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CALENDAR FOR 1868.

JAN. 1868	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR	FRI.	SAT.
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THE CITY.

Meteorological Record.

DATE	9 A. M. Barometer.	9 A. M. Thermom. at	9 A. M. Thermom. de	12 M. Barometer.	12 M. Thermom. at	12 M. Thermom. de	3 P. M. Barometer.	3 P. M. Thermom. at	3 P. M. Thermom. de
Jan. 30	24.724	65°	12°	24.700	73°	25°	24.700	65°	20°
31	24.650	60°	6°	24.600	70°	20°	24.550	62°	34°
Feb 1	24.600	73°	20°	24.650	74°	22°	24.650	67°	42°
2	24.550	62°	20°	24.500	57°	34°	24.600	44°	42°
3	24.700	66°	21°	24.650	71°	28°	24.700	65°	34°
4	24.400	37°	24°	24.450	75°	29°	24.500	76°	33
5	24.650	60°	21°	24.500	60°	40°	24.450	63°	44

Mean temperature during the week ending Feb. 5, at 3 o'clock p. m., 34° 20' above zero.

M. V.

Arrivals and Departures During the Week.

ARRIVALS.

A C Bassett	Geo Stewart	Jno Kinna
Louis Keyser	Theo Sigler	J Feldberg
D Bentley	Harvey Ray	G Morris
Miss M Graham	D A Winder	M L Strasburger
J J Connor	Jno H Ming	S Richardson
L Newman		

DEPARTURES.

E S Calhoun	Mr McLane	Chinaman
Chinaman	Mr Shields and wife	
Gov Smith	Sam Word	N M Parrows
Peter Caffrey	Geo Stewart	H P Grinnell
R L Lane	Sam Schwap	D Medley
S P Talmage	Ira Stockwell	Mr Beattie
Jno Kinna	H C Barrett	H M Taylor
A J Oliver	J M Jackson	Harvey Ray
Jno Heffner	G Morris	Dr L W Frary
Wm Thompson	D A Winne	Fred Free

Arrivals at the Planters' House.

February 1st—Louis Vogel, J E Hyde, Summit; J S Rockfellow, H M Bryant, Frank Gravel, Jas Tracy, city; Wm Wood, Helena; A C Bassett, Salt Lake; F H Gravel, Stinkingwater.

2d—A Laird, Moundy, Bozeman; M Mounts; J D Lyons, Mill Creek; James Tracy, city.

February 3—H M Bryant, city; G Morris, Helena; J A Bently, Helena; T H Sillyman, Indian Creek; G D Prince, Sterling; J R Lynes, Mill Creek; N B Parsons, Jefferson Bridge.

4—Hon James Tutts, Gallatin; J M Fish, Ster ling; R Hedge, Nevada.

Feb 5—James Traggellers, Summit; D A Winna, Helena; Leroy Southmayde and lady, Summit; Jno Kinna, New York; Geo P Royster, Hot Springs; H J Gallaher, do; J Baymiller, Sterling; J Karney, do; E D Grines, do.

[From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.]

P. P. S.—The disgusted patrician who mounted the circular tripod of the *Democrat* a few weeks since, and who not having taken occasion to engage in the *actual* conflict, when men fought for what they believed to be right, and earned those military titles which now grate so harshly on his ears, has barged away harmlessly upon "a possible conflict" until he ran square up against a little piece of advice we gave him concerning the use of "rumped, tobacco stalked, grog flavored, verbal currency," and swallowed it at a single gulph. It has "nauseated his refined stomach." We did not know the gentleman's stomach was a "refinery," and was somewhat surprised to learn that he had taken it wholly to his personal account. When we aver that there was not the most remote intention on our part to say anything that could be construed into a personality, it will be conceded to have been a good random shot that brought out the following: "We confess to having none of that fastidious antipathy to the flavor referred to in the above extract that some have and even think that even the grog flavored, verbal currency of lower latitudes is preferable to the negro fumed idioms of higher latitudes, of which we have frequent specimens furnished by the POST." It is said that "familiarity breeds contempt." The above confirms the proposition. As the gentleman, making a strictly personal allusion, refers to our employment in a menial capacity, we may be pardoned for giving a personal reminiscence to confirm his inuendoes, perhaps otherwise subject to some doubt. Having in '66 shared the luck of a party of unsuccessful miners on the Yellowstone, snowed up, provisionless, clad in dilapidated raiment, and partially barefooted, we came to Virginia, slept in a barn over night, ate a frugal breakfast, and turned out in search of employment, an utter stranger in a strange place containing several hundred unemployed men, with but one single, solitary, and "rumpled" ten cents in postal currency between a good appetite and prospective starvation. Neither inclined to beggary or bumming, we found employment in an hour, and have the gratification to know that however menial our occupation we performed it honestly and to the satisfaction of our employers. Not proud of our occupation then, we are not ashamed of it now. Labor does not disgrace a man in our estimation. His occupation neither ennobles or degrades him. He who suffers contamination has a susceptible spot in his system. He who relies solely on his profession or occupation to give him status in the estimation of good people, is leaning on a broken reed. An honest heart, though it beat beneath the coarsest fustian, is a better passport than the glossiest broadcloth and the longest purse. The one is genuine the other a forgery. It is inconvenient to be poor, and few men toil from preference, yet the one is not a crime or the other degrading. If our neighbor will look among the men of this country who delve in mines, swing the smithy's sledge or the woodman's axe, stand behind bars, benches or counters, or follow the plow, he will find as large a proportion of good fellows with the true instincts of gentlemen, generous impulses, refinement, culture and good character, as in the more pretentious walks of life. Aristocratic vanity and imperious imbecility are, as they should be, at a discount in the mountains of Montana.

SALT LAKE MAILS—We have received a communication from Mr. A. W. Street, Postmaster at Salt Lake city, in regard to Montana mails retained in that city. He has special instructions from the Postoffice Department to retain there all mail matter in transit on which the postage has not been prepaid, and justly adds that, "the law as it now exists is a most grevious one, benefitting no one but the mail contractor." In every instance of detained packages he has notified the persons to whom it was addressed. The number of valuable packages so witheld, and the retention of them is a matter of duty, not discretion, since July 10, numbers 183. The valuable engravings, chromos, etc., referred to in the *News*, were all redeemed and were not destined for Montana. Mr. Street adds: "In this connection I would call your attention to the fact that mail matter can be sent by steamer from New York to Portland, Oregon, thence to Idaho and to this place, and from here to Montana, at printed matter rates, or they might be bagged to Montana and seperated at Bear River Junction. This is, however, very roundabout, and causes delay. Certainly if the matter was represented to Congress in its true light the law would not remain." The following packages are now in the Salt Lake office, consisting principally of printed matter.

John H. Ming, Helena, 11 pkgs, due	$64.14
P. M. Blackfoot, 2 pkgs, due	13.98
Chas. R. Wells, Helena; 2 pkgs, due	6.88
John Moffitt, Helena, 3 pkgs, due	3.75
Chas E. Hatch, Helena, 1 pkg, due	1.62
R. P. May, Helena, 1 pkg, due	1.98
Wm. Davenport, 1 pkg, due	2.76

Mr. Street kindly proposed, if desirable, to furnish us with lists of matter so detained. The offer is accepted, as we believe it a surer and speedier method of informing parties of detained packages, and the list will hereafter be published as often as received. As newspapers have now to publish the letter list free of charge, we can nearly as well do it for two offices as one.

CITY ELECTION.—The election yesterday was very quiet. Those who voted deposited their ballots and retired, and we did not see a crowd around any of the polls, or a drunken man, or hear of a fight or brawl during the day. The vote was very light there being but little interest manifested in the result, except by those having some axe to grind in the Council. The following is the result;

First Ward—For Mayor, L Daems, 62; scattering, 6; total, 68. For Alderman, J Feldburg,* 51; D Kennelly, 53; E H Bartlett, 30; scattering, 13.

Second Ward—For Mayor, L Daems, 104; scattering, 16; total, 120. For Alderman, H A Pease,* 96; N J Davis, 68; J M Knight, 43; Wm Y Lovell, 21; scattering, 6.

Third Ward—For Mayor, L Daems, 67. For Alderman, H S Gilbert,* 55; C Hampton,* 65.

Fourth Ward—For Mayor, L Daems, 84; scattering, 5; total, 89. For Alderman, John Mahan, 74; James Cadigan, 64; John Le Beau, 21; scattering, 2. Total vote, 344.

* Members last year.

ELECTED;

L Daems, Mayor.
Aldermen—First, Jacob Feldburg, David Kennelly.
Second, H A Pease, N J Davis.
Third, H S Gilbert, C Hampton.
Fourth John Mahan, James Cadigan.

The Board will meet to-day to canvass the vote, and the new officers will be installed at once. The time for the election of subordinate officers has not yet been designated. Our thanks are due to the gentlemen of the various election Boards for furnishing us the returns.

MORE FURNACES.—The success of Mr. Esler at Argenta has aroused a spirit of interest in regard to silver smelting that has long been dormant. Men have discovered that a moderate capital, if seconded with energy, industry and economy can accomplish wonders, and silver smelting promises to be well tested the coming summer. Several gentlemen have already visited Argenta and new furnaces there, will probably be the result. A company was organized here a short time since and will have a furnace erected at Brandon, Mill Creek, in a few weeks, having some 6,000 feet of good galena ores on Wisconsin Creek, and another company was organized at Mill Creek on Saturday evening last, by Messrs. Hartneth, Bower & Co., who have arranged to commence the erection of a furnace and buildings at once. These two furnaces will be near the old quartz mill, and have abundant water power with plenty of fuel convenient. The leads are situated on an average not much over half a mile from the site of the furnaces, prospect rich, have from two to five feet crevices, and sufficient galena to flux them. It is intended to have both in operation in three months. Parties have conveyed 1100 feet of quartz to the latter company, who will commence smelting on the Passamari, Mayflower and Slider ores. Mr. Hartneth pronounces the Mill Creek District ores fully equal to those of Argenta. Success to all.

COURT ITEMS.—Judge Hosmer having returned after holding a short term of the District court at Bannack, the United States court met and after the presentment of the Grand Jury was adjourned until 10 a. m., on Thursday next, when the Hanna murder case will come up. The Grand Jury examining several witnesses in the case, found a bill for murder in the first degree, against Messrs. Hadzer, Ellis and Ewing, now in prison here, and awaiting trial. Doubts are entertained of the ability of the prosecution to make out their case, not on account of a lack of ability, but the difficulty in procuring reliable evidence——The U. S. authorities have secured the old Masonic Hall as a court room and workmen are busily engaged in altering it to suit the circumstances. The stairway has been remodeled, and by encroaching somewhat on the dimensions of the Hall, now enters the Hall direct. Col. Hull, deputy United States Marshal, now has his office in what was formerly the ante-room of the Hall. The only inconvenience we notice in the new room is the limited amount of light. The Masons always appeared willing to "let there be more," but somehow never succeeded in effecting it.

P. S. Since the above was in type we learn that Hadzer, Ellis and Ewing were arraigned, pleaded "not guilty," and the court then adjourned as stated

ITEMS—Gov. Green Clay Smith left for Helena on Sunday's coach——Mr. Cope reports a rich strike on the Boaz lead, Hot Spring district, in a ninety feet shaft——Flour is selling for $16 at Cover & McAdow's mill, Bozeman. The three mills in the valley are about to start up——The dog poisoning commenced again yesterday. It is suggested that the numerous Indians perambulating the streets may be the perpetrators, as the dogs annoy them somewhat and strychnine, by which the dogs are killed, is used by them to kill game. ——Our correspondent's inquiry from Grantsville is received, and will be answered as soon as the statistics can be obtained.

COMMENDABLE.—The citizens of Nevada are about to erect a smelting furnace at a cost of $5,000, for the purpose of testing the quartz in Nevada district, and are now receiving subscriptions to the fund. In union there is strength. The plan proposed is an economical method of testing the smelting ores of the district, universally believed to be abundantly rich, and the result, it is confidently expected, will show conclusively the wonderful richness of the ores. We commend the enterprise manifested by the people of the lower town, and wish them ample success.

JOHN MCLENNAN WANTED——.—Information wanted of John McLennan, formerly of Litchfield, Illinois. Has not been heard from since 1861, and was then in Virginia, Nevada. Any person knowing his whereabouts, or if dead, the particulars, will please address his brother, Daniel McLennan, Litchfield, Illinois, and will be amply rewarded.

V. C. C.—The first assembly of the Virginia City Club this season takes place on Thursday evening. Council Hall has been engaged, and Colwell's band give their notes as collateral security for good music.

JUST RECEIVED.—A fine assortment of Diaries for 1868. All kinds, sizes, varieties and prices at Douglas' Blue Front Novelty Store. Everybody wants one. Drop in and examine the stock. Anything you don't see ask for.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

GALLATIN ITEMS.—The worthy proprietor of Forman's Express arrived in town from the valley on Tuesday, and makes headquarters at the Missouri House. He came in on the boiler deck of his own outfit, and looks as hearty and jovial as mountain winds and good nature can make a man. He says the snow is "three feet less twain" at Bozeman and a "right smart chance" all over the valley. The most of the cattle have been sent down to Gallatin city.....A very desirable marriage ceremony was performed by Esquire Keaton, last week. The bride whose other name is shrouded in mystery, is familiarly known as the "Swamp Angel."....The Gallatin mill is running. .....The Penwell Bros mill it is stated, will be completed in two or three weeks.....Cover & McAdow are putting some new castings in their mill at Bozeman and will be running again, shortly.....A Washington's birthday ball will be given by the Masonic Fraternity at Bozeman, on the 22d....A St. Valentine's Day ball will be given at Major Campbell's, Gallatin city, on the evening of the 14th.....No fears of a raid are entertained in consequence of the strange individuals who have been seen in the valley recently.

THE NORTHWEST MAIL.—Although exchanging with several excellent northwestern cotemporaries, there has been, to our regret, over a month at a time that no papers came to hand from that quarter. The following explains the cause. The recent award of the route to Mr. C. C. Huntley, and the service began on the 2d inst, removes the just cause of complaint made by the Postmasters. They are mistaken as to the authority to employ temporary service.

Postmaster, Virginia City, M. T.:

SIR—We, the undersigned, Postmasters at Hell Gate and Missoula, on Route 14,026 from Virginia City to Hell Gate, most respectfully but most earnestly represent to you that the mail service has been discontinued on that portion of the route from Deer Lodge to Hell Gate, or if it has not been discontinued the contractor has failed to deliver the mails as per contract. We have had but one mail since the 29th day of December, 1867, and that one only arriving at Missoula, and failing to come to Hell Gate, the terminus of said route. As you have the power to employ temporary service, the citizens of Missoula and the western portion of Deer Lodge ask you through us to employ the said temporary service. And furthermore, the mails from Missoula to Walla Walla arrive and depart regularly three times a week, causing a vast amount of mail matter to accumulate at Missoula without any means of sending it to its place of destination, which usually is Helena, Diamond City and Virginia City and other places in Montana. We even have to send this by private conveyance to Helena. Trusting that you will comply with the wishes of the citizens of Western Montana, and that you will arrange the matter so we can receive our mail in due course of time, we remain

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

OLIVER H. CLEMENT,
P. M. Hell Gate, M. T.
FRANK H. WOODY,
P. M. Missoula, M. T.

Hell Gate Post Office, Missoula Co., Jan. 27, '68.

THE KELLY-DWYER AFFAIR.—The *Deseret News* of the 27th ult. gives the following account of the affray in Salt Lake: On Saturday evening James Dwyer, a teacher of athletic exercises, and a young man who has appeared in the prize ring north, was shot by a man named Frank Kelly. The facts as we have learned them are substantially as follows: Dwyer and Kelly rent the Shakspeare Rooms, and business being dull, Kelly concluded to dissolve partnership. He went to get his things on Saturday evening, to move, and while in the act of getting them, some hard words having passed between them, Dwyer knocked him down. Kelly got up and went to the door, where he stood, and it is presumable the altercation continued waxing higher, when it is alleged Dwyer picked up a knife and "went for" Kelly, who jerked out a five shooter and sent a ball into him a little above the nipple of the right breast which glanced upwards towards the shoulder. Dr Anderson was soon in attendance on the wounded man, and Kelly was arrested. At a hearing before Justice Clinton to-day, Judge Snow being present on behalf of the people, Kelly was discharged, Dwyer is badly wounded, but not fatally, it is believed.

UNJUST.—The following item circulates in the East: "Prof. James T. Hodge, a well known scientific and literary writer, recently tried in Montana Territory for killing a noted desperado, has been acquitted. He has returned to his home in Massachusetts." It is all proper enough that the friends of Professor Hodge should congratulate him on his acquittal, but to designate George Moore, who, we are informed, was a man universally respected and possessing the characteristics of a good citizen and a gentleman, as a "noted desperado" is infamous, let it come from what source it may. Montana has abided by the finding of the jury in pronouncing Professor Hodge not guilty of murder; but it does not follow that the dead should be stigmatized or his mourning relatives feel only the upas breath of libel, and those who know his good qualities remain silent.

CORRECTION.—Our statement on Tuesday in regard to Wm. Hartneth having become one of a company of Hartneth, Bowers & Co., at Mill Creek, although made on information that should have been authentic, appears to have been lacking in that particular. Mr. H. desires it, and we willingly give place to his correction. "I visited Mill Creek on Saturday la., in company with Messrs. Bowers, Byam & Moore, as a favor to them, giving them the advantage of whatever knowledge I possessed, but not in any manner connected with them in business. I have been employed by Governor Smith & Co., to erect a smelting furnace, and conduct the smelting after the completion of the works, and I have entered into a written agreement to that effect. My name has been used in connection with Bowers & Co., without authority."

ITEMS.—The first assembly of the Virginia City Club, this season, will be held this evening at Council Hall. A pleasant party is anticipated——Hon. James Tufts, Secretary of Montana, returned to Virginia on Tuesday——Gold in New York, yesterday, $1.41——The skating pond is in excellent condition, and is daily crowded—— Yesterday was the dullest day for local items we have experienced for several months. Won't somebody do something dreadful just to accommodate the public.

COMMON COUNCIL.—The Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday evening and canvassed the vote. No other important business was transacted. The Board meets again on Friday evening to audit the annual report, and on the following Tuesday to install the newly elected Board and elect officers.

FALSE ALARM.—The alarm of fire given on Tuesday was caused by the burning out of a flue in the stone building, corner of Wallace and Jackson street, occupied by F. E. W. Patton. No damage was done.

TO START UP.—The Salt Lake *Vedette*, crowded out of existence in the City of Saints, is soon to make its appearance as the *Scorpion: Mines* and will be published at South Pass City, as a tri-weekly, by Messrs. Warren & Hazzard. It will be devoted to its own success and a full report of the new mines.

THE HANGING.—An esteemed correspondent who has a strong tendency to use scripturic *nom de plumes*, has favored us with a history of the Spaulding-Wilson affair, too late, however, for this issue. It will appear in the next.

OFFICIAL.—He has come back.

SEE CARD.—Persons having legal business to transact in Nevada city will do well to consult Messrs. Alden & Johnson, attorneys at law, in that place. They have also a real estate agency, where parties at a distance desiring to buy, sell or obtain correct information of quartz or other property in the vicinity, can apply with a certainty of dealing with an energetic and responsible firm.

REFRESHMENTS.—E. S. Bartlett, the popular proprietor of the California Restaurant, will please accept the thanks of the boys for a superb lunch accompanied by libations, last evening. "Bart" keeps a first class house, and a smiling "phiz" for the benefit of his customers. Good luck.

(From Saturday's Tri-Weekly.)

January 7.

Gold in New York 1.41

PAPERS MISSING.—We have several communications from the northwest, complaining of the non-arrival of the POST, mostly from Emmettsburgh, Phillipsburgh and vicinity. Our Agents at the former place, Messrs. Capliee and Smith, say but two numbers of the weekly were received in January, and they a couple of weeks old. This is exceedingly irritating to subscribers, and we assure them not less so to us. There has not been an instance for several months that the POSTS were not regularly mailed the next mail succeeding publication. The packages for those places are mailed to Gold Creek Postoffice, and are thence taken by Waldron's Express. It may have been owing to the failure of Messrs. Oliver & Co. to carry the mail from Helena on that route, and that is now remedied. Any of our subscribers knowing where or how the detention occurs, will favor us by communicating the fact and have our assurance that every means will be used to remedy the evil. We cannot think ill if they grumble severely, but the kind of philosophy contained in the following suits us:

Messrs. D. W Tilton & Co:

SIRS: Your notices to delinquents come more regular than your paper. I send you a $5. B. Start them along while it lasts and then send another notice. Yours, truly,

J. G. MCLEAN.

Phillipsburgh, February 2.

We hope there will be no further cause for dissatisfaction in that respect.

COLD.—The weather had a sudden, complete and entirely unexpected relapse on Thursday night. From pleasant sunshiny days and comfortable, moonlight nights, with the thermometer averaging 34 degrees above zero, there came a change in three or four hours to a keen sou' easter, dull, leaden skies, and the mercury standing at from 3 to 6 degrees below. With the exception of the rude initiation to the first days of '68, we have had as balmy spring like days during the winter as heart could desire, and the very eccentric and severe change has housed up the town and rendered the weather a fit subject for a local notice.

HELD OVER.—A letter received from "Jeems Falstaff," our "fat contributor," at Phillipsburg, came too late for this issue.

LEAP YEAR BALL.—The first meeting of the Virginia City Club, on Thursday evening, although the numbers were somewhat limited, was a pleasant introduction to the series of assemblies projected for the winter. Owing to the fact of the number 1868 being divisible by four without a remainder, the ladies patronizing after the system successfully and pleasantly adopted in other localities, and in vindication of so-called woman's rights, or some other absurd encroachment on the arbitrary prerogatives of the lords of creation, during the evening assumed to choose their own company, and from the number of handsome, most agreeable and gallant cavaliers (in their own estimation) who were left to do the wall flower business, we should say they have very bad taste. We speak now for a number of gentlemen who feel that they were most grievously slighted. Notwithstanding the utter failure of their first attempt, it was announced by the Management that on next Thursday evening the club soiree will be conducted on exclusively Leap-year principles. Tickets will be issued to the ladies who will select their company for the party from those who are members of the club. They have determined: we must submit, but if there is not some disarticulations of the masal promontories of expectant masculines, we shall gladly discredit Scot's hitherto undoubted assertion that women are

"Uncertain, coy, and hard to please."

ADOPTIVE MASONRY.—The Virginia City Circle, a Masonic Club, organized last winter and conducted with pleasure and profit to its members for several months, has been reorganized, and weekly re-unions are held in the Temple. The membership is confined to Master Masons, their wives, sisters and daughters, and the different degrees of adoptive Masonry are conferred upon the ladies entitled by this relationship to receive them. Last evening, notwithstanding the severity of the weather the attendance was large. Officers were installed, and the first of the Eastern Star degrees conferred on a dozen or more ladies. The object of the circle, beside the conferring of degrees, is pleasant social unions. From the interest manifested last evening, and the magnificent banquet spread by the Refreshment Committee, the future meetings promise to eclipse those of last winter.

NO PARTIALITY.—We see it stated that Brigham Young recently presented the editor of the Omaha *Herald* with a picture of all his wives, as a compliment for an article on Mormonism which appeared in that paper. Can't you send us one—one of the pictures we mean? Didn't we publish your last marriage notice, with appropriate comments? Don't we have handsome pictures just as much as the *Herald* or any other man, and ——want you?

THE HANNA MURDER.—The trial of Hadzer, Ellis and Ewing, indicted for the murder of Frank Hanna at Sterling, came up in the United States Court on Thursday, Chief Justice Hez. L. Hosmer presiding. Quite a number of witnesses were examined. We are informed the evidence in the case is not very direct. The court adjourned early yesterday to await the arrival of witnesses from Sterling. The case will be resumed this morning.

TOO MUCH A WIDOWER.—The Virginia City *Enterprise* says that Brigham Young has had occasion during the present winter to mourn the decease of five of his wives, from pneumonic affections. Such are the mournful consequences of being married too much.

GUESS AGAIN.—The Cheyenne *Argus* asks if the unclassified animal we recently mentioned as being on exhibition at Messrs. Hoopes, Bros store, is not "in doak." Did you ever see a joke that would weigh sixty pounds and with hair on it two inches long? Argus had better open one of his hundred eyes. It was not a *sell* either, for they gave it away.

HITCHED.—It appears that Billy Dwyer has not yet certainly made a match with Chandler, in San Francisco. Billy insists upon fighting at 140 pounds. Chandler considers this four pounds more than his fighting weight, and it is ten pounds more than his weight when he fought Donny Harris. At last accounts the forfeit money was not yet up.

WOOD AND HAY.—There is no scarcity of wood and hay in our streets, the supply equalling the demand. Good wood is selling at $10 per cord and hay at $30 per ton, currency. Under these circumstances, stoves and horse flesh are fed plenteously.

NOT IN ORDER.—The telegraph line to Salt Lake, which has been worked almost uninterruptedly for several months, was crossed by one of Brigham Young's female operator, territorial lines on Wednesday, and the electrical current scattered around generally for a day or so before order and intelligence was restored.

DRAMATIC.—Our telegraphic friends informs us that Mr. and Miss Couldock are in the full tide of a very successful engagement in San Francisco. Their matchless rendering of the domestic drama is eliciting the highest encomiums from the press, and the coin from the pockets of delighted Franciscians. We are glad to hear this, especially as their engagement in Salt Lake was financially, a failure.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES.—Services are held at Reception Hall every Sabbath, at the hour designated below, Bishop Tuttle officiating. Divine service at 11 A. M. and at 7 P. M. Sabbath school at 2 P. M.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.—Attention is called to the invitation for Proposals to furnish grain, by the Chief Quartermaster of the District of Montana, Capt. N. S. Constable, Fort Shaw, M. T.

HELENA.

[From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.]

WAKED UP.—The fire on Main street, on Tuesday last, has been the means of waking up our citizens and property holders to a realizing sense of the danger they have heretofore been subject to from the "devouring element," and also the imperative necessity which existed for combined action in establishing precautionary measures against a like recurrence. A meeting of the citizens at the new court house was called on Thursday evening last for the purpose of organizing an efficient fire department, and adopting other measures for the better protection of the city. The meeting was pretty numerously attended, and was organized by appointing Walter P. Chadwick, Esq., chairman, and Mr. S. P. Bassett, Secretary. The objects of the meeting were briefly stated by the chairman, and Dr. Robinson, and Messrs. Member, Bentley and others expressed views as to the best method of getting an organization started. After some desultory debate, it was at length moved and carried that the town be divided into two districts, the East and West, and the southerly line of King & Gillette's block on Main street, that a fire organization be formed in each district. The office of Fire Warden, who shall hold his office for three years, was also established for the entire city, whose duty it shall be to inspect the flues, chimneys and stove pipe holes in each house as often as shall be deemed necessary, and "who shall be empowered with the same authority which the agency of an insurance company has to enter and examine premises." The salary attached to the office was fixed at $250 per month (currency or gold dust?) to be paid by subscription. Messrs. C. J. D. Curtis and A. Earnard were put in nomination for the office, and on a *viva voce* vote being taken, Mr. C. was declared the lucky candidate. A committee from each division was appointed to collect the necessary funds for hooks, ladders and buckets etc. The following gentlemen were appointed: First District Messrs. Henry Kline and Wm. Mathers; Second District, Messrs. Bohm and Robinson. A general committee on fire organization was also appointed, consisting of Messrs. Henry Thompson, E. M. Hoyt and Louis Bohm. Mr. Miller, of the firm of Clark, Conrad & Miller, was appointed treasurer. No further business coming up, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on next Saturday.

THE LATE DEFEAT—WHAT IT COST.—For the past two or three days a bill has been in circulation throughout our business community, taxing them something over $560 as the expenses for defeating the charter at the recent election. The bill in a general way designated the expenses as being "for printing, etc." Now we don't know, or do we care, whether the bulk of the amount goes to defray the expenses of "printing," or whatever else may come under the not too well defined term of "etc.," but we think we are not far wrong in stating that the sum named would have graded Main street from the foot of Broad to Bridge street, and left a balance sufficient to have stopped the holes in the sidewalks on both sides of the streets the entire distance. Aside from this, and taking various matters into consideration, the sum appears large for the purposes specified, and it looks as though there was an African in the wood pile, and doubtless the controversy now going on will disclose the individual, to the intense gratification of the lookers on, if not to the discredit of those concerned.

MAIL TO HELLGATE.—Mr. S. S. Huntley has sub-let, for the next three months, the contract for carrying the mail from this point to Hell gate, to Mr. Merriman. The first service was performed on last Sunday. For the present, a sleigh will be run to Deer Lodge City, and from thence the mail will be carried on horseback to its destination.

THEATRICAL.—The theatrical season opened in this city on Saturday evening last, with the play in three acts of "Still Waters Run Deep." Mr. Pauncefort as *Mildmay*, Mr. Martin as *Hawksley*, Mr. White as *Potter*, Mrs. Fitzwilliams as *Mrs. Sternhold*, and Mrs Langrishe as *Mrs. Mildmay*. Mr. Pauncefort's *Mildmay* was a quiet as well as an effective piece of acting, and brought into good relief the strong points of the character. The two best scenes in the piece—the breakfast scene with Mrs. Sternhold and the visit to Capt. Hawksley—were admirably rendered, and elicited great applause. The stage "business" of Mr. P. was good, although some portions of it looked to the audience as a little too "fidgety," which will no doubt wear off on a better acquaintance. Mr. Martin's *Hawksley* was well rendered throughout, and the gentleman has improved greatly since his last appearance in the character here. The *Mrs. Mildmay* of Mrs. Langrishe, and the *Mrs. Sternhold* of Mrs. Fitzwilliams, were both given extremely well, although the latter lady played somewhat out of her usual *role*. When Mr. Langrishe appeared as *Gimlet*, he was warmly received by two long continued rounds of applause. The piece moved along extremely easy, and at its conclusion Mr. Pauncefort and Mr. Martin were called before the curtain. The performance concluded with the well known and laughable farce of the "Dumb Bell," and Mr. and Mrs. Langrishe, Messrs. White, Mortimer and Mrs. Fitzwilliams brought down the house in the delineation of the several characters. The house was well filled, which was no doubt gratifying to the energetic manager, both financially and as being a manifestation of the good will of our citizens. Although an extremely cold night, the theatre was thoro