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Meteorological Record.

DATE Feb.	9 A. M. Barometer.	Thermom. at.	Thermom. de.	12 M. Barometer.	Thermom. at.	Thermom. de.	3 P. M. Barometer.	Thermom. at.	Thermom. de.
20	24.352	38°	25°	24.330	69°	52°	24.324	68°	52°
21	24.338	66°	39°	24.230	60°	56	24.174	57°	46°
22	23.978	44°	20°	23.950	71°	48	23.922	64°	59°
23	24.178	66°	18°	24.176	76°	41	24.240	51°	38°
24	24.356	48°	34°	24.400	68°	44	24.350	58°	36°
25	24.400	49°	30°	24.500	63°	38	24.524	65°	49
26	24.550	29°	20°	24.600	48°	38	24.640	71	52

Mean temperature during the week ending Feb. 19, at 3 o'clock p. m., 39° 5' above zero.

M. V.

Arrivals and Departures During the Week.

ARRIVALS.

Jos Pencil	Mrs Canady	J Levy
A Douglas	L Newman	T Hoopes
Geo M Pinney	Mrs Richardson	Chas Miller
A B Johnson	S W Stanley	S D N Bennett
G Morris	R Carter	Geo Bigland
Jas Hughes	D M Robbins	

DEPARTURES.

Dr Yager	S Hawkins	J Levy
A Douglas	T Caldwell	N P Langford
Mr Simpson	G Morris	J S Rodgers
A B Johnson	P A Largey	M L Strasberger
R Carter	Mrs McGraw	T R Wade
Mrs Canady	J T Prideaux and lady	
Annie Cunningham		

Arrivals at the Planters' House.

Feb 22--I McCorkle; E L Pratt, Sterling; I F Henry, do; Wm Ferm, Mill Creek; Robert Hedge, Slade's Ranch; Geo Ramsey, Madison; W N Miller; W D Wann, L D Prince; Samuel Coad, Junction, Richard Coad, do; P Valiton, Deer Lodge City; R Bowert, do; N Fournier, city; H W Pillsbury, Brown's gulch.

Feb 23--Henry Gassett, Bannack; W C Orr, do; M A Rourke, do; Mrs Canady, Indian creek; H B Johnson, Utica, N Y; Chas Miller, Omaha; G Morris, Bannack; J Rompf.

Fep. 24 --J M Page, L D Haines, Madison; M B Cullen, Summit; Geo W Hill, city; T A Creigh, Union Mills; W S McGregory, German Bar; J M Grant, city; Chas Toinbee, Sterling; Thos Stanton, John Emerson, Meadow creek.

[From Tuesday's Tri-Weekly.]

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WASHINGTON AND THE UNION.—The Lecture delivered by Bishop D. S. Tuttle, on Saturday evening, February 22d, in aid of the National Homes, was, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, heard by a large, intelligent and discriminating audience. The theme, in the announcement of which we have previously made two vexatious blunders, was, 'Washington and the Union." It would be unjust to pronounce it other than a masterly effort, diligently studied, carefully prepared and impressively delivered. As a condensed summary of the great political and military events immediately preceding the confederation the prominent part taken in them by Washington and his ever earnest, comprehensive and finally successful efforts to mold from the thirteen jealous, weak, disintegrated colonies a powerful and cohesive republican Union, it showed thorough familiarity with the subject, and presented in a brief and pointed manner the best fruits gathered by studious research from the garden of earlier American History. While citing the modest assertion of Patrick Henry that in sound judgment and comprehensive knowledge, Washington was without a peer in a Congress ever memorable for its great minds, the admission was made without regret that Washington was no orator. The assertion that he never indulged in, or attempted, loud sounding oratory or violent debate, was followed by the reflective, soliloquising, half hesitating venture, "and indeed —— it might perhaps be —— as well for our country — if more of our modern statesmen —— followed his example"—(or words to that effect) in a manner that is certainly inimitable and was endorsed by a tremendous concussion of palms. The speaker delivered his emphatic protest against any tampering with the Constitution, believing that in the four months Convention the Fathers framed a Constitution complete in its parts and sufficient for all time. We cannot but believe that in this view the speaker was wrong. From the very diversities and conflicting interests of the several independent commonwealths, producers, manufacturers, consumers, southern interests, northern interests, pro-slavery and anti-slavery, which he asserted, "in the short space of four months they succeeded in satisfying, or at least *harmonizing*," and which were afterwards at least partially removed, we hold that the Constitution was incomplete and that as advances are made in literature, science and art, so they are made in government. As nothing of human origin is perfect, it must be susceptible of improvement, and as the progress of the world develops opportunities and necessities, it is our duty as a rational, enlightened people, to adapt our form of government to its requirements. Is there one of the thirteen amendments to the Constitution not essential, or which we would desire to have expunged? The intelligent people of twenty-seven States are as capable of deciding between right and wrong to-day as were the people of the requisite nine States a century ago. The Constitution is the citadel of our liberties. We would not see it impaired but strengthened, and have too much faith in the American people to doubt their judgment. A denial of this we think necessarily involves a doubt of the capability of a people for self government. The speaker saw in the future two dangers, Military Despotism and Repudiation; their gaunt spectral forms looming up against the political firmament and writing destruction on the walls of the Republic. Denunciation was meted out to each alike, and lacked not in severity. If we believed the former the tendency of our government, we would heartily endorse the speaker, but when we see, in two years, an army of half a million reduced to less than 60,000 effective men, and another reduction a few days since, at the suggestion of the General of the Army; when we see the forces maintained in the south at the request alike of both whites and blacks, and consider the great revolution in affairs quietly progressing there; when we see the party in power using every effort to re-establish civil government in the late rebelling States, we confess our inability to see any tendency toward military despotism. The Lecture abounded in passages bearing evidence of careful consideration, and at times the thoughts clustered in sentences of rare beauty and eloquence. While the subject did not necessarily involve allusions to the political issues of to-day, the speaker made no effort to evade meeting them face to face and dealing with them with fearless independence. They were undoubtedly the conscientious, maturely considered views of the speaker, untrammelled by partizan predilections, and fell in turn with unrelenting force on Republicans and Democrats. While we cannot forbear dissenting from some of the abstract propositions, we can heartily commend the main principles inculcated, Loyalty to the Union, Reverence for its Founder. We doubt greatly if on that eve many audiences enjoyed an intellectual repast replete with more earnest, wholesome thought and scholastic elegance, or gave more earnest, considerate attention. At its conclusion, on motion of Governor Green Clay Smith, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Bishop Tuttle, and on motion of Chief Justice Hon. L. Hosmer, a committee was appointed to secure the printing of 2,000 copies of the Lecture.

THE SWEETWATER MINES.—We have received No. 1, Vol. 1, of the above named paper, dated Fort Bridger, February 15. Warren & Hazzard are proprietors, and we opine the material of the Salt Lake *Vedette*, extinct, is now in the office of the *Mines*. The paper is "neutral in everything save the daily increasing interests of the Sweetwater country," so it says. The roads from Bridger to the mines are now impassable for everything with wheels on, or even with horses or mules. Snow-shoe communication is the only one available. The press will go in on the first team, and outsiders are warned against the danger of making the attempt through impassable snows, over a route on which there are no stations, until notified that the route is open.....Dr. Dunlevy is at Bridger, having been badly frozen in attempting the trip. .....Juan Montoyee, a Mexican, and "English George," shot and killed each other a few miles east of Fort Bridger, in a desperate hand to hand fight on the 29th of January. Cause—horse race and bad whisky.....Oil springs are said to exist near Sweetwater.....There are wonderful quartz leads noted, developed from 15 to 45 feet, 4 to 20 crevice; $20 to $100 per ton yield.....John Miller, stage driver, was badly frozen, also John Lewis, from Michigan, via California and Salt Lake City. His feet were amputated. A Mr. Van Woods, accompanying him, was frozen to death.....Town lots in South Pass City were selling at from $50 to $500 each.....Discoveries of placer mines are reported. .....H. B. Hubbell is Recorder of Shoshonee District. The Montana quartz laws are adopted, with the addition of two more claims, one at either end of discovery.....The distance from Sweetwater mines to Virginia City miles, 705; to Helena 801..... The price of the *Sweetwater Mines*, tri-weekly, is $12 per annum; $8 six months; $5 three months.

"NOT GUILTY."—The trial of Hadzer, Ellis and Ewing, for the murder of Frank Hanna at Sterling, is concluded and the prisoners discharged. Something over forty witnesses were examined. Messrs. Slater, Williams and Thoroughman made their pleas, occupying eight hours and fifteen minutes, and the case went to the jury at 4 P. M. on Saturday. The following are the ballots, none being for a higher offense than manslaughter:

		Manslaughter	Not guilty.
1st ballot,	Ellis	0	12
2 "	Ewing	1	11
3 "	"	0	12
4 "	Hadzer	3	9
5 "	"	3	9
6 "	"	3	9
7 "	"	3	9
8 "	"	0	12

The last ballot was taken at 2½ A. M., and at 8 A M. court was called, and Capt. Williams, Foreman, delivered the verdict "Not Guilty." Judge Hosmer ordered the Marshal to discharge the prisoners, and a few minutes after they were released from custody. Quite an interest was manifested in the trial and a large number of persons were in attendance. It is stated the prosecution made a stronger case than on the former trial, but the jury did not still find it sufficient for conviction.

SUICIDE.—

"One more unfortunate, weary of breath,
Rashly importunate gone to her death."

On Saturday evening, Nellie Overton, one of the unfortunates, exhibited symptoms of having taken poison. A physician was summoned, all skill was unavailing, before dawn she was dead. The violent effects of the poison sealed her lips to speech, and whether it was taken with deliberate intent to commit suicide, or was an accidental overdose of morphine, to the constant use of which she was addicted, is a matter of surmise. We are informed that at Leesburgh and Bannack she last year endeavored to commit suicide by poison, and it is not improbable this attempt was deliberate. It is stated she was from Oskosh, Wisconsin, belonged to a highly respectable family, came to Denver in '62, thence to Montana, and was aged about 24 or 25. No inquest was held upon the body. With kindness and care her frail associates clothed her in the robes of the grave, watched by her through the day and the night, and at 11 A. M. yesterday an old, gray bearded man, who may be seen on our streets day after day earning his bread by the sweat of his brow,

"Owning her weakness, her evil behavior,
And leaving with meekness her sins to her Savior,'

uttered a prayer and an exhortation in the midst of those who seldom hear such words, and the little cortege wended its way to the quiet city of the dead.

CALICO BALL.—A calico ball, under the same management as the former, and the proceeds for the same purpose, the relief of destitute persons of this county, will be given at Council Hall on Wednesday evening, March 4th. The proceeds of the first were placed in the hands of a committee of ladies, who have expended it for the relief of those deserving of assistance and really suffering for the necessaries of life. We feel assured that the amount of money received by them could not have been disbursed more judiciously, and that the report of expenditures which will be published will convince the donors that the committee have labored earnestly in the good work. The constant drain is exhausting the funds, and the proceeds of the proposed ball are intended to replenish the exchequer. The tickets, $5 each, are now in the hands of the ladies, who will doubtless, as they should, meet with a liberally responsive people.

JUDD.—On Saturday afternoon a man answering fully the description of Judd, the infamous, was discovered by a ranchman, who did not know him, however, sleeping among the willows on Wigwam creek, near the Madison. He told a pitiful story of prospecting—up the river; an absconding partner, who had taken both horses and gone Sweetwaterward; hunger, and a desire to reach a friend down the river. The ranchman happened to come into town and relate the incident. Sheriff McCranor and Officer Hurst immediately mounted and started for the Madison. Judd was evidently heading for Varney's ranch to get his horse, and from the fact of Officer Hurst having his he would probably not hesitate in selecting another. He is unarmed, except a knife, on foot, without provision, between the impassable mountains on one hand, the settlements on the other, and only one exit possible—down the river. He stands a chance of capture.

ITEMS.—A delightful Ball came off at Daly's on Friday evening. Everybody from the valley, and quite a number from Virginia, are said to have been there. Seventy tickets were sold. The supper is pronounced to have been magnificent....Mr. N. P. Langford returned to Helena per Sunday's coach.....Doubtless to the infinite gratification of our readers, a continuation of "About the Country" is crowded out this issue....Up to the time of going to press, officers McCranor and Hurst had not returned from the search after Judd.

BULLION.—Mr. Creigh, yesterday, deposited a 71½ ounce brick at Nowlan & Weary's, the product of thirty tons of Oro Cache rock, crushed in the Union Mill. The average is $43, coin, to the ton; aggregate currency value $1,627. The time consumed in crushing would be about one and a quarter days with the entire mill. The lead still looks well, and rock is being taken out as rapidly as possible. Advices from the office of the Company in the East say they will soon resume work on the tunnel through Grant Hill.

COL. WARRIE SHOT.—Advices from Silver Bow state that on Wednesday evening last, Col. Warrie and a man named Cochran became involved in a quarrel in the store of the former, regarding an amount of money shipped to Helena. The difficulty resulted in Cochran shooting Warrie, the ball entering the abdomen, ranging upward and lodging in his body. When our informant left, Col. Warrie was not expected to survive. No particulars have been received.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—About one o'clock on Saturday morning a couple of supposed burglars were discovered in the rear of Butler & Stampher's jewelry establishment, in suspicious proximity to the door. They fled on the approach of the officer, and Messrs. Butler & Stampher have still on hand at reasonable figures for cash a fine assortment of gold and silver watches, chains, jewelry, etc.

PENITENTIARY.—Instructions have been received from the Secretary of the Interior to immediately locate the site of the Territorial Penitentiary and forward, plat, designs, deed of ground, etc., to the Department. Mr. Wade, Warden elect, will proceed to Deer Lodge in a day or two to select the site of the proposed receptacle of unlawful viciousness.

JOHN HERMAN will hereafter be found by the patrons of Sichel's City Sample Rooms, doing the honors of that establishment.

"MR. CHRISMAN."—There is a letter for you at this office, written by A. H. Standley, Bountiful City, Utah.

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IN HONOR.—By order of Governor Smith, a salute of thirteen guns was fired at sunset on Saturday, Feb. 22, in honor of the birth of George Washington, the Father of his Country. The gun used was one of the howitzers of the battery furnished the Territory by the government, and to test the quality of the ammunition, a few shells were thrown against the mountain opposite the city. Only a portion of them exploded, whether from bad fuse, bad powder or inexperienced artillerists, we have not ascertained.

CHASED—CAPTURED—SHOT—DEAD.—At 2 p. m. on Sunday, Sheriff McCranor and Marshal Hurst, having received information that Judd was on the Madison, mounted, crossed over to the Eight Mile House, and thence up the river 15 miles, to Wigwam gulch. Here ascertaining that Judd had left "English Georges" at noon the day previous, bound down the river, they stopped for the night at Charley Boardman's, and before day were again in their saddles in pursuit. On the hill below Newman's ranch they struck his trail, and again heard of him at Atkins' Mill, near Meadow creek. Here his tracks were recognized in the snow by his peculiar shaped moccasins, and it has since transpired that he had stolen Mr. Boyce's horse, near Virginia, and rode to the vicinity of Atkins' Mill, where hearing the officers were after him, he abandoned it and journeyed on foot. Near the Half Way House, the officers overtook Messrs. Wann, Gamble and two others, in a light wagon, and while leisurely trotting up the hill a mile beyond Willow creek, "Me" observed an object moving near a clump of willows on Hot Spring creek, something over a mile distant. Bringing a glass to bear on him, he said, "It's Judd," and the two officers put spurs to their horses across lots and lowland, while the wagoners pushed rapidly along the road. On reaching a little elevation near the creek, Judd was not in sight. There were three clumps of willows. Mr. Wann hallooed from the wagon that Judd had ran in the willows. Hurst took one side of the creek, McCranor the other. The first and second clumps were beat in vain, but in the third Hurst spied him and ordered him to throw up his hands and come out. Judd declined, but finally, after being assured by Hurst that he would not shoot him, and that the Vigilantes would not hang him, he held up his hands and approached within a few feet of Hurst. The latter noticing a revolver strapped in front of him, ordered him to halt, but Judd rapidly approaching, McCranor some distance off, and Judd too powerful a man to render a struggle desirable, Hurst snapped the one empty barrel of his revolver at him. Judd turned then and coolly said he would go over to Dave (McCranor), and proceeded some forty steps toward the latter, when he ordered him to return to Hurst or he would turn loose on him. As Judd turned he went for his revolver, and McCranor apprising Hurst of it, telling him to look out, the latter again ordered him to throw up his hands, which disregarding, Hurst blazed away. The ball entered near the vertebre low down and passed through him, slightly rupturing his bowels. Judd at this threw down his pistol and held up his hands. By this time, Messrs. Wann, Gamble and the others were within a short distance, he was placed in the wagon, taken to Scarborough's, where Dr. Guhl attended him, and on Tuesday evening brought to Virginia, reaching here at 9 p. m. Dr. Cornell attended him, but the rupture of the bowels was fatal, and at 4 a. m yesterday he died. He refused to disclose his real name, but spoke of his people living on the Hudson. We are since told his name was Judson D. Lusk. Whether he ever was in California, as he asserted, is in doubt; but he shot the Deputy Sheriff of St. Paul, Minn., and was under bonds when he escaped to this Territory in '66. He was a cool desperate man, dangerous to the peace, and a useless incumbrance upon the community. The officers deserve credit for their persistency in tracking and heroism in capturing him. They took more chances with him than was really justifiable from the character of the man, and only shot him at the last extremity. His stolen rifle, found in the willows, had a cap exploded on it when found, and he had doubtless drawn sight on them and endeavored to kill them before they approached near him. He was buried yesterday afternoon.

DEER LODGE ITEMS.—From the *Independent*, Feb. 22: The William Nolan mill started up at Cable City on Tuesday last, under the most favorable auspices. The machinery worked well and fully answered the expectations of the builders. An individual from that place offered to bet heavily, during the week, that the first clean-up would exceed $10,000. The same confidence exists among all from that section, and we may look for a good report from that quarter.....A stampede broke out in this place on Wednesday night for some new diggings said to have been discovered about twelve or fifteen miles southwest of this place, in a gulch between two streams known as Lost and Modesty creeks. It is said to be dry diggings and prospects about one ounce to the hand. We trust the stampeders may realize their expectations without having lost any modesty.....The Commissioners let the contract for the new jail to Mr. J. A. Clark for $7,500.....Work on the bidge is progressing rapidly to completion.....Seramento, the Spaniard, waived examination for killing a countryman with a hatchet, and was committed to answer for murder.....The County Commissioners say that all bonds hereafter issued will be worth their face in currency.....Daniel Hatfield was shot and killed by Thomas Clarke, on Gird's creek, 25 miles above Fort Owen, on the 9th of Feb.... John Higgins and Daniel Kuhler have discovered very rich silver quartz on the Bitter Root. It has created quite an excitement.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—The folloving is the verdict of the Coroner's Jury held upon the body of Judd yesterday morning:

Territory of Montana, } ss.
County of Madison }

An inquisition holden at Virginia City, in the county of Madison and Territory of Montana, on the 26th day of February, 1868, before me, F. C. Cornell, Coroner of said county, upon the body of J D Judd, alias Esnor, alias Wesnor, (true name unknown) there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Judd came to his death by reason of a pistol shot and wound inflicted upon the said deceased by means of a pistol commonly known as a revolver held and fired by Sylvester W. Hurst, an Officer of the Peace of said county; said wound being inflicted, in the county and Territory aforesaid, on the 24th of February, 1868, from the effects of which wound the said deceased died on the 26th day of February, 1868. And the said jurors do further say that said wound was inflicted as aforesaid by said Hurst upon said person, justifiably and lawfully being inflicted by an officer necessarily in the pursuit and capture of a felon and criminal fleeing from justice. In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands, the day and year aforesaid:

W F Bartlit, W G Pfouts, Louis Picard Charles E Hill, David Day, Jno A Spencer, Jurors.

ANOTHER FURNACE.—We learned yesterday that another company had been organized who propose to erect a furnace at or near Brandon. Messrs. Livingston, Bower and others are the corporators. They have entered into articles with Messrs. D. W. Morrison and Crowder to have a furnace in successful operation by July 1st, in which event they obtain an interest in several fine leads. Two of the company went down yesterday to select a site. Work will be commenced at once. We were shown specimens from the May-flower, Magnolia, Ohio, Mehaska, Lebanon, Columbus, Tom Hyer, Isabel No. 2, and Auroraleads, all situated within one and a half miles of Brandon, prospecting well, and said to contain the necessary qualities to smelt successfully. It is proposed to call it the Mill Creek Silver Smelting Company.

LENT.—Yesterday, February 26, was Ash-Wednesday. The name is supposed to be derived from the ancient custom in Roman Catholic Churches of, on that day, sprinkling the heads of penitents with ashes. It is the commencement of Lent (so-called from the lengthening of the days) which lasts forty days, ending on Easter Sunday, the festival of our Savior's resurrection. Mass was celebrated in the Catholic Church, Father Grassi officiating, at 8½ a. m. Divine service was held in the Episcopal Church, Bishop D. S. Tuttle officiating, at 11 a. m. The following will be times of service in the respective churches during Lent; Episcopal, Bishop D. S. Tuttle—Sundays, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; every Friday, 7½ p. m. Catholic, Father Grassi—Sundays, 1st Mass, 8 a. m.; 2d Mass, 10½ a. m., Vespers, 7 p. m. Every Friday, 7p m., service of the Cross.

BOUNTIES RECEIVED.—Mr. J. S. Slater has received Treasury drafts of $100 each for the following named soldiers. The applications for these bounties were sent in December, 1866.

John Glandon,	Company	H,	3d California	Inf't'y.
Isaac Decker,	"	"	"	"
Noah Finch,	"	"	"	"
Miles Durkee,	"	D	"	"
Neal B. McGill,	"	A	"	"
James Hupp,	"	B	"	"

J. T. Schneider, Pension certificate, Co. C, 1st Colorado Cavalry.

The parties will please apply.

POLICE ITEMS.—Michael McManamon made information against Thomas Lynch before Magistrate Muffly for striking at him with an axe near Loralu's on Friday last. As the acts of Thomas were not accidental or acceptable to Michael, the former was fined $50 and costs....The low comedy heroine of the Sterling tragedy, known by the highly descriptive cognomen of sobriquet of "Black and Tan," got on a huge drunk after hearing the verdict of the jury in the Hanna case, wallowed in the mire; had spasms, or hysterics, or the blue devils, or some other delicate infliction of the mortal coil; made people believe she had taken powdered instead of liquified poison, and was finally shuffled home by a police officer.

SEEDS.—The attention of ranchmen and gardiners is called to the advertisement of choice new seeds, just received and for sale wholesale and retail, by Hoopes Brothers. They have also a general assortment of all kinds of agricultural implements. Landreth's *Rural Register and Almanac*, containing valuable information for ranchmen and gardiners, will be forwarded by them, postage paid, to any address, on receipt of 50 cents currency. Remember the address, Hoopes Bros., Wallace street, Virginia, M. T.

"X."—The Virginia, Nev., *Enterprise* in quoting from the *Herald* regarding the arrest of Roland, says: "By 'X' we suppose the Vigilantes are meant." Remembering what a puzzle the ubiquitous, inexplicable character was to ourselves before we met the jovial individual it represents, we think it but justice to the outside world to state that "X" all over Montana means J. X. Beidler, Deputy U. S. Marshal and Collector of Customs for the port of Helena, about 67 inches in hight and every individual inch a part of a gentleman. From the official position he occupies his name has frequently been associated with the Vigilantes of Montana, but he would doubtless disclaim all knowledge of such an organization.

EXPLANATORY.—Our cotemporaries constantly acknowledge documentary favors from Hon. James M. Cavanaugh, and a day or two ago an entire sack of Pub. Docs. came to the Virginia P. O. from him. In this connection we may state that with the exception of three or four *National Intelligencers*, sent on his first arrival, the Delegate from Montana has not seen proper to extend to this paper the courtesies acknowledged by our "cotems." For all such favors we are indebted to other parties. We make this statement to relieve our readers of any misapprehension that we are receiving, what we perhaps erred in expecting, impartial treatment from "our Delegate in Congress."

BOWLING.—The lovers of this healthy amusement will be pleased to learn that Mr. Geo. Heldt, formerly at the Montana Billiard Hall, has completely refitted the ten pin alley, opposite the U. S. postoffice, and it is now in good repair. George is a genial, good fellow, and will be glad to see his friends.

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LOOKED UP.—On December 21st, a local appeared in our Helena column, referring to a run made by the James Stuart mill at Flint creek. The authority for the run was credited to an item in the *Independent*, taken from the *Journal of Mining*, and *quoted* in that paper as having been taken "from a St. Louis paper." The *Journal of Mining* of Jan. 18, says: "We give them credit for the figuring done by a St. Louis paper, and regrets that the POST, usually accurate, should make such a mistake." The *Journal* disclaims responsibility, on general principles, for articles in its mining summary, and merely cites this as an instance of their receiving credit and being considered the authority for such items, generally made up from other papers, without preferring any claim of inaccuracy of the figures referred to. Now although it was designated "the *Journal's* figures" the authority upon which the *Journal* made them was also given in our local, and we think its regrets in this instance are quite unnecessary. The *Journal* has a sufficiently good reputation for reliability in Montana, and few papers can complain of receiving credits for even what they are entitled. The *Journal* is the only mining paper, so far as we have seen, that has invariably given Montana that prominence in its columns, to which the value of its minerals and actual product entitles it, and for this reason, if for no other, we would have made reparation had we thought it due, or necessary.

SOCIAL.—The Club dance on Thursday evening was, as we had expressed a desire it should be, an eminently pleasant affair. There is a wonderful similarity in all successful parties, and as such have been fully dilated upon on several occasions in these columns it unnecessary to say more than that it was good to be there.....The Virginia City Circle, a Masonic Association, had its regular communication last evening. The attendance was quite large. The Circle has many more members than last winter, and it is undoubtedly one of the most happy, harmonious organizations that could be organized in any community. The Eastern Star degrees have been conferred upon nearly all those entitled by their relationships to receive it.....The sale of tickets for the Charity Ball, to be given at Council Hall on next Wednesday evening, the 4th inst, the proceeds to be appropriated in aid of the destitute of the county, has been highly successful. Nearly the entire number issued have been sold, and all the necessary arrangements are perfected to render it a magnificent success.

CANARDS.—Several good sells have been perpetrated here in connection with the present Washington imbroglio. From two to forty thousand troops have been ordered into immediate service for Montana, by Johnson, (A. J. or H. F.) Stanton, Thomas or Grant; high dignitaries have been ordered to report at once in Washington as administrators on the affairs of our respectable Uncle Samuel soon to have been deceased, besides other and various revolutionary, martial law, grape vine telegraph despatches, more or less and diversely effecting the nervous systems and proposed movements of susceptible or immobile persons addressed. The best thing of the season, however, we think, is the nitro-glycerine letter of Superintendent Kennedy. It may possibly have some import, but the manufacturer of that highly explosive compound has, anyhow, succeeded admirably in getting a gratuitous first class advertisement, well circulated, and the Washington police have not been turned out to work for a living. *Viva la humbug.*

COAL OIL IN VIRGINIA CITY.—From the Montana POST of the 18th we clip the following: "On Saturday last, a couple of miners, while stripping their claim at the foot of Idaho street, discovered indications of some foreign substance, and a proposition was made to sink a shaft and see what could be found, and at it they went. At the depth of twelve feet they struck a body of *four feet* of solid composition, resembling in color yellowish clay, and emitting an oily odor. On prospecting a huge lump, by the ordinary means of washing, it was discovered to contain all the properties of oil —real genuine oil.—*Gazette, 25th.*

An explanation is necessary. It was a hog on which a bank had caved. He was dug out. The balance explains itself. Very sorry the former local was not more lucid.

SUBSIDED.—From a surplus of first class sensations, a man or woman for breakfast each morning, the local cauldron of Virginia has simmered down until not a bubble subject to being punctured with a No. 3 Faber presents itself to our yearning vision. Were it not that affairs in and around and concerning Washington presents a field from which industrious gleaners gather the harvest of news we have the honor to present, we might say with the colored individual of Venice, "Our occupation's gone." We have had an abundance of the horrible recently, and are happily content to issue a paper without a row of skeletons grinning through the columns.

PERSONALS.—Mr. Geo. M. Pinney, our distinguished and energetic territorian from the "Mill Site" across the range in Edgerton county, gave us a highly appreciated opportunity to grasp his hand and say "Welcome to the Capital" on Thursday last. He remains until next coach, when he returns to Lewis and Clarke county.....On the 9th inst., Messrs. John P. Bruce, L. M. Black, C. C. Huntley, Beem, of Virginia, Hubbel of Benton, Higgins, of Helena, Pease, of Fort Union, Cullen, of Helena, and Cavanaugh, of Congress, were in Washington, "hammering away each on his special hobby."

NEVADA LEGISLATURE.—At the meeting of this talented Debating Club on last Tuesday evening the following was introduced by Mr. Eggleston: "*Resolved*, That this House heartily endorse the action of Congress in impeaching Andrew Johnson, President of the United States." The debate which followed was intensely earnest and brought out the members in their best efforts, but we are informed that even on this exciting topic there was no acrimonious feeling or severe language. The discussion lasted until the evening hour expired, and the House adjourned without reaching a vote.

NEW AD.—Mr. Isaac Heidenheimer, successor to Marx & Heidenheimer, in anticipation of the opening of the spring trade, presents his card to the public this morning. His stock of goods is large, well selected and includes a general assortment of Groceries adapted to the Montana trade. As he does exclusively a wholesale business, and therefore has superior advantages in purchasing, dealers will find it to their advantage to give him a call.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Of Patrick Davis, formerly of Chillicothe, Ohio, and lately of Idaho city. He left Idaho in 1865, for Helena or the "Blackfoot mines," since which time nothing has been heard of him. Any information will be gratefully received and amply rewarded, if sent to his mother, Eliza Davis, 107, North 9th street, Saint Louis Mo feb27-w&tw

EMMET CIRCLE.—The members of this circle of the Fenian Brotherhood meet every Saturday evening at their Hall in Nevada city. There are now some eighty members belonging to the Circle, and the organization is in a highly prosperous condition. They propose to have a turn-out on St. Patrick's Day, parade, speeches, etc., and a grand ball in the evening, at the Adelphi Hall, Nevada. See notice of meeting.

E. H. BARTLITT, the deservedly popular proprietor of the California Restaurant, Jackson street, has the thanks of the boys in the composing room for a superb lunch, sent down last evening. "Bart." sets one of the best, if not the best tables in the city, and has a well earned reputation as a host. Call in and see him.

HELENA.

[Frome Tuesday's Tri-Wekly.]

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A man named James Gardiner was caved in on while running a drift for a drain ditch in Oregon gulch, on Wednesday last, and had his neck broken. Notwithstanding the utmost exertions were used by his fellow miners, the body remained buried for eighteen hours. The deceased was an Englishman, and had been in this country but a few years. His remains were brought to this city for interment, and were buried on Friday last.

COAL.—Col. Chestnut brought to this city some samples of the coal recently discovered in the vicinity of Bozeman City. A practical application of its utility was made in the gas works connected with the Occidental Billiard Saloon, which resulted in a marked success. Twelve pounds of the anthracite made forty metrical feet of gas. A chemical analysis will shortly be made, when we shall be able to lay the result before our readers.

MAMMOTH CONCERT SALOON.—Attention is called to the advertisement of the above saloon. The lovers of harmony, good lager, etc., will find this a pleasant place to spend an evening in.

UNDER BONDS.—Juanita Ferrero had a hearing before Justice Edwards on Thursday last on the complaint of Dolores Harra, and was put under bonds to keep the peace towards the said Dolores, or any other man for the ensuing six months.

LOST SIGHT OF.—Wm. McQueen, like many others, sought to better his fortunes in the West, and to that end emigrated toward the setting sun. His relatives are anxious to know of his whereabouts, and Thomas McQueen, of Galesburg, Illinois, will amply reward any information regarding the whereabouts of the lost "Bill."

No performance was held in the theater on Thursday and Friday evenings last, owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Langrishe.

CLEAN UP.—The Sensenderfer mill cleaned up on Thursday last 284 ounces. The value of the bricks in gold coin was $4 800; or over $6,500 in currency. The ore was from the Union lode, and the return was from one week's run.

No Theater in Helena—Gone to Unionville. The Kiyus has a little circus of its own. A New man on every night.

From Thursday's Tri-Weekly.

LEFT US.—Mr. Roosevelt, clerk in the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., in this city, for the past four or five months, left for Benton on last Monday's coach, to resume his old position as the Company's agent at that point. Since his sojourn among us, the gentleman has won a large number of friends, whose best wishes go with him. In addition to his duties as agent, we understand it is his intention to open a hotel at Benton, in the building formerly occupied by Colonel Young, and we doubt not but that he will meet with ample success, and be enabled to run the machine to the satisfaction of those who patronize him.

THE DIAMOND "R."—We call particular attention to the advertisement of J. J. Roe & Co.'s freight line, popularly known as the Diamond "R." Their well known punctuality in delivering goods, responsibility for freights entrusted to their care, together with the unlimited means at their disposal for the transmission of freight from any point on the Missouri river to all portions of our Territory, sufficiently guarantees them to our merchants and business men. For further particulars enquire at the offices in Helena and Benton.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—A small business chart of some of the leading firms in this city has been recently issued under the auspices of the Montana Publishing Company. In the centre of the chart is a well executed photograph of the city by Brewster & Co., and altogether it presents a very attractive appearance. It bears the imprint of the *Gazette* office, and is a decidedly superior specimen of typography.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—The morning was ushered in by a national salute of artillery, under the direction of Captain Curtis, from one of the water tanks on the hill east of Main street, and salvos were fired at intervals during the day. No other proceedings occurred to celebrate the one hundred and sixteenth anniversary of the birth of the Father of his Country.

MORE DIGGINGS.—Another discovery of bar diggings has recently been made which prospect well, and are especially convenient to water. They are situated on or near the mouth of the Prickly Pear, and opposite to Eldorado Bar. The ground has not as yet been sufficiently prospected to form any idea of their extent, but enough is known to warrant the immediate commencement of a water ditch, and it is thought that work will commence early in the spring.

THEATRICAL.—A well filled house greeted Manager Langrishe on Saturday evening last, to witness the performance of "Love's Sacrifice." The various characters were exceedingly well rendered, and the performance was received with storms of applause. The entertainment concluded with the very funny afterpiece of the "Irish Mormons," and it put the audience in good humor, both with themselves and the company.

THE WEATHER.—The weather took a change on Saturday last, and the fine spring-like days were followed by a drizzling snow storm, which lasted until Sunday night, making our streets anything but pleasant travelling. The snow is much needed, and all hope that the storm will continue for some time.

THE WASHINGTON IMBROGLIO.—The news flashed over the wires on Sunday last with reference to the relative positions of the President and Congress on the Stanton question, created quite a sensation, and was the subject of much talk in all circles. A variety of opinions were expressed as to the ultimate result, but we do not think that any idea was promulgated of sufficient interest to publish.

If you have tears to shed, then let them flow, Be a New-man and Shed at the Kiyus

From Saturday's Tri-Weekly.

FROM WASHINGTON.—The news from Washington still engrosses a large share of public attention and discussion. At no period since the war ended has news from the national capital been so eagerly looked for and devoured. The papers of the city evince a commendable spirit of rivalry, and extras are issued from each of the offices four or five times per day, thus keeping the most inveterate newsmonger among us thoroughly posted on the "situation." The comments of the two would be scarcely worth alluding to were it not for the contrast exhibited between them. The *Herald* merely contents itself with what may be termed a subdued summary of the news, and statements of the relative positions of the two parties; but says "Congress will impeach him (the President) and he will be compelled to vacate the White House," arriving at this conclusion on