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

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

S Brown	B Ellis	R Shannon
J L Corbett	J D Pierce	Geo Benjamin
J Helasly	J T Hankins	Geo Smith
W Hartop	Dan Rice	Chee Bung
F Hirsch	J Fredonski	H Addenes
Tom Cole	Chinaman	Chinaman
J D McGrath	J H Graves	John Ming
A H Basset	F Petchner	J Kinna
L Winsett	Jacob Ellis	C H Steward
Mrs F Wright	J Forrest, wife and child	

Departed.

S Countryman	S Mayer	C. S. M. Millard
C Woods.	Chinaman	R Ouster
L Mayer	W Hartop	S Countryman
J Heidenhimer	D Runker	Chinaman

DEPARTURES—FEB. 23.

—— Metzel	J D McGrath	W Crocket
J Parrans	Chee Bung	Ong Hun

From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.

HORRIBLE MURDER!—The city was startled yesterday, about 1 p. m., by the information that a man was lying about three-fourths of a mile north of the town, shot through the head, and had been dead some time. There was an immediate rush of people to the place, and, no doubt, many more would have gone, had it not been conjectured that the report was a "sell." We joined the throng, and, on reaching the place, found it too true. Dr. Yager, coroner, immediately empanelled the following named persons as jurors: N. J. Davis, foreman, and Messrs. Culver, Bartlett, Ousterhouser, Pfouts and Shannon. After a preliminary examination of the deceased man, the body was conveyed to the city, and the jury adjourned to meet in the Probate court-room at half-past four in the afternoon, where the inquest was held in secret. The following are the particulars, as far as we are informed: The deceased was named William McLothlin; was a laboring man, about twenty-five years of age, and unmarried. He came here from Lawrence, Kansas, where his parents reside, during last autumn, and has since been employed as a common laborer, in such occupation as he could find. He, in company with another man, occupied a cabin on Jackson street, near the upper end of town. He was temperate in his habits, and had no personal enmity with any one. On Thusday last, his cabin was closed; and no one knew anything of him until he was found to-day by Mr. McCluskey. When found, he was lying on his face, with a bullet-hole in his head, the ball having entered through the back part, and lodged in the brain. The hat was still on his head, and, where the ball passed through, was powder-burned. On examination of the body, a navy revolver, with all the chambers loaded, was found upon him. In his pocket was $5.15, in currency, which, it is supposed, is all the money he had. His pockets had not been disturbed; nor was there any signs of a struggle in the snow. He lay almost perfectly straight on the ground, and had not moved from the position in which he fell. The suggestion of suicide is an impossibility. There were two tracks in the snow to the place where he lay—but one away from it. This, also, explodes the suggestion of his having been murdered in the city, and conveyed there. The entire affair is, as yet, shrouded in almost impenetrable mystery, and it is to be hoped that the coroner's jury will elicit information that may lead to the detection of whoever committed the brutal deed. The jury is still in session at the present writing.

PERSONAL.—Our office will be darkened this morning by the disappearing of the sunshine of two smiling faces that have for some time been among us. Messrs. Millard and Woods leave by "ye Overland" for Virginia city, Nevada. The former has been foreman in this office, and the appearance of the POST since he has conducted the mechanical portion of the paper, is sufficient evidence of his ability as a workman. He purposes extending his trip to California and the Hawaiian Islands, and will furnish the POST with a series of descriptive letters, which, from his ability as a writer, we can assure our patrons will become one of the attractive features of the paper. In bidding them good-bye we do so with regret that we are to lose the services of two of the best typos in the country, and as genial, whole-souled boys as ever handled a "stick" or "cussed" an editor. We wish them a pleasant trip, and commend them to the care of that Providence which has a special affection for traveling printers, and to the fraternity in the city of the Saints.

[Here's our ☞, "old prints." "May your hearts ever bend to your good old friends" in M. T.; your shadows ne'er grow less, and your 'blankets' always fall in pleasant places.—H.]

STRUCK IT RICH.—We were informed yesterday that the owners of the Lucas lode have found the realization of their fondest hopes, at a depth of 100 feet. It will be recollected that some time since, they paid $30,000 for the discovery claim on that lode. The shaft was then forty-five feet deep. Seven feet deeper, the vein dwindled out to a vein of barren rock, not thicker than a man's thumb, this they followed down a depth of over forty feet without striking a color. On Friday their prospects were doleful. On Saturday, the vein suddenly widened out the full width of the shaft of splendid ore. During this time they have been working on the "stopings" from the first fifty feet. Now they will immediately go to work on the lower level, with splendid prospects, and deserve success for their energy and preseverence.

GAINING.—The Postlewait mill made another clean up on Sunday morning. The run was seven and a half days; rock crushed Kearsarge: amount, about 100 tons; yield $3996 00. The blanket tailings, which it is believed will average $8 per ton, are not included in this yield. The entire expenses of the mill and mine, per week, are about $650. The leakage in the housing has been stopped by inserting blanket packing between the timbers. The machinery is driven directly from the counter shaft which drives the battery, by a short vertical belt and tightening pulley. This is an innovation on the old method and is said to give entire satisfaction. The cake of retort, weighing 222 oz. 1 pwt. 18 grs., is on exhibition at Hussey, Dahler & Company.

MORE MACHINERY COMING.—Prof. Ward who represents a Rochester company owning ten or twelve fine leads in the Sterling district, left for California on Thursday's coach, for the purpose of procuring a fifteen stamp mill to be delivered here, in June. The mill will be purchased at the Union Foundry, San Francisco, and will be accompanied with the Wheeler amalgamator, and concentrating pans. Mr. Countryman has the contract for putting up the mill and machinery, and will commence work on the former early in April. The company have pursued the right method, in testing their leads before purchasing a mill. As high as forty men have been employed in sinking on them, and the shafts are down on their leads from 20 to 100 feet.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. — We received from some friend in Helena a valentine, blending beautifully the three elements—love, politics and ornithology. The illustration is a credit to the designer and artist, who has, no doubt, drawn off similar objects for the benefit of others. Not with standing the first part is a failure, the glorious uprising of those who stared defiantly at secession approaching to swallow up the form of government, which we love so much, is portrayed with a vigor that shows the artist has handled the subject before. The tale attached to the sketch is of so touching a nature, that we should be tempted to present it were it not for its great length.

SALMON RIVER. — Oliver's Express line of stages now carry passengers through to the above point, by way of Bannack. For freight or passage, apply at this office.

THE ELECTION.—The contest for the Mayoralty was quite exciting, and engrossed the attention of quite a number of the talking fraternity during the day. The two candidates were neck and neck until within a half hour of the closing of the polls, when Castner lapped over Lee slightly and reached the winning post an inch or two ahead. We hope he may enjoy the laurels, as well as he deserves. The following is the vote cast:—Castner, 239; Lee, 225; Hughes, 3; Ohle, 1. Total, 468. Castner's majority, 10.

THE CHRISTNOUGHT MILL.—This mill is rapidly approaching completion, and will be in running order by next week. The machinery used will be Chilian crushers, and barrels. Sixteen barrels will be used. The shaft on the Oro Cache, from which they are taking rock, is some 75 or 80 feet in depth, and they will have some 200 tons out to start on. It is expected that first rate returns will be made from this mill as the rock being taken out justifies great expectations.

ACCIDENT.—Dr. Cornell had a rib broken on Saturday last in a rather singular manner. A muscular gentleman in a sudden attack of friendship embraced him, and the hug which followed was rather too much pressure on those bony protectors of the heart. This came the nearest being a successful attack on the Doctor's heart, that we are aware of.

FIREMAN'S PARADE.—At a meeting of the Pioneer Company last evening, forty-five members were present in uniform, and everything augurs well for a splendid turn-out on Friday. The company meet at 2 p. m., on Thursday, in the Council Chamber, for drill, and a full attendance is requested.

HOG LAW.—The city authorities have concluded to again enforce the ordinance in regard to the porcines, on and after Monday the 25th inst. It is not just exactly clear to us why this ordinance is only enforced during the Legislative sessions, but it appears to be a fact. Pen up your porkers or prepare to "dust."

TERRITORIAL ENTERPRISE.—This excellent newspaper is published at Virginia City, Nevada, and contains all the current news of the Pacific coast. Jacob Feldbergh, at Henry Siegel & Co.'s, will act as agent for this paper. Call and see a specimen.

PAY UP, AND SAVE COST.—As I am going away, I hereby request all my friends to call at my house and square their accounts, and thereby save themselves unpleasantness.

Star Billiard Hall, Virginia City, Jan. 25, 1867.
tw-1m JAKE HINNEMANN.

RABBIT DISTRICT.—Eight lodes in the above district were yesterday recorded in the county office, by Miles Cavanaugh.

F. E. W. PATTON has revenue stamps for sale.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES.—The preparations being made for the proper celebration of Washington's birthday, indicate, that, whatever the vicissitudes of the political or military situation, there is one name above party or faction appropriation, a bright particular star, in the grand constellation of American heroes, whose name is synonymous with wisdom, virtue and patriotism, at whose shrine the world kneels in wrapt admiration, and accords the triple honors of warrior, statesman and philanthropist. Washington built a stone house on the Potomac, some twenty miles south of Washington city. It is a very creditable specimen of masonry. The Federal arch was also constructed and cemented under his immediate supervision, and stands today, plum, level and square. This is why the masons celebrate the day. The theory that he owned the first goat and gridiron in America, and raised a muss with a political candidate who entered his house and passed himself off for an architect, is exploded. When a very small boy he frequently carried an axe in his hand, and was well read. When he grew up and the red coated legions of George the 3d came over to fire our cities, our Georgie got up an opposition company, and while he run the machine their fire was subdued. He finally caused many of them to kick their own buckets, and sent the balance streaming back to England. This is why the firemen celebrate the day. The story that he hooked a ladder, and had the best hose in the country is not credited. Any how, the Masons and the Fireman of Nevada and Virginia are going to have a splendid time on the 22d. The former have made every preparation for a grand *soirée dansante* at Adelphi Hall. The latter will parade during the day, in uniform, and finish with a ball in the Council chamber, in the evening. From present indications they will both be splendid affairs, and every body is going.

SALMON RIVER MINES.—A gentleman, just returned from the above place, gives the following information: The snow is very deep, averaging nearly four feet on the level. There are not more than 300 or 400 men in that region. Last week all had to wear snow-shoes in crossing the range. But little work is being done. Napier's creek, the principal gulch, pays a distance of eleven miles; depth, seven to eight feet to bed-rock. Many parties own thirty, forty and fifty claims each. They do not relish the heavy immigration, which is now going in rapidly. Theodore Dunum, (mentioned in the letter of J. M.), died from the effects of being frozen. The Jew is improving. Neither one had their feet amputated. Another man, name unknown, was frozen on the Bannack divide; his body has not been found. There is no beef at Salmon; bacon is the sole reliance. Neither are there any shovels, picks or gold pans for the spring work. There are three stores in the mines, with light stocks. Prices range as follows: Flour 23c, bacon 75c, beans 75c, molasses 75c, per pound.

LITERARY.—By invitation of the Masonic Fraternity of Helena, Chief Justice, H. L. Hosmer will deliver a series of lectures in that city, on the evenings of the 26th 27th and 28th inst. The subjects chosen for the respective evenings are: First, "J. Fennimore Cooper and his writings;" second, "American antiquities, and their probable origin;" third, "Dr. Kane and his Artic experience." We congratulate our Helena friends upon the rich intellectual treat in store for them. Having had the pleasure of hearing two of the above lectures, we can assure them they are able and interesting, abounding with passages of rare beauty, and conveying a large amount of information in a most pleasing and attractive manner.

DISTRICT COURT.—During the last term of court, a sow and pigs came in for a large share of public attention. The verdict not pleasing the losing party, another suit was brought in the present term by N. Harrison, *et al vs*, Patrick Gleason, and occupied three days of the present week. The jury returned a verdict, yesterday. Gleason gets $100 for four pigs, and Harrison *et al.* get the sow and six pigs, and pay the costs of suit. We don't just exactly understand the *et al*, but think if the pigs had been *all eat* it would have been better for somebody. The legal fraternity distinguished themselves in this case, which is said to have been highly exciting and amusing.

SOLDIERS' BOUNTY.—The bounty applied for by the following persons at my office in November and December, has been received by me, and they are requested to call and receive the same: John Cone, company A; William C. Mattack, company A; Sterling P. Stamper, company B; Thomas A Frazer, company A, all of 1st Nevada cavalry; Philip Frank, company E, 2d Illinois artillery, $100 each. Soldiers having extra bounty due them, can have the same collected by me, at moderate rates, and at a much earlier day than ordinarily. JNO. S. SLATER,
1t-w&tw Att'y at Law.

$10 REWARD.—Lost, on the 18th, between Nevada and the mouth of Alder gulch, a calfskin pocket book. The pocket book contained from forty-five to fifty dollars in greenbacks; a few fish hooks, needles, etc. The finder will receive the above reward by leaving the property at John S. Rockfellow's on Jackson street. 1t-tw

RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE (?)—Officer Smith not being in good odor with the new dispensation, was relieved from duty on police service, on Tuesday last, and Wm. Grimes put on in his place. "So we go."

ALL ABOARD!—Oliver & Co.'s Express left Bannack city on the 20th inst. for Salmon river with a six horse sleigh, and nine passengers. This line connects, directly through from Virginia.

PROF. HODGE.—Private advices received in this city state that Professor Hodge is in a very critical situation, and it is feared there are but little hopes of his recovery.

ANNIVERSARY BALLS, FEBRUARY 22.—Fireman's Ball, at the Council Chamber, Virginia city; Masonic Ball, at Adelphi Hall, Nevada.

POLICE COURT.—The only case before this court was —— Murphy, arrested for breach of the peace. Found guilty, and fined $5 and costs.

STOCK PURCHASERS.—Your attention is called to the advertisement of J. M. Creighton, in another column.

ATTENTION!—A. U. L. A. of Virginia city. Meetings, every Saturday evening. Jan. 21, tf

From Saturday's Tri-Weekly

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.—Washington's birthday anniversary was celebrated yesterday in due form, by the Masons and Firemen, and the public generally. Bunting floated on the breeze from many flag staffs, and the huge triple-hued banner, flying from the pole on the POST corner, kept watch and ward over the conduct of a green banner on which the harp, the shamrock, and the sun-burst were blazoned, and which greeted the eyes of the lovers of ould Ireland, from early dawn till dewey eve. At one p. m., the Pioneers formed in procession, and with their fine Hook and Ladder carriage, paraded the principal streets. They were handsomely uniformed in black pants, red shirts, white belts and gloves, and looked, marched, and were, really splendid. We have witnessed Firemen's processions in the principal cities of the Union, and unreservedly assert, that for material and appearance, we have not seen the Pioneers excelled. After the parade, they marched to the Court room, when Judge Hosmer entertained the large assembly with an eloquent and appropriate address, which was listened to with profound attention and elicited frequent bursts of applause. The balls at Nevada and the Council room, were very largely attended. The Council room could not contain the large number present, and a portion adjourned to the Planters House, where the festivities continued. Just as we were going to press, we learned that the Masonic ball at Adelphi Hall was brilliant in the extreme, and was progressing with the prospect of rosy daylight lighting the participants home in the morning.

ACQUITTAL OF JOSEPH MAGEE.—Upon Wednesday and Thursday the District Court was engaged in the trial of Joseph Magee, who had been indicted by the Grand Jury for ambezzling $150, from J. M. Castner. The defendant had been in the employ of Mr. Castner two months, as his bar-keeper and clerk. The books, which were kept by Magee, were subjected to the rigid scrutiny of two lawyers, previous to the trial, and a small discrepancy was discovered. This was easily accounted for, by the testimony that other parties sometimes paid out bills and omitted to make the proper entries. With the exception of the evidence of one witness, there was no material fact elicited that was adverse to the interests of Mr. Magee. This was rebutted by other circumstances, and the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty." The verdict was received with satisfaction by the friends of Mr. Magee, and unprejudiced spectators, who had listened to the testimony. Sam Word, District Attorney, appeared for the government, and Capt. Henry N. Blake appeared for the defendant.

TELEGRAPH—US. — Our mythologically-posted neighbors of the Salt Lake *Telegraph* desire us to select "some feminine Paris," to decide who is the "fancy" man of their trio of editors. It is rather difficult to select a *feminine shepherd boy*. Our *Herald* editor has a peculiar knowledge of the sexes, and it would have fallen on one more competent had he been selected for the task. You liken your three selves to Jupiter, Apollo and Saturn. Does not this decide the matter? Jupiter is a savage old curmudgeon, who deals in thunderbolts. Saturn is the father of aforesaid Jupiter, and has serpents in his chariot; while Apollo is young, handsome, and the god of Poetry, Music and Prophecy. Apollo is the "fancy" man, undoubtedly. When he has whispered measured lines to his love beside the banks of Jordan, whose rippling waters shall be sweetest music to their ears, and visions of Paradise hover around their prophetic souls, will not Jupe and Sat keep a watchful eye upon them, and if our conjectures are right, "Telegraph" us?

THE MURDER.—The Coroner's jury on the inquest in regard to Wm. B. McLothlin have not yet returned a verdict. There have been quite a number of witnesses examined, and further examination has failed to elicit anything that would lead to a conclusion. A post mortem examination of the body revealed a fact hitherto unsuspected. The deceased was shot twice, the first shot entering the breast, and lodging in the spinal column was sufficient to cause almost instant death. The shot in the head, was fired after the victim was down, and was intended to "render assurance doubly sure." The remains were decently interred in the burial ground, on Wednesday. We are informed that there are no suspicions on the mind of the jury as to who the perpatrator was, and the entire affair is enveloped in mystery.

THE PARTICULARS.—Advices from Bannack, the 19th says: About the 30th of Jan. Mr Alex Ramsey left Horse Prairie creek, about twenty-four miles from Bannack, for his home, seven miles distant, situated at the foot of the summit, on the trail to Salmon river, and known as the Mountain House. He has not been seen or heard of since. His partner states that he left about 2 o'clock p. m. and had about $1,000 on his person. A tremendous snow storm came on in two or three hours after his departure. The supposition is, that he wandered off in the mountains and perished. The snow is very deep, and all search for his remains has been fruitless.

CAPRICIOUS.—The weather for the last few days has been as fickle as a woman, storm and sunshine, balmy zephyrs and borean blasts have been playing hide and seek, day and night, for a week. Open a door for the sunshine, and a marrow-searching puff from the ice trumpet of the Winter King, slams it shut in one's face. Build on a rousing fire and before it is fairly blazing, ladies go tripping by, in bright dresses, and men stand on the corners in their shirt-sleeves. Shiver and sweat; furs and furs; punch and cobblers; Valentines and eglantines; no wonder one would make "strange calculations."

ROUGH AND TUMBLE.—A couple of well matched youths had an altercation yesterday afternoon, and words being insufficient to demonstrate their meaning, they resorted to muscle. A blow, a grapple, and they both landed in a woodpile, when Messrs. Gage and Grimes grabbed them, and the antagonists were held to "put in appearance" before Judge McCullough, this morning.

REDIVIVUS.—The Beaver Head *News* will resurrect on Monday next, and come out with a new dress. The publisher of the "Trip down the Yellowstone" says he wants those who subscribed for this work, to come and get their copies, and no fooling about it.

ADMITTED.—On motion of Colonel Thoroughman, on the 21st inst. David H. Cowan, Esq., was admitted to practice in all the courts of this Territory.

COLD SNAP.—The Thermometer stood 10° below zero, on Thursday morning, in this city, and as low as 16° in some localities out of town.

WHO HAS OUR HAT?—The "Local" exchanged hats in mistake, at the ball last evening. Please exchange again, you man with a thirty inch head!!

NEWS DEALERS.—See card in another column.

HELENA.

From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.

FROM THE MUSCLESHELL.—From Capt. R. W. Andrews, just arrived from Copperopolis, we glean the following intelligence with reference to that land of brimstone and bilge water: There are now some sixty men in that section who are engaged in prospecting and sinking on the various leads already discovered. On the Copperopolis, they are down forty-two feet; on the Crittenden thirty-nine; the Cole Sanders twenty, and on the Tuscarora thirty-five. These leads, together with the Boomerang, Canada, Muscleshell and two or three others, are located on one continuous ledge, which crops out for miles, the width of whose crevice will average from seven to eight feet. The Captain entertains a high opinion of that whole region, and thinks that before long one thousand men will be employed in developing the various ledges. They are at present laboring under the disadvantage of having to use water highly impregnated with copper, but hope to remedy the evil by bringing in a ditch from the mountains. We will not refer at further length to this region at the present, as one of our special traveling correspondents purposes visiting it in a short time, when our readers will be enabled to peruse graphic descriptions of the Muscleshell mines.

LAST CHANCE GULCH.—From developments which have been carried on more or less for the past year, conclusive evidence has been adduced which proves, beyond doubt, the existence of an extensive channel between Dry gulch and Last Chance. The bar between these two gulches is supposed to contain pay dirt to an immense depth. The shaft of Whitney & Co., which is situated on the bar opposite No. 5 below discovery in Last Chance gulch, has been sunk to the depth of 227 feet, and prospects were found from the surface to the depth of one hundred feet. On claim No. 7, in the above gulch, a shaft has been sunk to the depth of forty feet, running through pay dirt all the way down, and no bed-rock as yet reached. The same may be said of numbers 19 and 22, as there are shafts on them to about the same depth. The survey for a bed-rock flume, which is now being made in Last Chance, will, at an early day, determine the character of this enormous deposit, and we shall endeavor to lay before our readers a more detailed account of the matter which is, certainly, almost unprecedented in the annals of placer mining in any country.

NEW DISCOVERIES.—Each day brings to light more new and important discoveries. The latest in this line is one which has recently been made in some little swags lying on the mountain between St. Louis and Skelley gulches. It is about eight feet to the bed-rock, and the pay dirt is some eighteen inches in depth; and the prospects are such that they almost surpass belief. A small handful of dirt will pan out one dollar, and as high as forty dollars has been taken out to the pan. Holmes' gulch, some four miles from this place, is also another new discovery, which promises well in the spring. On the whole, we cannot but think that the prospects for the coming season are such as will entitle us to pronounce it one of the most successful we have as yet had.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

RESOLUTIONS passed at an adjourned meeting of the miners and merchants of Helena and vicinity, held for the purpose of regulating the price of gold dust:

Whereas, at an adjourned meeting of the citizens of Helena held at the court house, on Monday the 11th day of February, 1867, for the purpose of considering the necessity of fixing a value upon certain gold dust now circulating in the community, at a value of eighteen dollars per ounce, and which is worth much less than said value, the undersigned were appointed a committee to consider the matter, and were instructed to report at an adjourned meeting of the citizens, to be held at the court room on Monday evening, February, 18, 1867.

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned committeemen, do make this, our report, and move the adoption of the same:

Resolved, That the article of dust known as first quality mill retort, be received and paid out by this community at a value of sixteen dollars per ounce.

Resolved, That clean, gulch gold dust, free from rock and sand, or other impurity, be received and paid out, as heretofore, at eighteen dollars per ounce—saving Silver Bow and Boise dust.

Resolved, That all gold dust received or paid out by this community, shall be free from rock, black sand or other impurities, to be of the value above mentioned.

Resolved, That this agreement shall take effect on and after the first of March, 1867.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this meeting to secure the signatures of the business men, and others of this community, to these resolutions. (Signed)

James King,	C. Stephenson,	A. G. Clark,
W. H. Gibson,	G. P. Dorris,	S. M. Hall,
James H. Pierce,	E. S. Wibley,	J. G. Smith.

A MAP OF THE MISSOURI RIVER.—We have been shown a map of the Missouri river, from Fort Rice to Fort Benton, showing the various bends, islands, tributary streams and the channel, together with views of all the most prominent points of interest between the above forts. It is the work of M. Louis Connant, a practical hydrographer, and, for several years, a midshipman in the French navy. The map is drawn with ink, is mounted on rollers, and in length is over fifty feet; and is the most carefully drawn and concise thing of the kind we have ever seen. The various notes which the gentleman has appended along the margin, are so applicable to all voyages up the Missouri, that they read more like an itinerary of travel than mere notes of explanation, and they certainly afford as much information as some notes of travel we have read. Among the more prominent points which the gentlemen has sketched, we may mention forts Union, Berthold and Clark, the Pyramids, Hermit Hill, the Devil's Table, Typer Hill, Castle Peak, Cannon Peak, Kercheval City, and a host of other views, we have not space to mention. The earnestness with which he devoted himself to the task of making a correct and complete outline map of the whole river, is shown in the fact that he kept his station in the pilot-house from the time the boat started in the morning until she stopped at night; and the result of his perseverance is one of the most elaborate pieces of drawing that can be seen anywhere. Mr. Connant has, also, a table, carefully collated and prepared, giving the relative distance from the mouth of the Missouri to Fort Benton. It is his intention to publish the map this coming summer, and should he do so, it would be the most valuable chart of the Missouri river extant, and be of incalculable service to pilots and steamboat men, or to those wishing to return by mackinaw.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.—An immense amount of song and sentiment was sent through the postoffice on the 14th instant; besides, too, considerable which the recipients thought did not come under the head of either. From the evidence in our immediate vicinity of a raid on the postoffice, we should judge that some forlorn damsel must have sat up late at night to study astronomy and the heavens—at least that portion of it which has more particular reference to the "milky way," "Skies," and "dies," and "bliss" and "kiss" jingle pretty well, however, and is about all that is contained in most of the effusions. We wonder if the old Roman presbyter Valentine, who was beheaded by the Emperor Claudius some fifteen hundred years ago, (we wouldn't swear to our chronology) thought the anniversary of his forcible exit from the world would be turned into a feast of love, and made to do the blind god's errands? By the way, it is an old notion that the birds on this day choose their mates; and the custom of sending valentines no doubt originated from the idea.

OFF FOR VIRGINIA.—J. X. Biedler started on last Tuesday for a pleasure trip to Virginia. We do not know what takes the irrepressible individual up there. He has been traveling around town in company with a big cane for the past day or two, after the manner of our friend, Jim Cavanaugh, and it is altogether likely he is going up to Virginia to log roll the Legislature, with the probability of running against that gentleman for delegate to Congress. Who knows? More untoward events than that have taken place. "X," before he left, said there would be an extra coach in on the 20th instant, and, when asked how he knew, replied that Major Bruce, being appointed Secretary and acting Governor, Wells, Fargo & Co. would have to put on an extra to bring over the orders and proclamations.

TEA-KETTLE ADORATION. — Patrick McDermott was up before Justice McCarthy, on complaint of his, we suppose, better half, last Sunday morning. Patrick had got gay and festive on Saturday evening, and felt somewhat ugly on Sunday morning, when, to use the words of the complainant, "he hits me over the head wid the taykittle," for the love he bore her, probably. The Judge fined him $50 and costs, and in default of payment, he was sent to jail for sixty days. Patrick, on receiving his sentence, got off a joke on the Justice, which appeared to be fully appreciated by the bystanders, if it was not by his honor.

THE TANAHILL LODE.—This lode is situated in Grizzly gulch, near Turnley's mill, and has an incline shaft sunk on it to the depth of seventy-five feet. We learn from Messrs. Brown and Washburne that they have now a crevice of twenty-five inches of splendid looking quartz, and the prospect is fair that it will increase both in width and richness, as they go down on it. The above gentlemen have a contract from Mr. Whitlatch, the owner, to sink the shaft to a depth of one hundred feet, and expect to have it done by the first of April.

NEW QUARTZ MILL.—A. J. Lamb, formerly assistant superintendent of the celebrated Gould & Curry mine, intends putting up a fifteen stamp mill, in New York gulch, the coming summer. The mill has been already purchased in St. Louis, and will be shipped on the first boat coming up the river. Mr. Lamb is largely interested in the above district; and it is his intention to immediately get out timbers for the necessary buildings, so as to cause as little delay as possible, on the arrival of the mill.

SETTLED DOWN.—A portion of the south side of Mather's billiard hall settled some ten inches, last Thursday evening, leaving the tables at an angle of forty-five degrees. Workmen were at once put to leveling up the building, and it took but a day or two to set things right. Travis & Brothers' stables also went down some five feet in the direction of the bed-rock, and it is lucky the whole building did not tumble down.

FISTICUFFS.—A slight difficulty occurred between Jacob Corn and J. W. Bauer, on last Thursday morning, arising from wordy war, in which each took the opportunity to give the other the lie, when they proceeded to wade into each other pretty lively. The tussle lasted some time, and a scratched face and bitten finger were the results. Justice Duke took occasion to heal their differences by fining Corn five dollars and costs, and Bauer one dollar and ditto.

ANOTHER BIG CLEAN-UP.—Turnley's "Little Giant" mill cleaned up, on last Thursday, $6 424 45 from ninety tons of rock, from Whitlatch Union ore, being an average of $71 33 per ton. This is one of the largest runs yet made, but one exceeding it that being $8 420 from one hundred and three tons of ore. Judging from the above returns, we should say that both the lead and the mill continue to keep up their reputation.

HENDRY'S MILL.—Hendry's eighteen stamp mill, situated in Grizzly Gulch, cleaned up on last Saturday, $4 392, from six days run on second class ore, from the Whitlatch Union Lode. This does not include the "skimmings" which will probably swell the amount to the even $5,000.

NOTICE. — The regular meeting of Lincoln Council No. 3, U. L. A., every Wednesday evening at half-past six o'clock. By order of the Council. j 17-tf

THE GOLD COMMITTEE.—The report of the committee, appointed on the evening of Feb. 11th, for the purpose of regulating the price of gold dust, was handed in at the adjourned meeting, held on last Monday evening, and will be found in another column of this paper. The rates for the different grades of dust, as recommended to be established by the committee are: For retort, Silver Bow and Boise dust, $16, per oz; for all other clean gulch dust, $18 per oz. The foregoing rates are to take effect on and after the first of March next, provided our citizens will sign the papers to that effect. We see no good reason why they should not give their adhesion to such an arrangement, as the rates proposed are fair, equal and just to every one—both to the miner, the merchant, and laborer.

SURGICAL.—Drs. Glick and Maupin performed a very delicate surgical operation on Mr. Samuel Smith, one day last week, in extracting a piece of gun cap which had lodged in the corner of his eye. The operation was the more difficult, as it had to be performed by candle-light. These gentlemen also operated on a Mr. Larrabee, from Deer Lodge, for tonsillitis, cutting out two large tonsils and a portion of the noula.

A HIGHER GRADE.—The much-needed improvement, mentioned a few days since, of grading a portion of the sidewalk on the west side of Main street, has been further carried out, and now all that section between King & Gillette's and Dumphy & Bentley's granite blocks, are on the level, and it certainly adds much to the improvement and appearance of the street.

GOT HOME.—Mr. James Laird, formerly in the employ of the Montana POST, arrived at his home in Illinois, about the middle of last month. Laird met with something of a loss, in crossing the plains, some one having robbed him of his clothes, together with all of his specimens and some coupons of United States bonds.

SHIPPED.—Mr. J. G. Sanders, Secretary of the Whitlatch Union mines, shipped east per last coach, two "bricks" of the respective weight of 230 ounces, 10 grains; and 83 ounces, 3 pennyweights, 10 grains. At $18 per ounce, this would give $5,727.45, and the premium on gold would make it $7,616.40, in current funds.

JUSTICE'S COURT.—Mr. Wm. Platter was up before his honor, Justice Duke, on last Friday, charged with assault and battery, and made to pay the neat little sum of $10 fine and $50 costs. Quite a snug amount to fork over for the privilege of enjoying a few minutes private recreation.

From Saturday's Tri-Weekly.

A LITERARY TREAT.—Our citizens will be enabled to enjoy the finest literary treat during the present month, that has ever been given in Montana. Chief Justice Hez. L. Hosmer, of Virginia city, has consented to deliver three successive lectures for the benefit of the Masonic fraternity of this city, on the evenings of the 26th, 27th and 28th instants. The subjects which the learned gentleman has chosen, are: "The life and character of Dr. Kane, the Arctic Explorer;" "Biographical Review of the life of James Fennimore Cooper," and the "Settlement of America by the Northmen." The selections are such as will afford ample scope for the display of Judge H.'s eminent and polished erudition; and we would certainly advise all who wish to enjoy such a "feast of reason," to not let slip the opportunity. Tickets to the three lectures, three dollars in currency. We have not learned the building selected for the entertainment, but presume it will be the Wood street theatre.

THE LYCEUM.—Owing to the severe cold weather, there was but a slim attendance at the meeting of the above body, on last Tuesday evening. The exercises consisted of the reading of two original pieces—one a poem, by S. P. Bassett, on the "Memories of Childhood;" and the other an essay, by Mr McDaniels, on "Placer Mining in Montana"—both being exceedingly creditable papers; besides a select reading, by Mr. Comely, from Scott's "Marmion;" and the regular debate. The question for debate was, "Resolved, That the government of the United States should keep a standing army of 200,000 men, until the troubles arising out of the late rebellion are settled." The question was decided in the negative, and we think that the troubles can certainly be settled with a good deal less.

THE WEATHER.—During the past day or two, we have had the coldest weather of the winter. The mercury on the night of the 19th instant, dropped down to 22° below zero, five degrees lower than it has heretofore been. As a consequence, "stove sharps" abound in all the places of public resort; hot mixtures are in brisk demand, and little games of "old sledge" and "bean poker" are indulged in, by all those who have a few "seads" left, for steaming goblets of whisky.

NEW RIG.—Higgins, Travis & Bros. had out a 2:40 tandem rig, the other day, that was altogether lovely and a good deal more than gay. By the way, the present cold snap, in combination with the light fall of snow, will doubtless revive the sleighing mania, and we would remark to those who wish to indulge in the pastime, that this firm has some of the best turn-outs, in the sleighing line, in the city.

PETIT JURORS.—The following is a list of petit jurors, as furnished us by Mr. Fowler, clerk of the court: Rufus Payne, A. C. Wheaton, H. De Comb, Wm. Brewster, Wm. H. Bell, A. J. Davidson, J. Swinney, B. A. Davidson, Wm. T. Blakeman, W. A. Montgomery, G. W. Ware, C. M. Travis, J. W. Allen, J. H. Jurgins, J. M. Paynter, J. L. Street, M. Lissner and C. S. Wood.

THE COMMITTEE.—The following gentlemen were appointed by Mr. Comely, chairman of the gold meeting, as a committee for the purpose of soliciting names to the resolutions adopted at the adjourned meeting, which were published in our last issue: A. G. Clark, C. B. Stephenson and S. M. Hall.

DISTRICT COURT.—The spring term of the District Court, for the third Judical District, Judge Williston presiding, will commence on Monday, the 4th of March. We understand that there will not be a very heavy docket, and we shall, in a short time, be enabled to give the number of civil and criminal cases that will come up for adjudication.

INTERNAL REVENUE.—E. Wager was brought before United States Commissioner Burdick, charged with violating the Internal Reveaue laws, in that he did not put any stamps on a lease and a receipt for money. He was fined $50 and costs—in all, $88.

NEWS DEPOT.—For every description of late papers, and magazines, go to Gilpatrick & Bryant, Wood street, Stickney on Main street, or to John Moffitt, at the Post office, Broad street.

LETTER LIST.

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office, Virginia City, Montana Territory, Feb. 21, 1867.

To obtain these letters the applicant must call for 'advertised letters," give the date of this list.

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Baume Thos	Basor Geo W	Barnard J L
Babbitt J Rod	Bagly J W	Beeman Wm
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Blake D W	Black Geo W	Blain John F
Boyce Geo P	Booth Wm B	Brown Mason
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Brock Claudius	Brown Asa A	Brough Mrs S
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Caldwell Jas	Cabiero Wm	Canaday Milton
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