The Montana Post.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 4.

OUR AGENTS.

A. B. HAMILTON, is our Agent at Fort Benton.
MR. A. J. SMITH is our Agent at Bannack.
J. M. FISH, Sterling, Hot Spring District.
GEO. S. RAWLINGS, Silver Creek.
J. M. MILLS, Silver Bow.
JAMES STUART, Deer Lodge.
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JOHN TEMPLE, Junction City.
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F. CHURCH, Summit City.
CAMPBELL & CO., Confederate Gulch.
R. C. JOHNSON, Blackfoot.
I. N. BUCK, Boulder Valley.
WESLEY W. JONES, Reynolds' City, Elk Creek.
S. V. BALL, Beartown.
J. W. MAGBURRY, Rocker City.
J. S. WILLIAMS, St. Louis, Mo.
L. P. FISHER, San Francisco, Cal.
HENRY RIGDEN, Argenta.
H. ELLIS & CO., Leesburgh, Salmon River Mines
CHAUNCY BARBLE, Bear Gulch and adjacen mines.
ANSON FORD, Butte City.
GEORGE M. BROCK, Beartown, M. T.
DAVE WILSON, Bozeman City.

Meteorological Record.

DATE	9 A. M.			12 M.			3 P. M.		
Dec	Barometer.	Thermom. at.	Thermom. do.	Barometer.	Thermom. at.	Thermom. do.	Barometer.	Thermom. at.	Thermom. do.
26	23.910	40°	30°	24.064	60°	29°	24.136	56°	25°
27	24.260	31°	19°	24.302	58°	20°	24.340	40°	20°
28	24.636	43°	6°	24.674	50°	15°	24.678	58°	18°
29	24.722	32°	6°	24.756	51°	19°	24.758	40°	20°
30	24.500	45°	24°	24.450	50°	34°	24.400	41°	30°
31	24.110	60°	30°	24.050	60°	32°	23.950	61°	34°
Jan 1	23.850	40°	28°	23.740	40°	32°	23.780	42°	28°

Mean temperature for the week, 23° 7'.

NOTAEKA.

Arrivals and Departures During the Week—*Arrived.*

Cy Murphy	W C Cullen	Chinaman
J J Erb	S Morris	Henry Bash
J M Snyder	J Seidel	J Sands

DEPARTURES.

R E Fisk	J E Derocy	W C Cullen
Philip Bity	S Mortis	Chinaman

Arrivals at the Planters' House.

Dec. 27.—A S Bailey, Beaverhead; R Holcombe, Leesburg; Mrs Closton, Mill Creek; John Oaks, Silver Star District; Samuel Coad; James Rynders.

Dec. 28.—Henry A Ward, Midasburg; C F Martindale, Highland; John Reed, Idaho; T Murray, G Rockfellow, city; Jas Hicks, Richard Coad, Sam Coad.

Dec. 29.—R E Fisk, Jas Denny, Helena; R Lyons, E Everetts, Mill Creek; J Aries, Gallatin; J Heidenheimer, city; R O Treak; Jas M Ellis, Salt Lake City; O Randall.

Jan 1—Leroy Southmayde and lady, Summit; L Vogel, do; N Cissler, Mill Creek; S I Johnson, do; M Cole, city; E B Sill, Gallatin Valley; E Morse, do; P Pitz, Walla Walla; M Dillon, city, Geo W Rockfellow, do; J M Trivett, Silver Star; G B Olds, Summit; J C Spencer, city; J H Fuller and lady, Summit.

Jan 2—Phil Feats, Summit; N Arodt, do; J X Beidler, Helena; J Williams, city; M Hillinger, do; C C Branham, Mill Creek; R Hedge, Nevada; S Morris, Helena; J Seigel, do; H Bosh, do; M Morris, eo; F A Kirby, Bannack; M S Moodie, city.

Arrivals at the International Hotel.

Dec. 25—Jas Ramsey, Deer Lodge; Dan Halues Beaver Head; Jno Pittullo, Milo Sekiter, Madison; C H Yoater, C F Christnot, M Sculley, Brown's Gulch; C Roach, S B Rice, J Moorland, T Kent, City; T Malone, D C Stevens, T Cady, Summit; H L Postlewait; Kennetsville; J X Beidler, Helena.

Dec 26.—F Desilvea, J James C D Stevens, C B Robinson, M Henry, H T Brown, City; T Malone, D Stevens, J Ribberts, T Coady, Summit; R C Peasely, Mill creek; Scott Donnelly, Wm M Barritt, city; J M Vivant, Bivens gulch; S Smith S Carthan, Union city.

29th—Melton Jones, Salt Lake; D Gilbert, W H Mitchell, Oscar Rankin, city; M Cullen, Helena; A Meloy, Jefferson Bridge.

30th—Hugh McQuade, Montana POST; John E Bobertson, Wm O'Brien, M Egan city; T W Green, Montana POST; O B Whitford, J P McKenzie, W Deasey, S D Pinkney, S D Heislup, W A Battermore, R Sheane, H C Grinnell, City; J W Fox J A Benninger, T C Ward, Summit.

[From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.]

PRACTICAL.—It is generally conceded to be discourteous to abruptly leave a circle while one of the party is relating a story, singing or playing upon an instrument, but exceedingly annoying to the individual when all leave. Appreciating this fact, a dozen rare spirits congregated at the El Sol, devised and executed this most atrocious scheme as a Christmas sell. "X." Biedler happening to arrive first where these wholesale operators in humanity were prepared, some one importuned him to relate a certain incident that occurred up country in more dangerous days. If "X." has a weakness it is to refresh his memory by repeating this same story to a party of good fellows, and they knew it. So, after a preparatory smile, he started in, and before getting fairly commenced he was surprised to see them gape, yawn, rise up one by one and walk off, leaving him without a listener. "X." divined the joke, owned up, and fell in for fun. Col. Bill Deascey, of heroic renown, came next. X appealed to him to relate the incident, as they had questioned his veracity. William was served ditto. "Everything goes," and he joined in. Col. J. J. Hull came next. Now if any man in Virginia has a rich fund of anecdotes and ability to relate them, "Jacky" Hull is the man. After a little entreaty, he seated himself comfortably and the boys gathered round the roaring stove to hear "a pretty good one." Feeling sure of an interested audience he began an elaborate introductory and was astonished to find himself alone in a minute. The Col. authorizes us to say that "if anything in the world will humiliate a man, that will do it above all others." A musical genius of renown, whose specialty is a variation on "Home, sweet home," was the next victim, this time the audience went to sleep with the first dozen bars, and so this most diabolical outrage was continued until the boys were tired out. But the best of it was "X's" retaliation. Diamond cut diamond. Enjoying the discomfiture of the others he still retained a grudge for his rude initiation and turned the thing over in his mind until Saturday, when, by knowing looks, and half spoken innendoes, he created quite a desire among a party of gentlemen to see Judd, now in jail, and finally getting the one's he wanted, proposed to take them down to see him. Of course they went, were shown round the jail and while examining one of the cells X stepped quickly out, turned the key, and sticking his handsome phiz against the grating said: "Boys, I believe while I have time and everything is favorable. I will finish that little story of mine," and finish it he did, in extenso, and numerous incidentals, concluding by reading them a chapter of the "Vigilantes" and a few pages from Chesterfield. "X." thinks he is a little ahead. So do we.

NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.—Owing to the fact that our Poet, instead of mounting Pegasus, mounted a cayuse and has gone courting a girl on the Sinking Water instead of the Muses, the very excellent New Year's Address which should be issued to the readers of the POST, with a request to remember the poor (carrier boy), will perhaps be published when the warm weather sets in, as our Poet said he would come back when it got too hot for him down the road. In the absence of anything worse, will our patrons kindly indulge us by reading Tennyson's beautiful poem, "Ring out, wild Bells," and add their assurance to our belief that its true poetry is more highly appreciated than the addresses which somehow are considered essential on New Year's Day, to coax quarters from the pockets of subscribers.

ITEMS.—Mr. Jno. S. Rockfellow, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is recovering slowly.....R. Emmet Fiske, of the *Herald*, went East per last coach....A glove fight comes off at Tammany Hall on New Year's day....The weather in this burg is almost tropical. There has not been three inches of snow in the streets of Virginia this winter.....The grand jury is now in session....Colt Neil Howie arrived from Helena yesterday, to enjoy New Year's in the Capital city.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.—The great ball of the season comes off to-night, mine host Chapin being the presiding genius of the affair. Council Hall has been fitted up and decorated in a most charming manner, especially for the occasion, and the dancers will trip the light fantastic toe to the witching strains of Bray's superb brass and string band. Mr. Langrishe having closed the Theatre to give opportunity to his company to attend. The supper will be spread at the Planter's House, and Chapin says, "it will be kind o' good." Only sum forty tickets are issued, at the moderate sum of $20 each, and as those who propose going all expect to get an equivalent for their greenbacks, it should be a magnificent affair. Proposing to drop in and see if life, health and pencils are spared we will tell you about it on Thursday.

PRIME Havanas for fastidious smokers, at Sichel's City Sample Rooms.

THEATRICAL.—Pizarro, with all the effects and situations incidental to, and some that were accidental to, the piece was produced to a fair audience at the Theatre on Saturday evening. The first act dragged terribly, the prompter's voice being painfully audible several times, but the acting became better as the piece progressed. Mr. Browne, as Alonzo, gave the finest personation we have seen him in, it being almost the sole instance in which he has exhibited sufficient animation and interest in the piece. As Alonzo, however, he discovery well and was accorded the usual honors. Last evening, Richard III was presented to a fine house, Mr. Pauncefort sustaining the character of Gloster, and Mr. Mortimer that of Richmond. The piece was produced in good style, and during the few moments we were in, was receiving the most unqualified approval of the audience. The theatre will be closed to-night, On New Year's night a great bill will be offered, when we expect an overflowing house.

NEARLY COMPLETED.—Messrs. W. D. and J. M. Mitchell have nearly completed their arastras on Granite gulch and will be prepared to commence operations next week. They are situated about half a mile above Junction, and are intended to do custom work exclusively, affording owners of leads in that locality an opportunity to develop them and defray expenses from the proceeds. Water is to be used as the motive power, and the arrangements of the wheels and sluices, some six feet under ground, and arastras enclosed in substantial buildings, will enable them to be run the entire winter. The large number of arastras now in process of erection in the vicinity of Virginia affords the best assurance that the lodes in the various gulches contiguous to this place will be thoroughly tested during the coming year.

THE finest liquors at Sichel's City Sample Rooms.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—A fearful occurrence, occasioned by the careless use of quicksilver, occurred at Summit last week, resulting in one death at least and possibly others will ensue. A miner named F. Talty, recently in the employ of Col. Postlewaite, having pounded up a lot of quartz, put the amalgam containing about one pound of mercury on the stove to retort, his wife and little child being present, the former being at the time occupied in cooking dinner. The family ate the victuals, strongly impregrated with the fumes of mercury, and this, with the effects of the fumigation brought on almost immediate salivation or Ptyalism. A Mrs. Grinsel, who came in to attend them as soon as the alarm was given, is also suffering badly from the effect of the mercury which had saturated everything in the house; a miner also in attendance is only suffering less because of more strength to resist the effects. The child, some two or three years old, died on Sunday evening, and it is barely possible that the mother will recover. Mr. Talty is suffering badly, but being of strong constitution, will probably recover. Dr. Fowler of this city, attended them, and rendered what medical assistance could be given. It is a very distressing affair, the condition of Mrs. Talty being such as to awaken the liveliest sympathy.

ACCIDENT.—Joseph Arnold, one of the owners of the Boaz lead in Hot Spring district, met with a serious accident on Christmas day. He had a loaded revolver on his person, which accidently dropping, was discharged. The ball entering his right arm above the wrist and running along the arm passed out at the elbow. Dr. Yager went over from Virginia and dressed the wound.

"A Horse! A horse! My Kingdom for a horse!" Failing to find one, buy a cocktail from the Pony.

CORRECTED.—Mr. Wesnor, *alias* Judd, requests us to correct the statement made some days since, that he had confessed the larceny of a number of horses and mules, since he escaped from Deer Lodge jail. Having made inquiry of two reliable gentlemen, from whom the information was originally obtained, we find the only correction we have to make, is the qualifying assertion of Wesnor, that he stole them from the Indians.

FORGET not to make your New Year's call at the "Kyuse" a-foot or a-horseback, the new shed holds them all.

SHUT DOWN.—From Hot Spring District we learn that the Ward mill and the Isaacs' mill are the only ones at present running in the vicinity of Sterling. From various causes the Pratt, Clarke, Atkins and Cope mills are not at present in operation.

WEAR the best BOOTS AND SHOES and to do so you must buy them of Gurney & Co., on Wallace street, Virginia City, Montana. de31-tf

SICHEL may not have Ohl(e) Toddy, but he still has the finest champagne cocktails.

THE finest cigars ever smoked in Virginia. Just received at Sichel's City Sample Rooms. Try them.

[From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.]

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.—If one believes Tom Moore, the Peri had a deal of trouble in finding the gift that gave her *entree* into Paradise. That was a long time ago, though, and we have an improved method of doing such things in this latter half of the nineteenth century. For instance instead of hieing up and down the earth to find the tear of a repentant sinner, our Virginia Peri's, by proxy of their attendant cavaliers, presented to the grenadier-like personage who stood guard at the head of Council Hall stairs on Tuesday evening, a small piece of rather prettily printed card-board, marked, "Admit the Bearer and Ladies," the airy gates of the Elysium opened on noiseless hinges at the magic Sesame and the enraptured joyful throng were ushered in where "alabaster lamps," etc., shed their dreamy light, etc., while the cares and anxieties of the outer and unhappy world were tumbled off outside the door like Christian's pack at the foot of the right angled frame work. We are trying to say something about the New Year's Eve Ball, given under the auspices of mine host Chapin. To use any ordinary expressions in regard to it would be to class it with those thousand and one other balls of the season which although pleasant are not to be compared to it more than a light frost to a Canadian snow storm. About forty couples were in attendance, not particularly the *elite*, or *le bon ton*, or the *creme de la creme*; but *good* people, upon whom Nature had at one period and another attempted to do herself credit, and succeeded. The hall was tastefully decorated with wreathes, mirrors, garlands, flags and fantastic devices appropriate to the occasion, arranged with evergreens and "other fixings," and elicited encomiums that would call burning blushes to the cheeks of any ones less deaf to flattery than those who so tastefully twined the evergreen. Bray's Band furnished the music, a sufficient evidence that it was superb. The supper at the Planter's House was unsurpassable and did most infinite credit to the skill of the *artistes de cuisine* and the munificence of the host. The ball lasted until nearly five o'clock, and was pronounced in every particular and in the aggregate the most delightful dance ever given in Virginia. May there be many happy repetitions.

CALLS.—New Year's calls were the order of the day, yesterday, the gentlemen being universally inspired by courtesy and kindly regard to pay their respects to their lady acquaintances, while they very generally had spread the hospitable board and dispensed smiles and refreshments with equal generosity. The only difference noticeable between the manner of making calls here, and in the farther Eastern cities, is the fact that, while there, two or three is sufficient to constitute a calling party, here, as many as twenty-five went together. It merely shows we are more fraternal and companionable. One very mysterious fact is said to have been discovered, that every house in this town has a baby, and that apple toddy, when mixed with other equally harmless imbibables will eventually "get the better of the best of them." The only regret expressed in regard to New Year's Day, was that the occasion comes only once a year.

MERRILY OH!—A nice little skift of snow fell on Tuesday morning, followed by another inch or two of beautiful flakes about noon on New Years, making sleighing a possibility indulged in to the extent of all the cutters and bobs in town during the afternoon. The temperature was however very mild, and unless we have another fresh supply, wheels will be in fashion today.

RECOVERING.—The parties who were dange rously salivated at Summit, are doing well and it is now anticipated that all will recover.

TED WINS.—The fight for the championship of light weights, between Ted Smith and Barney Duffey, on New Years Day, at Con Orem's Hall, turned out to be a much bigger affair than was anticipated. They fought with gloves, sure enough, one having on light kids, the other buckskin, simply a cute method of evading the law. Sixty-two rounds were fought, lasting an hour and forty minutes, when Barney threw up the sponge. Ted drew the first blood in the 3d round. Barney was accorded first knock down in the 9th. Both men fought exceedingly well. Barney won a deal of praise for the manly manner in which he toed the scratch and took punishment. Teddy played the drop game on him, and went in quick and fast. Barney had too much flesh; Ted was in better condition. A large number of admirers of the manly art were in attendance, and all attest that the rattling mill yesterday was as hard contested and interesting a fight as ever came off in the mountains. We understand a handsome purse was raised for the boys in addition to the door money.

THEATRICALS.—The Theatre was literally crammed last night, two splendid pieces having been put on for holiday night, commencing with "Who speaks First," followed by the drama of "Uncle Pat's Cabin," in which *Ragged Pat*, Mr. Langrishe, and *Judy O'Trot*, Mrs. Langrishe, bro't down the house in storms of applause. The early hour at which we go to press to enable all hands to enjoy New Year's evening prevents a more extend- notice. To-night will be represented, by universal request, Shakespeare's great tragedy of Macbeth. Mr. Pauncefort sustains the character of Macbeth, Mrs, Langrishe that of Lady Macbeth, and Jimmy Martin, First Witch. The play drew a tremendous crowd on its former representation and any one who witnessed it will not fail to be present to-night. Martin's Witch is a rare impersonation, alone worth the price of admission. Mrs. Langrishe's somnambulist scene is spoken of as a most exquisite piece of acting. We would advise all designing to go to secure their seats this morning, as it will be a big night.

REVENUE STAMPS.—Mr. T. C. Everts, Assessor of Internal Revenue, created quite a sensation among business men yesterday by hunting up unstamped receipts and fining the parties $50 each. This is all proper enough if it had been possible at all times to procure them. There has been several weeks lately that no revenue stamps could be procured in Virginia. There should be some leniency extended in such cases, but where wilful evasion of the law with intent to defraud the Government is indulged in, the officers are but doing their duty in punishing offenders.

DOWN THE ROAD.—There was quite an interesting party at Junction on New Year's Eve, rather limited in the number of ladies, but not in the amount of fun. A dance was also held at Crowell's Eight Mile House. Some forty couples were in attendance and the affair lasted until daylight. During the evening, a deringer was accidentally discharged, wounding two gentlemen slightly. The names of the wounded persons has not been ascertained.

DEER LODGE ITEMS.—The *Independent* says that Brown, Chittick & Co., have put an express from Deer Lodge to Cable city, Georgetown, Silver Bow and Butte city....The butchers of Deer Lodge have reduced the price of meat. .. The *Independent* has a poet and proposes to issue a New Year's Address.

RESPECTFULLY DECLINED.—A poem, entitled, "Madison Valley as it Was," is subject to the order of the writer.

Everybody wants a Diary for 1868. Douglas has them.

[From Saturday's Tri-Weekly.]

REVENUE STAMPS.—The inquiries of the officers of the Internal Revenue office in Virginia has resulted in the finding of over seventy-five persons guilty of an infraction of the Revenue law regarding stamps, there being some instances in which as high as twelve offenses are recorded against one person. As the penalty is $50 for each offence, it will make a heavy aggregate if enforced. Judge McMath has been appointed as Commissioner by the United States District Court, to hear the cases, and the matter will come up for hearing in a few days. Those implicated generally claim immunity from the penalty, on the ground of an inability during a portion of the last six months to procure stamps. We are cognizant of the fact that during a portion of the time there were no stamps of the larger denominations to be had, but whether, as is claimed, there succeeded an equal scarcity of the two cent stamps we are not aware. There appears to us to be a discrepancy in the law regarding stamps. While it is made imperative that stamps shall in all cases be affixed, there is no statute requiring any officer or institution to keep stamps for sale. The Revenue officers and National Banks are furnished with them with the usual percentage allowed for sales, at their option, but there is no positive requirement that they shall be kept on hand. It is easily to be seen how under these circumstances an innocent violation of the statutes might occur. On the other hand, there has doubtless been in some instances willful evasion of the law with design to defraud the Government. While believing the stamp law a most vexatious and troublesome method of collecting revenue, and that a substitute for the one now existing is urgently required, still, while it is in force, it should be observed as sacredly as others. The principal violation appears to have been of the section requiring stamps on all receipts for an amount of $20 and over, and in the cancellation of the stamps. The following provision regarding the cancellation of stamps is taken from the Schedule of Duties in force on and after March 1st, 1867, and a violation of this involves the same penalty as a neglect to affix the stamp: "In all cases where an *adhesive* stamp is used for denoting the stamp duty upon an instrument, the person using or affixing the same must write or imprint thereupon, *in ink*, the initials of his name, and the date, year, month and day on which the same is attached or used. Each stamp must be cancelled separately."

TURNING THE TABLES.—Among the "strange devices" that were formed of evergreens and displayed upon the walls of the Council Chamber on New Year's Eve, as puzzling to the uninitiated as that upon the banner borne through Alpine village, were the letters and numerals, "L.1868 Y." and again, in German text, "L. P." The signification is said to have been that 1868 is Leap Year, and that according to the ancient custom and privileges, in this one year in four, it is an inalienable right guaranteed the Ladies to Propose. With an eager usurpation of the rights of the other sex, the masculines, however, started out on New Year's Day to make "calls" and the ladies, with humble submission to the whims of the lords of creation, suffered their prerogatives to be ruthlessly trodden under foot and received them with that cordial courtesy so characteristic of the gentler sex. On the second, however, perhaps having decided that endurance of impudence had ceased to be a virtue, the ladies turned out for calls, and several of more of the gallant and festive youths of the capital city were honored with what might be, rather sacrilegiously perhaps, termed angelic visitations. Those who accidentally fluttered into our "*scantum*" and illumed a dreary den with the radiance of smiles, the brilliance of sparkling eyes, and the sweet music of speech, have the assurance of our most exalted appreciation of their kindness, and a welcome kept warm for their return.

"THE STAMPEDE."—That most practical of all jokes; that most humiliating of all sells; that most prolific of all sources of amusement begun on Christmas, and known as "*the stampede*," was carried to an unlimited extent on New Year's Day, furnishing abundant amusement to everybody only the particular victims of the particular occasion. One gentleman, who sings a song occasionally, declares "it is *lightnin'* on a man." Another says it stingeth worse than *Resolutions*, while a third says no *Veto* power will assuage the grief that cometh of inappreciation of one's ability to relate incidents. Nor has the progress of the year materially effected this popular sell. In fact so universal has become the mania that it is said a gentleman up street began to tell his wife a little story a few evenings since, when she left him for good and has applied for a divorce. The choir in one of our most fashionable churches expect the entire congregation to leave the church when they commence singing the anthem to-morrow, and Mr. Langrishe is compelled to forego the repetition of Othello lest the audience will break in the first line of "Othello's apology." When it is going to stop or whether at all, is now a topic of the most eager solicitude among all people who have use of their vocal organs.

SLIGHT INACCURACIES.—The *Herald* of Tuesday publishes a very heavy puff for itself, purporting to be clipped from the Erie, Pa., *Republican* of Dec., 10, and contains the following: "The Helena (Montana) *Herald*, one of the most enterprising newspapers in the West, received the President's Message by telegraph, and published it on Thursday, in advance of all other papers north of Salt Lake." That is, the *Herald* published it Dec., 5, and a notice of it appears in a Pennsylvania paper five days after. We do not think it would be difficult for the Erie *Republican* to prove an *alibi* from the *Herald* office. It would have been an impossibility for the *Herald* to have reached Erie and a *Republican* return in the twenty-four days that intervened between the publication of the Message and the puff—one portion of the notice being so manifestly a forgery it has a bad effect upon the balance. We are inclined to believe the entire thing manufactured in the *Herald* office.

THEATRICAL.—Macbeth was performed at the theater on Thursday evening to rows of empty benches and a few forlorn looking misanthropes. Notwithstanding this fact, it was, in our estimation, the best rendering yet given or any of the Shaksperian plays this season—a conclusive evidence that the company do not measure their efforts by the size of the audience. Mr. Pauncefort, as Macbeth, gave some of the finest readings and acting he has yet presented on this stage. Mrs. Langrishe's Lady Macbeth, was an equally fine impersonation, fully up to her best efforts. Mr. Mortimer, as Macduff, Mr. Collins as Banquo, and Mr. Browne as Malcolm, each rendered their several characters with most infinite credit. Messrs. Langrishe, Martin and White, and Mrs. Fitzwilliams as Hecate, and the "wierd sisters," gave some fine choruses and for all in all, it was a very elegantly rendered play. On last evening the "Dream at Sea," a fine spectacular piece was on the bills, but owing to the sudden illness of Mrs. Langrishe and inability to produce the piece without her, the performance was postponed. This evening will be put on, for one time only, the splendid five act drama of "Love's Sacrifice," never before produced in Montana, and pronounced by the first dramatic critics one of the very best of acting dramas. The play is excellently cast, embracing the full strength of the company. The Roaring Farce of Box and Cox, in which Messrs. Langrishe and Martin and Mrs. Fitzwilliams sustain the characters, will conclude this, one of the greatest bills of the season.

FOR STERLING HO!—Travelers between Sterling and Virginia should not forget that the fine graded road of Messrs. Hedge and Boyde, saving several miles in distance, and affording an excellent grade over the range, between Virginia city and the Madison is now opened and in use by the public. The rate of toll is, we believe, only one dollar for a two horse wagon, a mere trifle when the advantages offered by the route are considered. We understand the travel is now almost entirely by this route, and this notice is simply as a hint to those who may be ignorant of the completion of this commendable enterprise.

FOR THE STATES.—Among the gentlemen who are to leave for the States during the coming week are Col. A. K. McClure, Major John P. Bruce, Col. W. F. Sanders, Prof. A. K. Eaton and jovial John Creighton—(must have some title, you know, John, and you wear that one well earned.) It was the intention of these gentlemen to have left at different times, but the desire that such a pleasant company should not be separated has led to an arrangement by which it is presumed they will all get off together on Tuesday, or by Thursday at farthest—at least such is the calculation. As we shall have another occasion to mention them before they leave, we subside for the present.

NAMELESS.—We acknowledge the receipt, at the hands of the courteous telegraphic operator at this place, Mr. Wild, of several hundred names of passengers who sailed from New York for San Francisco on the Arizona, Dec., 31, but as they would be about equally interesting to our readers as the list of an Amsterdam hotel register, we must humbly decline setting up, in business or for fun, a ship load of people who are sailing in the tropics, perfectly regardless of Montanians or Montanains of them.

OFF FOR MEXICO.—We find the following in the Denver *News* of Dec. 10: "There is a great rush just now to the new diggings at Cimarron, New Mexico. Our city was full of "pilgrims" yesterday, mostly from Montana, going down to make their fortunes. Messrs. Loudoner & Bro., the enterprising grocers of F street, report that they yesterday outfitted seventy-five men, who were on their way to the new mines. They report that there are hundreds more on the road.

FOR CHANGE OF VENUE.—In the case of William Herron, indicted, in the United States District Court, Chief Justice Hosmer presiding.—William Herron was arraigned yesterday, upon the charge of murder in the first degree. He pleaded "not guilty." A motion was made by Col. W. F. Sanders to change the venue from the First to the Third Judicial District. A decision will be made to-day. If it is granted be the court the prisoner will be tried in Helena

ITEMS.—A splendid ball was given at Adelphi Hall, Nevada, on Thursday evening. The boys and girls went down from Virginia and Colwell's Band made the music....Not a row, fight or brawl occurred in this city during the holidays What other city can say the same?.....Look out for the greatest Theatrical novelty ever presented in Montana, at the Theatre next week.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—Mr. C. C. Menaugh, late Clerk of the Council, having been confirmed as Notary Public, has his office with the County Treasurer, on Idaho street, where he will be found during business hours, prepared to attend to all business of a Notary. See card in another column.

CHANGE OF EDITORS.—We were informed last evening that Major Bruce had leased the *Democrat* to Mr. Sam. Word and Capt. Wright, for six months, and that they will commence the editing and publishing of the paper next week. We have the pleasure of extending the hand of amity to Mr. Word and welcome him to the fraternity editorial. Capt. Wright is old in the harness.

OVERCOATS AT COST.—Henry Siegel & Co. are offering their large lot of Overcoats at cost price, to close them out. Call early and secure one. jan1-tw.

"NO STAMPEDES."—Lunch every evening at Sichel's City Sample Rooms—9 to 10.

THE BEST YET.—Another invoice of superb Havanas received yesterday from San Francisco at Sichel's City Sample Rooms.

PERSONAL.—Capt. Wall and General Beem arrived in Omaha Dec. 14, and were stopping at Cozzen's Hotel.

If Dick's father is Tom's son, what relation is Dick to Tom, when he drinks at the Kiyus.

HELENA.

[From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.]

AN AFFRAY IN MCCLELLAN GULCH.—A row occurred in Dailey's saloon in the the above gulch, on Christmas Eve, in which one man was mortally wounded, and two other persons severely. It appears that a free and easy dance was in progress, and during the excitement, a "fast" Spanish woman named Russella, (formerly a resident of this place, and who was compelled to leave for attempting the life of another woman,) became involved in a quarrel with one of the men, when Fanny Clark stepped in and offered to stand by her friend, Russella. At this point, John Smoot interfered on the part of the man, and a general fight resulted. During the melee, Smoot received a fearful cut in the abdomen by a knife. It is not known as yet by whom the knife was used. Russella also received a severe blow over the head with a revolver, and a man named Doyle was badly cut. Medical assistance was sent for, but the messenger became lost in the mountains. Smoot died on Thursday morning before any assistance came to hand. He was a young man, and we understand has relatives residing in Blackfoot City.

CHRISTMAS TREE.—The friends of the Sunday School which meets at the Academy, provided the scholars with a Christmas tree. A large number of presents were given to the little ones, whose hearts were made proportionately glad. Four prizes were awarded to scholars for reciting the largest number of verses during the preceding nine months, as follows: One to Miss Laura Irving, for having recited over one thousand during that length of time; and to Miss Davis for doing the same; and one to Miss Lizzie Cassady, for reciting over two thousand. A short lecture was delivered by Judge Munson, and remarks were made by Prof. Campbell and Mr. Baxter. The Academy room was crowded by the children and their friends, and the exercises passed off pleasantly to all.

CHRISTMAS.—The festivities incident to this season commenced at an early hour on Christmas eve. Crackers and other descriptions of fire works were extensively indulged in, and quite a display took place in front of the Novelty Store. All of the saloons were liberally patronized, and fights of one kind and another occurred in nearly all of them. It is probably as well to extend the mantle of charity over the follies which characterized both the day and night, but little good would result from chronicling them. Suffice is to say that no serious difficulty occurred at any time. Black eyes and bloody noses were the worst hurts sustained in the various melees which took place and the headaches on Thursday morning, were probably harder to bear than the bruises.

THE INTERNATIONAL.—The Christmas dinner given by Germain of the International, was without doubt the finest ever given in this city or in the Territory, and both for quality and quantity, would be hard to beat anywhere. A large number of invited guests, both ladies and gentlemen sat down to the well spread table, and done justice to the entertainment. The health of the host and the success of the house were drunk in brilliant goblets of champagne. Speeches were made by Judge Munson, Col. Woolfolk, Judge Mayhew of Deer Lodge and others, and the whole passed off satisfactorily.

HIGH MASS.—A very large congregation assembled at the Catholic Church on Christmas eve, to hear high mass. The choir done exceedingly well, and an appropriate sermon was delivered by one of the officiating clergymen. The interior of the church was tastefully decorated with evergreens, and presented a very handsome appearance.

FESTIVAL.—A festival for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School scholars on Christmas eve, was given at the Rev. Mr. Haugh's church. A very nice table was laid out, and the various good things were punished by the little ones to an alarming extent.

EXPRESS.—Messrs. Kennedy, Myers & Co., are now running an express between this city, Blackfoot, Deer Lodge etc., carrying the U. S. mail to Gold Creek. Their office is at Gilpatrick & Bryant's book store, Main street.

THE I. X. L. CO.—Mr. J. C. Ricker, one of the owners, and the Superintendent of the Co's works at Unionville, informs us that he has now a crevice eleven feet wide on the Union No. 2 lead. The ore is a beautiful white quartz and very rich in gold.

GOOD.—The two last cleanings of the Philadelphia Co.'s mill at Unionville, netted in vicinity of $11,000 in bullion. The ore was from the Union lode.

Sleighing is now very good and it is being made the most of.

[From Saturday's Tri Weekly.]

THE RESERVOIR.—A report has at least been made by the committee appointed at the the meeting held in September last, who were authorized to have constructed a reservoir and suitable tanks for the protection of this city in case of fire. The whole cost was estimated at $5,000, which was to be raised by subscription. There was received from subscriptions the sum of $3,949,-97, and the amount expended was $3,980 33, leaving a balance due the Treasurer, Mr. Nowlan, of $30 36. The committee say the reservoir failing to hold water, the effort to puddle it, owing to the lateness of the season, was not successful; subsequently, we made a contract with Mr. Amos Laird to keep the reservoir supplied with water from Oro Fino gulch. The water in each cistern will supply the hose for five hours, and from the reservoir, when full, for forty-eight hours. The cisterns are so well covered and protected that they are considered entirely frost-proof, and have at all times a supply of 30,000 gallons of water in each cistern. It is recommended that in view of the excessive leakage of the canvass hose, that steps be taken to either lay iron pipes through the streets or that water proof hose may be obtained; also, that steps be taken to plank the reservoir. The committee would also suggest that a Company be organized, and given charge of the water work and apparatus. The works at present, can hardly be considered a success, but it is certainly not through any fault of the committee, and they deserve great praise for the perseverance which they have manifested in their labor.

THE MCCLELLAN HOMICIDE.—From further accounts with regard to this tragedy, it appears that the two women, Rafella and Fanny Clark had nothing whatever to do with it. According to the testimony at the coroner's inquest on the body of Smoot, which was held at Blackfoot on Sunday, the 29th ult., the deceased was sitting in Dailey's saloon on the evening of the affray, when three men came in and inquired for one McClusky, adding that if they came across him they would kill him. Some conversation ensued between Smoot and the parties, when, in reply to the question if he was a friend of McClusky, and answering, yes, he was immediately pounced upon and during the melee was stabbed. Before his death he recognized two of the three men, named Doyle and Sullivan, who were held for examination. Considerable excitement prevails in Blackfoot over the affair.

GOOD RETURN.—The I. X. L. Company cleaned up two hundred and twenty ounces of retort on Monday last, being the result of a five days run of their twenty-four stamp mill. We are informed by Mr. Ricker that the company recently purchased the mill in Grizzly gulch owned by Mr. Hendrie. The mill has twenty-four stamps, with the necessary appliances, and in the future will be kept steadily running on rock from the Union No. 2 ledge.

PARK LODE.—The developments now being made by Mr. J. W. Whitlatch on the discovery claim of this lode, we are informed by the Superintendent, Mr. J. G. Sanders, are progressing favorably. There is now on the surface about three hundred tons of first class ore ready for the mill. The shaft is now one hundred and thirty feet deep, with a crevice three and a half feet wide, and the indications are that it will continue to widen as the lead is sunk upon. It is supposed by those posted in such matters that the Park will develop into one of the best leads in the disiriet.

ACCIDENT TO THE PHILADELPHIA MILL.—On Monday night last, the driving shaft of the above mill broke, which will cause a stoppage of the works for a week or so. The engineer came nearly being severely injured by a portion of the broken machinery falling on him, but providentially escaped with a slight abrasion of the cuticle. The physician in ordinary to the company's employees, Capt Andrews, attended the man and he will soon be all right.

WENT A-SLEIGHING.—Travis & Bro.'s six horse team was driven through our streets on Tuesday last, filled with all the best and loveliest of the sex in town. Wes. held the ribbons, and it is hard to tell which he took most pride in—the handling of the six horses or his precious freight.

RARE TREAT.—A rich musical treat is in store for our citizens on the occasion of the forthcoming concert for the benefit of the Methodist church.

Proposals.

OFFICE A. C. S.,
FORT ELLIS, M. T.,
December 17, 1867.

SEALED proposals in duplicate will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Wednesday, January the 15th, 1868 for furnishing the United States Subsistence Department with

Three hundred seventy-two thousand and four hundred (372,400) pounds of fresh ground extra ground flour.

98,000 lbs, to be delivered at For Ellis, M. T.

156,800 lbs, to be delivered at Fort Shaw, M. T.

117,600 lbs, to be delivered at Camp Cooke, M. T.

The flour to be of the best quality made in the Territory and put up either in good strong new flour sacks or barrels and delivered in June or July, 1868.

Seperate bids will be received for each post, and bidders may bid for the whole or a part of the amount required, but no bid for a less amount than fifty barrels will be considered. Bidders, will state the price per barrel or sack of 100 pounds, and the brand must also be given. One pound of each lot of flour offered must be presented with the proposal as a sample, properly marked with the name of the bidder, etc.

Proposals must be plainly signed by the parties themselves, enclosed in a sealed envelope, endorsed, "Proposals for Flour."

Each bid, to secure consideration, must contain a written guarantee of two responsible persons, to the effect that should the proposition be accepted, the party making the bid will at once enter into a contract in accordance therewith, and that they are prepared to become the securities, giving good and sufficient bonds for its fulfillment. Before acceptance, the flour will be inspected by a legal inspector, at the expense of the parties furnishing it, if the services of such an officer can be obtained.

Payments to be made as soon as the lot contracted for is delivered and accepted, if funds are on hand, if none on hand, as soon as received.

Bidders are requested to be present to respond to their bids, and the party to whom an award is made must