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

THE CITY.

MR. WILLIAM COYNE has been appointed Agent for the MONTANA POST in Helena city, and is our *only* authorized Agent in that city.

D. W. TILTON & Co.

HOW ARE YOU, MAJOR?—We were shown last evening a special telegram from Washington city, dated 14th inst., and signed by authority good anywhere, stating that the President had appointed John P. Bruce, Secretary of the Territory of Montana. One more candidate off the track.

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

J M Lewis	J Lock	M Schwerin
A Pollock	P Link	J Y Greene
G W Miller	M G Dow	R Guiberson
W Flores	J Burgess	C Baker
Miss A Rogers	Miss M Boyce	R W Mimms
Prof Eaton	Prof Doughty	H Ellis
W Evans	R Ruf	G Eagel
C Sanders	F Sharwitz	P K McGintry.
D W Tilton	E S Barry	wife and child
A T Beach	Col Postlewaite	H Miller
Mrs McCormack	Mrs O'Neal	W Kyte
W Brice	E M Pollinger	P Roorke
F Gigray	Mr Winsell	Mr Smith
U M Signott	J Murphy	Mrs Ah Chow
T P Geusler	F C Deimling	J Farbes
J J Fracy	W H Taylor	W Donifelser
A J McCay	L McCay	R Robb

Departed.

H Coppock	C D V Lovejoy	M D Bowie
A Richardson	Prof Everett	D Fisher
J L Corbet	T F Brown	A Hawkins
S P Carpenter	T Clark	R Ready
Prof Eaton	C Saunders	E S Barre
F Sharwitz	A T Beach	S Riddle
S P Carpenter	B F Price	T E Winsett
J Heffner	R Ritenuff	R Rough
Jennie Mortimer	Mr Sherman	Mr Connor
Mr Greene	W Floreys	J Buzzers
Miss Baker	J McGrath	M Sands
M A Flanigan	R Carmichael	R Root
H P Ward	J J Tracy	W H Taylor
R S Thomas	F Neese	S Pollock
M Schwerin	S Quiltu	R Raun

From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.

ACQUITTAL OF JOHN F. MILES.—Our readers will remember that we gave a brief account of a shooting affray which took place in Gallatin county, on December 13, 1866. An indictment was found by the Grand Jury of Madison county, and Miles was arraigned on the 7th inst. and charged with making an assault with intent to kill two parties, Messrs. Renus and Little. The trial commenced upon the 8th inst., and was finished upon the 11th inst. The evidence showed the following facts: that remarks of a trivial character were made by several persons, which led to a dispute between Miles and Renus, in which the former pronounced a statement of the latter a lie, after Renus had made the first contradiction; that Renus immediately advanced towards the prisoner and intended in his own language "to make Miles take back his words;" that Renus was a man of large frame and unusual physical ability, while Miles was a young person of less than ordinary size and stature; that Miles grasped his weapon for the purpose of defending himself, when a third party named Bradford, interfered and attempted to wrest the weapon from the possession of Miles; that a struggle ensued, during which two shots were discharged, and Little, who was standing about fifteen feet to the right of Miles, was wounded; that Little had recovered from his wounds, although the government did not see fit to summon him to be present as a witness; that Little and Miles had been friends, and that the shooting of the former was unintentional; that Bradford struck the prisoner twice, and Renus tried to assault him after he had been disarmed, but was prevented by Mr. Horner; that Miles disclaimed at the conclusion of the affray any intention of killing. Mr. Word, Prosecuting attorney, was assisted by Mr. J. S. Slater, and the defense conducted by Col. Thoroughman and Capt. Henry N. Blake. The trial was conducted with signal ability, on both sides, and the Court room was densly crowded from first to last. Capt. Blake made his debut in our Courts on this case, and his argument was characterized by one of our ablest jurists, as the most logical, and best legal argument offered to a jury in Virginia for two years. Judge Hosmer gave a brief and impartial charge to the jury, who after a brief absence, returned to the Court room, and delivered a verdict of "Not Guilty."

THE YELLOWSTONE MOUNTAINS.—In our last issue we noticed the deep snow on the range between the Gallatin and Yellowstone. We have since received information of exposure and loss of life in that locality. A man started from Yellowstone with an ox team, and reaching the summit became hopelessly involved in the deep drifts. After numerous attempts to get through he concluded to abandon the wagon, and turning the cattle loose, wrote and left a note on the wagon stating that he had started to reach a cabin some two miles distant. Another party coming through after him had also to abandon their wagon, and while making their way along the road discovered his wagon almost buried in the drift. On finding the note they started in search of him, supposing he had perished. Following his trail as well as they were able, they found that he had become bewildered and traveled around and around without making any progress toward the cabin. The trail finally ceased in an immense drift, where burrowing in, they discovered him rolled up in a pair of blankets, only slightly frozen, but utterly discouraged and patiently awaiting death. He had been in the drift thirty-two hours when they found him. The party succeeded in reaching the valley in safety. About the same time one of a party of trappers or shinglemakers who occupy the cabin alluded to, started out on a hunt it is supposed, and not returning as expected, his companions went in search of him. He was found in the snow frozen to death. We were unable to ascertain the names of the parties.

DO YOU NOTICE THEM?—In these days of political aspirations, when so many eyes are turned as fervently toward Washington as the eyes of the believers are turned toward Mecca—although we are sorry very few of the owners of the optics have any abiding faith in the reigning power of the city by the Potomac—we scarcely come across any one who is not setting his house in order, preparatory to an early departure—to Congress. Any quantity of white shirts are being purchased, trunks are being selected; (if it is not too much of a digression we will branch off and suggest that they will have to stump it before they leave,) ready money for traveling expenses is being counted over cautiously when the midnight candle flickers in the socket; inquiries are being made for pocket dictionaries and family bibles (the latter with gilt backs). Hair oil and blacking have advanced, and the supply is almost exhausted; desirable summer residences are spoken of as to "To Let" after the election, and a thousand and one other suggestive preparations are noticeable among those who expect the dear people will rally around them in the ensuing election and give them such a majority as never before was cast in favor of a gifted and eloquent canditate. At the latest summing up there were twenty-five candidates in the field who each were sanguine of success, beside an innumerable host of fence-riders, who have not decided. We predict that in the next two or three months there will be more free whisky, and eventually more disappointed, disgusted, and heart-sore politicians, than can crowd around the tomb of their defunct hopes.

METROPOLITAN TROUPE.—The Company played to a large and enthusiastic audience in Nevada last evening. Their next performance will be given at the People's Theatre, on Thursday evening. On last Saturday evening they played to the best house we have seen in Virginia for a long time. The performance was excellent. The order, all that could be desired, and managers and audience were alike delighted. Quite a number of ladies were present, and the house was comfortably warmed for the first time. The new management have determined to run a show to which our citizens cannot help going, and from present indications they are likely to succeed. The audiences seem to fully appreciate all other parts of the performance except the instrumental music under the leadership of Professor Foss. While few listen to the orchestra, none applaud, and the most artistic and excellent part of the entire performance is as unnoticed as though a sudden attack of deafness follows the exit of the big shoes and burnt cork. The burlesque of the Lady of Lyons, with a strong cast and a selection of the favorite songs and dances, iso n the bills for Thursday evening.

OUT OF LUCK.—The *Vedette* gives an account of a young man roped out of $800 in that city of Saints, which he had earned by hard labor in Montana. The *National Police Gazette* contains the particulars concerning another Montanian who went up the greenhorn spout to the tune of $3,500, and we unfortunately have to add that a resident of Deer Lodge, on a visit to this place, fell into bad company, was induced to visit the haunts of the Cyprians, and was inveigled out of near $400. Served them right. If men are fools enough to associate with swindlers and courtezans, and see fit to invest in square(!) games or visit houses of ill fame with the hard earnings of honest toil, perhaps all they have, upon their persons, they deserve nothing better than the most of them receive—a thorough swindling.

WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THEM.—We asked a gentleman the other evening how he liked the Atmospheric Lamps. He replied that for beauty, economy, and purity of light they were unequalled by any lamps he had ever seen, and that in every particular he prefers them to the ordinary lamps. That is the opinion of every one who has used them since their introduction into the Territory. We would advise Messrs. Housel & Andrews to import a large stock next season.

THE OLD SUBJECT.—We have had delightful weather for the last few days. Not so hot during the days that the streets are a mess of slush, or so cold at nights that an overcoat is necessary to comfort. Just that pleasant medium between the extremes, when ladies can comfortably go to church, and the masculines can stand on the street corner and admire them—and so it is.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

VIRGINIA CITY CIRCLE.—Masonry inculcates morality and the social virtues. It embodies the spirit of the eleventh commandment, "that ye love one another," and extends the ægis of its protection and sympathy beyond the limits of the order, where weakness claims the assistance of strength, and a friend cometh when trouble is in the heart of the oppressed. Holding the tenets that its speculations may be confined to the lodge-room, but that its operations shall have wider scope, it invests with privileges not only its members, but those who are nearest and dearest to their hearts. To enable these to make themselves known to brethren of the order, certain side degrees have been permitted to be conferred upon those ladies entitled to receive them, and in our city they have eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity. In addition to this, as an earnest of their appreciation of Masonry, they have organized a Social Circle, held in the lodge-room, and confined the membership to ladies who have taken the degree, and Masons in good standing. The programme of entertainment provides for both soul and body. The olio of lectures, recitations, songs, anecdotes, charades, tableaux, etc., where

"The glad circle round them yield their souls
To festive mirth and wit that knows no gall,"

being a secondary matter when compared with the sumptuous banquet which fair hands spread upon the festal board. That subject, however, is better discussed while the wine sparkles in the goblet and "good digestion waits on appetite." We merely purposed in the commencement to say "*Bueno*." Sir Knight and ladies fair, in mentioning your Circle, and hope, in time to come, as in times past, you may find it good to be there.

VALENTINE'S DAY.—To-day is sacred to St. Valentine, the spirit of that defunct gentleman, being presumed to preside over the destinies of lovers. Whether he was the intelligent and observing individual whose devotion to love and ornithology has given us the information that on this day the feathered choristers in the great cathedral of nature, select their companions for the summer duets, we are not prepared to state. In fact we have our doubts on the subject of bird-mating on this day. It may have been so once, when the earth was still hot, and love making out doors was comparatively pleasant, but if the bird Governor *pro tem(?)* did not convene an extra session of the Legislature to alter the day of (s)election, he was very derelict of his duty. We think he did. It is nothing uncommon to see a single swallow among a lot of gulls, and a pair of guineas or eagles seldom come together until long after February. In Washington, at least, (taking the *Gazette* for authority, which is thought to be posted, where there is a nest to feather,) the cormorants, magpies and vultures never can be mated for robin or raven. We quail before the attempt to continue the argument, and give it up. Custom makes law, law is justice, justice is right. The old writers refer to the mating of birds, and the writing of sonnets on this day, and Shakspeare puts into Ophelia's mouth the song,

"Good morning, 'tis Saint Valentine's day,
All in the morning betime,
And I am a maid at your window
To be your Valentine."

VOTE OF THANKS.—At a late meeting of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, at which it was decided to have a procession and ball on Washington's birthday, the City Council tendered them a band of music for the occason. The following resolution expressive of their appreciation of the favor was drafted by the committee and passed unanimously: "At a regular meeting of Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, held at its rooms on the evening of the 11th inst., it was resolved unanimously that the thanks of the members be tendered to the honorable Council of Virginia City for its munificence in donating us music, etc., for the occasion of our anniversary ball and parade on the 22d inst. We, the committee appointed for that purpose, do hereby express our sincere thanks to the said honorable Council for the many kindnesses shown our company." (Signed,) S. Content, chairman; Julius Hedge, M. Sichiel.

FIREMEN'S BALL AND PARADE.—The Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, at a meeting on Monday evening, decided to parade on the 22d, and have a grand hop at the Council Chamber in the evening. The company is some fifty strong, and will no doubt make a fine display. Their "masheen" is being repainted and prepared for the occasion, and the members are entering into the proceedings with a spirit that insures success. Comprised of the leading men of the city, wealthy, reliable, and of high social position, they have within themselves the elements of success, and our anticipations will meet with a serious disappointment if their ball is not, par excellence, the largest and most festive of the season.

PEOPLE'S THEATER.—The favorites are back on the boards once more, and offer a splendid entertainment for this evening. The extravaganza of the Lady of Lions is enough in itself to crowd the house. Go and hear Ned, Billy, and the irrepressible Joseph, discourse on Nevada. We neglected to state previously, that front seats are reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them. They are assured that the performances are conducted with the utmost propriety, and that no disorderly conduct will be permitted to mar the enjoyment of the acting.

DISTRICT COURT.—Since the termination of the Miles case, this court has been engaged on an action to recover one hundred and sixty acres of land in Gallatin county. Messrs. Foster and Emerson, plaintiffs, have retained Messrs. McCullough, Chiles and Ritchie. The defendants, Fontan Donan and Charles E. Blakeley, administrators on the estate of Jabez Robinson, have retained Messrs. Word, Spratt, Thoroughman and Davis. The Court adjourned at noon yesterday, until 10 a. m. to-day.

ACCIDENT.—John Simmons of Grant county, Wisconsin, while working in the drift on claim No. 5 below discovery, yesterday morning, had his right hip dislocated by the caving of the drift, Dr. Mathews was called, and put the anatomy in proper shape. The injured man was getting along comfortably at last accounts.

TRANSPOSING.—The *Gazette* adds to the acting Governor's proclamation SELA, and the *Democrat* calls him Governor Meagher. This looks like a SALE on the part of the Major. We have put our SEAL to the above, and will expect ALES for all hands—when he is delegate.

INVITATION.—We are requested by the Committee on Invitation to state, that all Masons in good standing are respectfully invited to attend the ball to be given under the auspices of the fraternity at Adelphi Hall, Nevada, on the evening of the 22d of February. Tickets, $8, currency.

CLEAN-UP.—Copes' mill, Hot Spring district, made a run of four and a-half days on Galena lode rock, and deposited as the proceeds eighty-two and three-fourth ounces of retort.

From Saturday's Tri-Weekly

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT.—Many severe reflections have been cast upon "ye local" of this paper for making a muss about the successful candidate for Mayor, after the enormous expense incurred in his election. As we will no doubt have, after next Monday, an opposition Mayor presiding over an opposition Council, fair warning is hereby given that they will be held to a strict accountability for the enforcement of the following sections from article five of the act of incorporation of Virginia city: Section three authorizes them to "regulate the parapet walls of the city." Section thirty-one empowers them "to regulate the weight and quality of bread sold or used in the city." Section thirty-two "to regulate the size of bricks to be sold or used in the city." The palpable neglect of the city fathers to give due attention to these matters is too evident to require comment. The city has not a single wall, except the "Stonewall," and a pair-o'-pet walls is much needed. This assertion is wall-untary. Section thirty-one is *sadly* neglected, and as sure as the sun rises in the east, our people will never be well-bred while dough faces need a sifting on this flowery subject. Last, but, "oh, ye gods and little fishes," not least, think of the bricks. Examine the size of them, (look in your hats) and see the variety—from the diminutive specimens, resembling the golden blocks that ornament the show-cases of our bankers, and give the hat a jaunty, saucy, peerless set, to those huge specimens which bear no proportion to the size of the hat, weigh heavily upon the mind and tumble the unfortunate carrier into the gutters and sinks of—iniquity. You have nothing to do with the "Grecian bricks," so eloquently alluded to by the *Gazette*, as that was merely a local hit intended to smooth up the concluding strain.

CAVANAUGH IN COLORADO.—In answer to numerous inquiries, we give the following figures which are taken from Greeley's Almanac for 1865: "At the election which was held in Colorado in 1864, for the purpose of choosing a delegate to Congress, Chilcott, Republican, received 3,104 votes; Belden, Democrat, 2,119 votes; J. M. Cavanaugh, Independent—now of Helena, Montana—1,696 votes." It will be perceived that the combined vote of Belden and Cavanaugh exceeded that of Chilcott 711 votes. The action of Cavanaugh secured the election of a radical Republican to Congress. The Democratic press of Colorado, during the animated canvass, denounced Cavanaugh and declared that Belden, the regular Democrat, would have been elected if Cavanaugh had acquiesced in the nomination. "So we go." Our readers, who read the eulogies pronounced by Mr. C. upon Lee, Stonewall Jackson and others in Helena, will be surprised to learn that the same gentleman made speeches in support of the other side in Denver, Colorado. He indorsed the proclamation of emancipation, which was issued by the lamented Lincoln, and declared that it would live in history as one of the most glorious deeds. He was extremely anxious to become the Colonel of the Third Colorado Volunteers, and stated that he "wished to spue out of him all the Democratic blood that flowed in his veins." We have learned these facts from the most reliable sources.

HIGHLY INTERESTING.—In the dark ages, when huge, knotted sinews and muscles of steel were admired by men and adored by women, when round bullet heads and thick bullock necks were the shapes that won, the amphitheater where gladiators mingled the rich crimson tide that came fresh from their heroic hearts with the purple tide that ebbed from the gaping wounds of the monarch of the jungles of Bengal and the majestic kings of the Nubian desert was the resort of Roman Senators and titled dames. In this degenerate age operations of this kind have assumed a more speculative character. The "tiger" is only symbolised and the emasculated heroes of '67 may meet and conquer him upon a green baize arena, and mingle their "claret" with that of his keeper, in perfect safety. For a few weeks the "sports" have been in abeyance, for "No. 10" was closed, but in anticipation of the rush and roar of the political whirlpool whose vortex will be only a few yards south. Jerry has again opened up his famous resort for those who would drown their sorrows in the flowing bowl, and opened his box of pasteboard fun to cheer their exhausted energies. No. 10 has been refitted in magnificent style, and the choicest liquors and finest cigars are stored within that "bijou" of a bar. The establishment opens this morning, and thirsty souls can find within the cup that cheers—and doth inebriate.

I. O. O. F.—The I. O. O. F. of Virginia City, M. T., have passed the following resolutions, to be forwarded to the relatives of their deceased brother, Henri Burheinne, who departed this life on January 31st, 1867:

Whereas, it has pleased the High and Mighty Ruler of the universe to take from our midst by a sudden and unexpected message, brother Henri Burheinne, to his lodge on high, and,

Whereas, the sudden death of our brother has caused deep grief in the hearts of his brother Odd Fellows, as well as those of his numerous friends and acquaintances in Virginia City and throughout the Territory, therefore be it

Resolved, That we as brother Odd Fellows, deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends of our deceased brother, well knowing they have lost, by a dispensation of Divine Providence, a kind father, an affectionate husband and a warm friend.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Montana POST and Montana *Democrat*.

J. McEvily, H. F. Smith, Mark Brown, Committee. j14tw-2t

NEW DRY GOODS STORE.—The store room recently occupied by Hellman & Company has been fitted up in a very neat and tasty manner by Messrs. Poznainsky & Bro., who have brought their large and carefully selected stock of dry-goods from Nevada to this place, and will in the future be pleased to see their friends at the new stand, one door above the El Sol Billiard Hall. Their stock is large and embraces all goods in their line, which they are prepared to sell at the most reasonable figures. To those of our readers who have any shopping to do in the dry-goods line, we would say give the Poznainsky brothers a call before purchasing elsewhere. They are accommodating and enterprising gentlemen, and will be pleased to show their goods to all who may favor them with a call. 128-tw&w-tf

NED WARD'S BENEFIT.—Ned Ward, the universal favorite, takes a benefit on Monday evening. Everybody knows that he is a whole show himself, and if he would advertize a single-handed performance would draw a full house. Ned, however, has too many friends who are "up" in the show business to do that at present, and a good sized brigade of volunteers will add to the attractions of his benefit bill. We wanted to give him a puff for the occasion, but Ned said: "It ain't worth while; they'll all be there any how." And so they will. Only one word. Go early if you want a seat.

POLITICIANS.—We would respectfully call attention to the item "Correction," in the Helena locals. We "render unto Caesar," etc. and willingly accord to General Meagher the credit of good intentions. It is not his fault that a certain unmentionable locality is said to be paved with the same material, but we cannot see the potency of the veto power in the emergency. Fire and water are good servants, when under control, but once masters, they carry destruction and disaster in their embrace. We shall see whether the Legislature will be servants or masters.

PEOPLE'S THEATER.—Another good bill is offered for this evening at the above place. Choice songs and dances will be presented, and for the first time, the laughable farce of the Black Statue. The company are rapidly improving, and the house is full to overflowing every evening. The attendance of ladies is increasing, and everything is conducted in a becoming manner. Miss Cavens' Kathleen Mavourneen on Thursday evening was the best effort she has made, and Ned Ward added fresh laurels to his brow in his performace.

CHANGE OF VENUE.—It is reported on good authority that the trial of Professor Hodge and son for the murder of George Moore, will be held in this city. The reason assigned is the impossibility of empanneling a jury in Helena who have not formed and expressed an opinion on the subject. We do not think it probable that the trial will take place during the present term.

FIRE.—The amonnt of sparking done in this burgh on Valentine's day was considerably increased by a fire which broke out in Conway's store about 10 a. m. A portion of the roof eight feet by three, was consumed, after which one of the "prompt and efficient firemen" emptied a pail of swill on the devouring element and "doused the glim" in short order.

ADMITTED.—On motion of Col. Thoroughman, W. I. Marshall, Esq., was on the 5th inst. admitted to practice in all the Courts of this Territory. We congratulate our friend Mr. M., on the event, and wish him all success in expounding the laws, and a thousand years of fat fees before he becomes an ex-pounder

REMARKABLE.—Pictures of all kinds in the best styles of the art, taken as well in cloudy as in clear weather, at the Montana Picture Gallery, Jackson street. Go and have your face taken and send it to your family and friends, to cherish hope and strengthen friendship.

MEXICAN ONION SEED—Five dollars per ounce. Sent by mail on receipt of a five dollar greenback. Address William Graham, Druggist, Denver, Colorado. w-4t

HELENA.

From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.

NEW AND RICH DISCOVERIES.—It is an undoubted fact that the richness of our Territory becomes daily more and more generally understood. From the first discovery of Alder gulch down to the present time (excepting now and then a short period of despondency,) the progress and development of our placer, gulch and lode mines, have been steady, healthy and exciting. As the days rolled into months, and the months wheeled into years, and the years but few in number, when computed into the age of our embryo commonwealth, many of the old miners imagined that the explorations for placer diggings had been complete, and that but a few familiar gulches could be made to pay. This belief existed to some extent up to last autumn. For this reason many were attacked with the "mackinaw fever," and to a superficial observer appearances indicated a dull season in '67, the fact being made still more apparent by the depletion, which seemed almost complete, as one boat load after another left for "down the river." We were, however, startled one day by the reported discovery of a rich and extensive gulch near the head waters of the Pipestone, and before many hours elapsed hundreds were on their way thither. It was pronounced by many to be a humbug, while others visited it before deciding. Months have elapsed, and conclusive proofs have been obtained of its richness, and to-day, Highland gulch with all its snow and ice-clad peaks has a character for richness and permanence well worthy the miner's consideration. Lost Horse followed closely upon the Highland excitement, and hundreds flocked to that point, and although the winter storms stared them in the face, large numbers remained. The gulch and vicinity is looked upon as a rich and extensive section, all who have made examinations speaking of the newly discovered region in the highest terms. More recently, however, news of a more important discovery, and still richer region of country than has been heard of for a long time became the theme of street and fireside talk, and its richness has been confirmed by responsible parties who have made examinations for themselves, whose reliability may be counted upon. From five to twelve cents to the pan have been got in El Dorado Hill. Calkin's district, as the new discovery is called, and without doubt it is a rich mining section, the diggings being extensive and the prospects uniform all through the dirt, which ranges from five to twelve feet in depth. The district is located on the eastern bank of the Missouri river, about four and one-half miles below New York gulch. An extensive project is now on foot to bring the waters of Trout creek on to the bar. The route has been surveyed, and as early as the ground will permit the work will commence. The parties interested in this undertaking are Jerome Calkins, Esq., an old, experienced, enterprising and practical California and Arizona miner, after whom the district was named, and also Messrs. McKnight, Ames, Kemp and Cyrus. It is estimated that the ditch will cost some $30,000. When completed two thousand miners can work on the hills with ease, and next summer we may expect to hear of large returns of the precious metal, water alone being needed to make for every claim holder a fortune. Unlike Salmon river—to which we will not ascribe the sentiment "distance lends enchantment to the view," as it might appear sectional—it is near home, and we feel constrained to admonish our friends to look well to the rich discoveries in and around our valleys and hills before investing in cayuse flesh, rickety wagons and broken down horned stock with which to encounter the swollen streams, rocky roads and engulphing mud between here and the Salmon river or Lemhi country.

GOT NIPPED.—Mr. A. Fall, a well known citizen of this city, was robbed some time ago in Philadelphia, of the sum of $3,500. The circumstances of the robbery, as detailed in the Philadelphia correspondence of the *National Police Gazette*, is the same old thing. The "gentlemanly" stranger, whose suavity wins the heart of the green one, the usual number of cocktails to cement the sudden friendship felt for each other, the introduction of the gentlemanly stranger's "friend," together with some more cocktails, the extreme interest they take in your—pecuniary—welfare, evincing as much solicitude about your financial affairs as though they had "loved you like a brother" ever since you were able to toddle, the invitation to "see the sights," the low doggery in some back street where "greeny" is hustled around a little, and awakens from his dream of enchantment to find that his dear "friends" have sloped after having "went through" him to the tune of all his spare cash and loose jewelry, is the usual story, and appears in Mr. Fall's case to have been eminently successful.

NEW ASSAY OFFICE.—Messrs. Bohm & Mollitor, the well known assayers of Salt Lake City, have bought the building on Main street heretofore known as the Helena Bowling Alley, which they are now fitting up for the purpose of starting a branch of their business in this city. They will be ready to commence operations some time in March. The office here will be under the superintendence of Mr. Mollitor, and it is the intention of the firm to do a general melting, refining and assaying business.

FORMAL ARREST.—Constable Hereford on last Thursday, formally arrested Professor Hodge and his son, and placed a guard over them for safe keeping, until such time as their physicians should pronounce them out of danger. In regard to their health, we understand that the Professor had considerable fever on the day of his arrest, and his symptoms were not as favorable as they had been for some days previous; his son, however, is rapidly getting better.

CLEAN-UP.—Hendry's eighteen stamp mill in Grizzly gulch cleaned up on last Wednesday something over $5,000, from a six days' run on Whitlatch Union rock. They are a long way "after the banner," in Madison county as yet; and now that Turnley's little giant has got to running again, they will doubtless be entirely distanced.

STARTED UP.—Professor Hodge's mill in Oro Fino gulch, and Judge Turnley's mill in Grizzly gulch, have again commenced operations. The former on last Wednesday, and the latter on Thursday last.

NEW SECRETARY.—There is a petition circulating around town for the appointment of A. H. Barrett as Secretary of our Territory. We understand that it is signed by General Meagher, and all the leading Democrats of the city.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

DEMOCRATIC LOVE FEAST.—A meeting of the Democracy was held in the theatre building, Wood street, under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic Club of this city, on last Saturday evening, for the purpose of hearing an address from Gov. Meagher. Some dissappointment was felt by those present when it was announced that owing to an accident which had befallen his Excellency, by which he severely injured his thigh, he would be unable to personally appear before them. For the lack of personal attendance the Governor sent in a letter of condolence and sympathy to the unterrified in which he took occasion to revert to his oft repeated assertion that he was a democrat, in fact, that he was so imbued with the democracy that the odds were largely in favor of his ultimately ascending to glory, still firm in that faith which was in him; the letter winding up with the tribute to Montana, in which she is called the "Switzerland of America," where the oppressed (democrats?) of the surrounding States and Territories can enjoy that liberty, and the emoluments of office together with the little eccentricities so affectingly alluded to by Pastor Nasby, uninterruptedly. After the reading of the letter, loud calls were made for Cavanaugh, who was at length prevailed upon to ascend the platform. On his appearance the gentleman entered a modest disclaimer with reference to his abilities, as compared with the letter read from the Governor, when he shook himself together and went in on his shape. After throwing hot shot into the organization known as the U. L. A. and getting off a joke on Fisk, of the *Herald*, in connection therewith, he proceeded to the discussion of the state of the country and the question of reconstruction. In handling this portion of his speech, he drew his illustrations from ancient, profane and modern history—from the days when men first combined together for self-preservation, until the present; but for one, we must say that we could not discern their applicability; there being but one revolution mentioned in the books that would compare favorably with our recent "difficulty"—the revolt in heaven—and that the speaker had the good judgment to omit. In the course of his remarks the gentleman paid eloquent tributes to General Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Dick Taylor, and the rank and file of their armies, which was loudly applauded, as also to the rank and file of the federal army, which was not so loudly applauded; but of the brilliant array of the Union Generals who fought for the preservation of the Republic, he did not mention one, with the exception of General Grant, and then only in connection with what the General is reported to have said with reference to the District suffrage bill. He also eulogized the Democracy—in which he said that all the party wanted was equal and exact justice to *all men*, whether from the north or the south, the east or the west, which we think must have been taken from the Republican platform, as that really comprises all that that party is fighting for. On the whole, we consider his speech as a pretty fair bid for the votes of the two shades of opinion which at present comprise the Democratic element in this Territory—the original secessionists and the northern copperheads. Several speakers were called upon, when Mr. Cavanaugh had concluded, but Mr. W. Y. Pemberton appeared to be the only one who would accept the distinguished honor. Of this gentleman's efforts we cannot speak by the card. After getting warmed with his subject he struck out after the irrepressible negro, (who, by the way, appears to trouble the Democracy much more than he does the Republicans). We felt the necessity of adjourning from 'labor to refreshment," and when we returned he was winding up an exordium on the American citizens of African descent, wherein he said; "We have nigger for breakfast, nigger for dinner and nigger for supper; nigger roasted, boiled, fricassed, fried and scolloped," and if he was not troubled with the nightmare after that dose, his digestive organs must certainly be in a good state of preservation. After the conclusion of Cavanaugh's speech, the house gradually thinned, and when Pemberton wound up, what few were left adjourned.

GONE.—Mr. Warren Whitcher, A. J. Oliver & Co.'s general superintendent, after sojourning a short time among his friends in this city, took his departure for the Blackfoot and Hell Gate regions on last Friday morning. Mr. W. since he has been in the employ of Oliver & Co., has, by his genial manners and gentlemanly deportment, won for himself a host of friends, who will no doubt, be pleased to learn of his recent luck, as he is now enabled to put P. M. after his name, he having been lately appointed to the responsible position of Post Master in the flourishing city of New York, Meagher county. Long may he waive.

TOWN BELL.—Our citizens will next summer be enabled to luxuriate in the "ding-dong" of the bells—or rather a bell. We learn from Professor Campbell that the requisite amount has been subscribed, and paid in, and that Captain Parkinson has promised to bring the high-toned arrangement to this city free of charge. The bell is to be public property, and will be used for fire alarms, Fourth of Julys, and also to enable the bulk of our citizens to know when the grub pile is ready.

IMPROVEMENT.—The block of frame buildings below King & Gillette's on Main street, has been raised, and the sidewalk placed on the same grade as that in front of the former gentleman's granite block. This is a decided improvement, but there is room for some more of the same sort. It somewhat resembles the continual running up and down stairs, when you undertake to travel any distance through our streets.

PARDON.—Since his arrival in this city, the Acting Governor has seen fit to grant a pardon to Charles Lewis *alias* "Sykesy," who it will be remembered by our readers, was convicted at the last term of the District Court of the crime of dealing "three card montee," and sentenced by Judge Williston to the full extent of the law.

A NICE PRESENT.—Mr. Greenhood informs us of the arrival of two fire trumpets, as a present from the Union Fire Insurance Company of San Francisco, to the Helena Fire Department. There will doubtless be a public presentation, when we will be enabled to give an extended description.

CHANGE OF BASE.—Mr. Len. Robinson, formerly of the Tremont House, will hereafter be found dispensing "flooid," sustenance behind the bar of John Ming's Occidental Billiard Hall, where it will gratify him exceedingly to greet his numerous friends.

From Saturday's Tri-Weekly.

PEOPLE'S MEETING.—There was a large attendance of our citizens and business men, at the U. S. court room on last Monday evening, pursuant to a call in the last *Herald*, to take into consideration the propriety of regulating the price of the various grades of gold dust. On motion of Mr. King, Mr. H. R. Comely was called to the chair and Mr. Ed. Sparks was elected secretary. On taking the chair Mr. Comely stated that he did not know by whose authority the meeting had been called, nor exactly what the objects were to be considered, and hoped that gentlemen who were conversant with the matter would come forward and give their views on the subject. Gen. Dorris was the first called upon, and stated that he had not given the matter that consideration it was entitled to, but was convinced that something ought to be done toward regulating the price of dust, and hoped that some one who knew of the call before he did would come forward and enlighten the assembly. Mr. King, of the firm of King & Gillette, was next called out, and stated his views at length, urging the propriety of agreeing on some definite basis of action, as the manner in which business was done at present was alike prejudicial to the interests of all. Mr. Stephenson, of Murphy & Stephenson, next took the floor, and in a clear and perspicuous manner stated the necessary action to be taken in order to achieve the end in view. He said it was useless for one portion of the community to act in the matter; that unless all—the miner, the merchant, the banker, in fact, every one who would be affected by the change—took part in the discussion, and showed a desire to do the fair thing between man and man, it would be impossible to bring the matter to a successful termination, and moved the appointment of a committee to determine the relative value of the different grades of gold dust. After various motions and desultory proceedings, they finally established the number of the committee at ten—five to represent the merchants, five the miners—with instructions to report at an adjourned meeting on next Monday evening, the 18th instant. We hope that at the next meeting all who feel an interest in the matter will participate in the proceedings. At the above meeting there was evinced a desire by some to either deprecate the proceedings entirely, or else create such confusion that it would be impossible to come to any conclusion whatever. It is our earnest wish that no such demonstrations will characterize the meeting on Monday next, for it must be obvious to all that a final settlement of this question will work incalculable good to every one in our community. In this connection it may not be impolitic in us to give the following statement of the value of gold dust per ounce of some of our surrounding gulches. It has been kindly furnished to us by Professor Charles Rumley of this city, and is the result of careful and elaborate assays made by that gentleman during the past season: Nelson gulch $19 74; Last Chance $18.79; Oro Fino $19 65; Bilk gulch $18.35; Bear Creek $19.14. Whether all of the dust coming from the above gulches will average the foregoing figures is, no doubt, questionable; that they are the value of the assays, it is sufficient for us to say that the character of the gentleman making them is a sufficient guarantee, and puts the matter beyond dispute.

THE U. L. A.—The *Gazette* of last week has taken occasion to revert to an item which appeared a short time since in this column, in which it was stated that they appeared somewhat "exercised" over the establishment of a council of the above organization. We would state to the gentlemen that we still labor under that delusion, (if such it can be called,) and certainly the two issues of their paper since that item was penned go far towards corroborating the assertion then made. The paper for the past two weeks has surfeited its readers with articles on the "Underground League," as it is pleased to term them, which has appeared both in what may be called the "heavy" columns, and the skirmish line, and whether they give the matter such prominence through motives of personal fear or from the effect it may ultimately have on their own organization, is immaterial—the incontrovertable fact still remains that they do so. In the article to which we refer, we think they travel out of the legitimate line of "showing up" the organization when they broadly assert that they are prepared to publish the names of the members, as also a list of the officers, and we hereby call for the proof and dare them to do so. By all means, gentlemen, publish it. Should you do so, it will doubtless contain the names of men who have ever been found foremost in all that pertains to the good of their country, and who will not blush to find their names in connection with the U. L. A. in this Territory.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING.—At a meeting of the Helena fire department held at Capitol Hall on the evening of February 11, Chief Engineer Jurgins in the chair, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the fire commissioners be instructed to draw up and present a petition at the coming session of the Legislature, praying that a charter may be granted to the department, and also to empower the commissioners to assess a tax on the property-holders for its benefit.

Resolved, That the commissioners be instructed to set on foot a subscription, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a fire police and supplying the necessary apparatus to the department; the subscriptions to be kept up until the charter is granted by the Legislature.

FIRE.—Another of those alarms which make the majority of our citizens tremble in their boots, occurred on last Monday evening about half-past eight o'clock, and was certainly one of the closest calls which our city has as yet experienced. The fire occurred in the old bowling alley on Main street, which is being fitted up by Messrs. Bohm and Mollitor for an assay office, but was discovered in time to prevent much damage being done. It is presumed to have originated from sparks which found