foot from his home on Beaver Creek, to Virginia City, during the recent cold weather, and becoming confused wandered around until he became exhausted and could go no further. When found both his legs up to the knees, and his arms, and the side of his face, were frozen solid. All efforts to save his life were unavailing, and he expired on the following afternoon. His remains were brought to this city for interment on last Thursday. The deceased leaves a wife and four children to mourn his sad and untimely end.

NEW GULCH.—A new gulch was lately discovered about twenty miles from this city which from present appearances will prove pretty rich. The gulch is named Jones' Gulch, is situated two miles east of Big Indian, and empties into Prickly Pear valley. It is four or five miles long, about fifteen feet to the bed-rock, and the prospects are good for a big thing next season. A district has been formed, a recorder elected, and of course the whole gulch staked off. The 20th of May next has we understand been designated as representation day.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.—Messrs. Greenhood and Waters have started a night school for the purpose of teaching penmanship and double-entry book-keeping. They are both gentlemen who are in every way qualified to give entire satisfaction in both of the departments they propose teaching, and we hope to see them have a large attendance of scholars. The school for the present will be held in the U. S. Court Room, in Dunphy & Bentley's block, Main street.

SO AS TO BE ABOUT.—Our worthy Postmaster, Mr. John Potter, who for some time past has been quite ill and unable to attend to the duties of his office, we are glad to see is again able to be about. His benign countenance will therefore continue to be seen as heretofore at the general delivery of our postoffice by those anxious inquirers after news from America.

SNOW.—It snowed all day Thursday last quite severely, and up to the hour of our closing up there was no signs of its abating. Considerable trouble was experienced by Oliver & Co.'s sleighs on their way to Blackfoot going over the Mullen pass, on account of drifts, and the present fall may possibly close it, at least for a time, for the passage of teams.

GONE TO VIRGINIA.—Mr. J. D. Oliver, of the firm of Oliver & Co., the pioneer expressmen of this Territory, left for his home in Virginia City on last Thursday's coach via the Blackfoot and Deer Lodge. Mr. O. has been sojourning among us during the past week or two, looking after the various interests of his company.

DID NOT GO.—Owing to a severe indisposition which attacked him very suddenly, Mr. Hughes was unable to leave per last Friday's coach for Salt Lake. His disease appears to be similar to that which is now so generally prevailing throughout the Territory, but at present with no apparent serious consequences attendant on it.

H. D. C. SOCIAL.—This club had another of their social reunions on last Thursday evening. A large number were in attendance and the evening passed off pleasantly to all.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

"PUT MONEY IN THY PURSE."—There are a good many jokes preserved that are not any better than the following, if we can but succeed in telling it: Two young gentlemen of our acquaintance having lately inducted themselves into a business, the necessities of which involved the loss of an amount of slops, crumbs, etc., it entered one of their heads that such a waste of the raw material might be turned to advantage, and instead of being a total loss, become a source of revenue. A consultation of the two partners was had, at which was discussed the advantages to be derived from keeping a number of swine, as also the probable numerical increase in a given length of time of three of the female and one of the male of that persuasion of quadrupeds. It was at length concluded that the above number should constitute their present purchase, and negotiations were accordingly entered into with an individual who was the possessor of a considerable number of youthful porcines. The result was, that for a fair equivalent they were to have their pick out of a choice lot, and one of them immediately got into the inclosure and commenced to gobble on to four of the largest and liveliest specimens of the infantile hogs he could find, which they sacked, brought home, and tumbled into the pen. Nothing more was thought of the matter until the next morning, when one of their employees made a discovery while giving them their morning provender, that caused a muttered curse or two and some merriment. It appeared that in the excitement of catching the shoats the young man failed to take due cognizance of the gender, and instead of having the allotted division of one male and three females, they were all males! The joke was too evident, and the gentleman gracefully knocked under.

GOOD WORK.—Among the many evidences of the wealth and resources of our Territory, none tell in our favor with such force in the financial circles of the East as the returns of the glittering metal made by our quartz mills. It is to this source that we must look for the development of our unparalleled mineral wealth, and it is by this alone that we can hope to interest capitalists to have sufficient confidence in our representations as will make them willing to invest means for the further development of our lodes of the various precious metals. Any other method is but an illustration of the folly of "kicking against the pricks," and as such ought at all times to be avoided, more for the sake of the future good name of our Territory than any regard for the shins of those who may wish to indulge in the pastime. It at all times gives us pleasure to give publicity to such information as may in any way tend to a better understanding of our superior advantages, both in the mineral and agricultural line, and in laying the following figures before our readers we will only remark that they speak for themselves: The ten stamp mill of Judge Turnley, situated in Grizzly Gulch, since its commencement of operations in the latter part of June last, has cleaned up $42,000, being an average of $7,000 per month. Taking into consideration the disadvantages under which this mill has labored, some of the time being unable to run but half the stamps, it must be confessed that it is good work, and hard to beat. The rock crushed was from the Park and Whitlatch Union lodes, and the biggest clean-up was $11,000, for ten days' running. We carry the broom.

FAMILY CONCERT.—Professor Barnard is preparing a rich musical treat wherewith to regale our citizens within the next few days. The Professor will be assisted by the best amateur talent of the city, and the programme will comprise selections from celebrated operas, together with songs, choruses, etc. The various gentlemen who have volunteered are diligently practicing, and are sparing no pains to make themselves proficient in their several *roles*. We have no doubt that the occasion will be well patronized, as aside from the present dearth of amusements in our city, (dancing having become somewhat stale,) the novelty of the performance will necessarily add to its enjoyment, as we believe it will be the first of the kind given in our city. We may add that Professor Barnard is a first class musician, having filled positions in some of the best opera troupes in the States.

HEBREW BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Our Jewish fellow citizens have organized a Benevolent Society for the relief of the sick and needy of their countrymen. Hardly any city or town of importance in the Union is without an institution of this description, and the "chosen people of God" in our midst are determined not to be behind any in the prompt relief of those of their brethren who may stand in need of a helping hand. The following are the names of the officers of the society: President, R. Landle; Vice President, T. Poznainsky; Secretary, E. Berla; Treasurer, L. Gans. The well known character and worth of the above named gentlemen will be a sure guarantee of the usefulness of the society.

THE STORM.—The recent severe storm has again blocked up the roads leading to the various gulches in our immediate vicinity, as also those to Virginia and Blackfoot. The snow on the Mullan pass has drifted in some places to the depth of from ten to fifteen feet, rendering it almost impassable for conveyances of any description. In other sections it is not much better. The weather here at present is clear and bitter cold. Up to our closing no coaches from Virginia or Diamond cities had arrived, and no probability of their coming in to-night.

OFF FOR THE EAST.—Judge Turnley, the pioneer mill man, and Captain Fisk, editor and proprietor of the Helena *Herald*, started for the East per last Sunday's coach. The former goes East on private business, and also for the purpose of bringing out additional quartz machinery, while we understand it is the intention of the Captain to bring out in the spring a mammoth power press and other extensive additions to his printing office. The best wishes of the friends of the parties go with them.

NEW STYLE OF HATS, the most fashionable and convenient, just opened at Taylor, Thompson & Co.'s, on Main street. They are the most becoming of men-thatches we've ever seen, and on overhearing the remark of a knowing one: "Those hats will make any man respectable," we got one on tick.

DIED.—At Blackfoot City, of congestion of the lungs, Dionysius White, (colored,) aged 22 years. The deceased was a native of the District of Columbia. His remains were brought to this city for interment, and the funeral was largely attended by our colored population.

From Saturday's Tri-Weekly.

THE TIMES.—We should like to be able to compare the adjective "dull," so as to give a faint idea of the times in this locality. The common method, "dull, duller, dullest," will by no means give an adequate conception of the total lethargy in all circles of business. Merchants look blue, saloon-keepers look bluer; but the chaps who come out of their cabins to while away an hour or so around the bar-room stoves, look absolutely livid. The Congressional news of the past week has been a veritable God-send to us, as it has served in a great measure as the safety-valve for a vast amount of bile, in one way and another, that would have doubtless found vent in coining anathemas on the weather. This state of things has had a bad effect on every one. Even your "local," who is of a somewhat mercurial disposition, feels depressed over the aspect of affairs. The pertinacity with which he has hunted around for the merest atom of news whereon to base an item, has not been rewarded with that success which should attend so laudable an employment, and the result of his peregrinations may be summed up in the one word—*nil*. Should nothing of importance turn up soon in the way of fights, foot-races, etc., he may possibly be compelled to enter the list of either the one or the other himself.

JUSTICE'S COURT.—Owing to the good morals of our community, the Justices of the Peace and Constables of our town are having a hard row to hoe. In vain do the demoralized officials gaze up and down our more than tranquil streets in hopes to descry the most distant allusions to a "muss," or indeed anything that might break the dull monotony of their official lives. But *nary*. They havn't even the privilege of superintending a respectable dog fight, let alone one between bipeds. Constable Hereford and Justice McCarty are in a chronic lassitude for want of something whereon to exercise their official prerogatives; in fact, so bad off are they, that both for the past two or three days have been unable to regale themselves with "Old Government" to that extent which a necessary to their continued longevity, and as a consequence, they are now somewhat under the weather. Should things continue much longer as they are at present, we scarcely know what will become of them. We sincerely pity the first bellicose individuals who may wish to settle any little dispute *vie et armis*. If they won't have to pan out to the bed rock, we are wofully mistaken.

THE LATE STORM.—The storm which raged here during the past week has had the effect of blocking up the roads so as to render traveling almost impracticable. Oliver & Co.'s express to Blackfoot and Deer Lodge now run nothing but a pony to carry the mail. The drifts on the Diamond city road are from ten to fifteen feet deep in the canyon, and the last coach of Oliver & Co. from there came in a day and half. This will be obviated, however, as soon the roads get thoroughly packed and settled, and we expect to be able shortly to chronicle a fresh impetus to business of all kinds. "Hail, happy day."

NEW SILVER DISCOVERY.—We were shown some very fine specimens of argentiferous rock, from a lately discovered lode in Jefferson county. The ledge has been named the "Argentum," shows a width of eight feet at a depth of only thirteen feet, and promises fair in silver. The location is two and one half miles west of Jefferson City, in one of the best timbered parts of the country. As soon as the storm now raging subsides, work will recommence on this mine. In our next we will be prepared to give a correct assay of their ore.

COURT AT DIAMOND CITY.—We learn that nothing has yet been done with regard to trying the Cave Gulch prisoners or Gaffney. The counsel for the Cave Gulch homicide will, we understand, move for a change of venue, and it is supposed that it will be granted. Gaffney's counsel will move for postponement on account of the absence of important witnesses, which will also be granted.

A FLURRY.—A severe snow squall set in on last Monday afternoon, from which it appeared as though the clerk of the weather intended to enlighten us with respect to the amount of snow he could shake out in a given length of time. The storm lasted about an hour and a half, and snow fell to the depth of about four inches. From appearances, the storm was of considerable extent, and raged with equal fury on all sides. It is now, however, clear and mild.

M. E. CHURCH.—The nightly revivals in the meeting house of this denomination have continued through the past week except on Saturday. Many were the accessions to the church, and Rev. A. M. Hough deserves the thanks of all good christians for his untiring exertions to diffuse the gospel in a new mining country, where religion and christianity never was known to prosper.

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VIRGINIA CITY, M. T., Jan. 10 1867.

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FLOUR.	
St. Louis ℔ sack	$15 00
States "	14 00
Salt Lake, Provo,	10 00@
Other brands,	9 00@09 50
Madison county	9 00@ 9 50
BACON.	
Prime New, Heavy Sides, ℔ 100 lbs	45c
Medium, do. do	43c
HAMS.	
Prime canvassed ℔ lb	50@ c
Country	55@60c
LARD.	
Small cans	40c
Large	35c
CANDLES.	
Werk's Cincinnati ℔ lb	52c
Other brands	50c
MAPLE SUGAR.	
℔ lb	40c
SUGARS.	
New Orleans ℔ lb	37c
Clarified do	37c
Powdered do	60c
Crushed do	45c
A refined do	38c
COFFEE.	
Java ℔ lb	65c
Rio choice ℔ lb	43c
Ordinary do	40c
TEAS.	
Imperial ℔ lb	$2 50@3 00
Young Hyson ℔ lb	2 50@3 50
SYRUPS.	
Belcher's G.S., St.L., ℔ 10 gal. keg	$40 00
S H M ℔ 10 gal keg	35 00
Sorghum ℔ gal	3 00
FRUITS.	
Dried Apples ℔ lb	42c
States Peaches ℔ lb	35c
Salt Lake Peaches	40c
Blackberries ℔ lb	1 00
Raspberries do	1 00
Currants do	50c
Cherries do	1 00
Ground Cherries ℔ lb	50c
Prunes	00@50c
Raisins ℔ 24-lb box	$12 00
℔ ¼ boxes	6 00
℔ ½ lb boxes	3 50
CANNED FRUITS.	
Peaches ℔ case 2 doz	$14 50
Pine Apples	20 00
Strawberries	20 00
Tomatoes	19 00
Blackberries	20 00
Cherries	22 00
Corn	$18@ 22 00
OYSTERS.	
Field's Steamed ℔ case	18 00
Other brands	16 00
TOBACCO.	
Lewis' Eld. ℔ lb	$1 70
Oronoko	1 50
Ordinary	1 30
SARDINES.	
℔ case ¼ size boxes	$45 00
℔ case ½ size boxes	60 00
WHITE LEAD.	
℔ 25-lb keg	$9 00
BEANS.	
Navy	25c
LEAD.	
℔ lb	45c
SHOT.	
℔ 25-lb sack	None in market
SOAP.	
German,	350
Palm	35c
Castile	9c
OIL.	
Coal, ℔ gal	$3 00
Linseed	3 00
Lard,	8 00
N. Foot,	10 00
NAILS.	
℔ 100-lb keg	$25 00@28 00
GLASS.	
℔ box of 50 ft	$15 00@20 00
PUTTY.	
In Bladder	40@60c
SODA.	