

The Montana Post.

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Meteorological Record.

Table with columns for DATE, 9 A.M., 12 M., 3 P.M. and rows for Precipitation, Temperature, and Wind.

LOCAL NEWS.

MINERAL LAND PATENTS.

Many owners of quartz leads or mineral lands, who would otherwise be unable to apply for patents, have been deterred in making application by the expense existing as to whether the \$1000 expenditure required to have been done on such property before patents can be obtained therefor, was to be computed at what such amount of labor would cost today or at the time such labor was performed. The impression generally prevails that a rigid examination would be enforced and they compelled to show that the present rates of labor, living, etc., the work performed would amount to \$1,000. Inquiry has been made in regard to this matter of the Department at Washington, and General MacArthur, Surveyor General, received instructions per last mail to compute the expenditure at the rate of labor etc., when the work was performed. This in many cases has been done or to be done at what cost at present, and will, therefore, offer opportunities for securing patents to many who have heretofore considered themselves deterred. We can but urge it as a duty upon all owners of valuable property, to secure patents at the earliest possible day.

LAGERS.—We learn from the Collector of Internal Revenue, that there were manufactured in the town of Helena, for the month of April, 157 barrels of 31 gallons each, of this tonic near. This would make an aggregate for the month of 4,967 gallons, and allowing 16 drinks to the gallon, would foot up an enormous total of 77,872 drinks. Estimating our population at 5,000, this would give over 15 drinks, or nearly a gallon each to every man, woman and child in Helena. There are many in our little city who never "partake" of the thing until they feel a little "partake" and thereafter a large German element here, and incredulous have certainly not sufficiently considered the wonderful capacity of the sons of "Faler land," and their great partiality for this beverage. Besides very many of our public-spirited natives, many have adopted the late dry weather, been quenching their thirst at the bar instead of the fountain, wishing to see all the water used for the legitimate purposes of mining and navigation. By the books of the Assessor of Internal Revenue, it appears the Keating & Co. Brewery manufactured during April, 103 barrels of Beer, and that the combined product of all other breweries for the same length of time was 54 barrels. Nick will soon be compelled to enlarge his establishment.

BETNEY ON A BENDER.—The conduct of Black Boss of the City Job Wagon, yesterday afternoon, has shown a decided lack of fidelity. To think that Betsey, patient, affectionate, intelligent Betsey, that has so long been a shining example for all horses ambitious enough to aspire to a position in a job wagon; that has stood by her master, and under him, through storm and sunshine, has been his steady and true friend, and whirled his chariot gracefully through the crowded streets; been alive dead to the shouts of the rabble and the cry of FRESH FISH—should so far forget herself as to pass through Main street, in the City of Helena, in broad day light, on the unbridled gate displayed yesterday, is mortifying in the extreme. It is not the speed we complain of, Betsey, for we know you are naturally slow, neither is it that you kick you gave the spotted dog on the corner of Broad street, for the reason, however, but the manner of the thing, the terror to Chinaman, had example to ignorant oxen plays and the general discredit brought on the team. And besides, Betsey, you know are a jealous you and would delight in your down fall. Don't give them another chance like they had yesterday.

PERSONALS.—Letters from New York and Washington per last mail state that Col. Sanders was in New York April 16th. He had been ill with fever for several days, and expected to remain until recovered. J. P. Isaac of Virginia City was in New York, and Mr. Gaubie expected soon. One of our Montana gallants is said to be devoted to a live "Duchess," with favorable "indications." If a "title" can be obtained it will "develop" in a "redemption" of one of the "soreheads" to a monarchial "palp" with genealogical "tables" and high old family for a Republican "settler." The above will be more "concentrated" if the "process" continues, and our Montana process "ticks."

GO IN.—If you want to read something vigorous, something that might have been written under the inspiration of a nightmare; an apocalyptic, theologic, historic and diabolic philippic—a something undisturbedly written on a shroud, with a poignant pen dipped in sulfur and sand, and with sulphur just see the Gazette of the 8th on Bing-ham and the rest of the Radicals. We couldn't think of attempting a reply. The points in it are that slavery is right, and any other tyranny is preferable to a Republican administration. "Black" is recognized—a new star has arisen in Helena.

I. O. G. T.—The following officers of Gem of the Mountain Lodge No. 6 were installed for the term ending July 30, on Wednesday evening: E. T. McLain, W. T. T. Mrs. Edwin W. T. C. Foster Secretary, B. Loeckey P. S. Thos. Andrews Treas. F. Frazier M. Miss Ella Andrews G. — Buecher G. G. Rev. N. Hough Chaplain, Mr. Branshall R. H. S. Miss E. Beatty J. H. S. Miss Hill D. M. Gem of the Mountain Lodge is rapidly increasing in membership, and without doubt its influence for good will be felt and appreciated by the citizens generally.

PACK TRAINS.—Hishman Bros. received yesterday sixty-five pack loads of clothing, dry goods, hats, etc., at their elegantly fitted store in DuPont & Bentley's block, on Main street. Messrs. Hishman have come among us for the purpose of establishing a business and will receive every kind of merchandise during the summer per pack trains from the west.

TO ARRIVE.—A heavy cargo of Summer Clothing and Ladies' Dry Goods, will arrive per pack train to day from San Francisco, for Messrs. Loeb Bros. Goods and Children's Clothing are in great demand, and this arrival is the more welcome on account of the approaching warm weather.

THE TEN MILE WAGON ROAD.—A contract is now let for the building of a wagon road up Ten Mile creek from Helena to a point above the second canyon, some twenty-three miles from this city, and the work is being pushed rapidly forward. Sub-contracts are let for cutting out the timber along the entire line of this portion of the road, and men are engaged working at those points which require it most. By the terms of the contract the road is to be finished by the 15th of June, by which time it is expected that machinery will have arrived for the district. It is clearly the duty, as it is manifestly to the interest of Lewis and Clark county and the City of Helena, that this road should be extended to Butte and Silver Bow, and thereby secure such shorter connection with Highland and Atlantic Cattle districts, besides a large area of country known to be rich in minerals along the banks of the Boulder and Little Blackfoot, and last, though not least, an easier and shorter outlet in the direction of Ban-nack and Salt Lake.

MR. PAUSCOPPE'S BENEFIT.—A well-filled house greeted this popular actor on Saturday evening, and all seemed well pleased with the rendering of both pieces. Don Cesar De Spain and Delicieux Moments, which were well received, and he was frequently applauded during his performance. It is intended to repeat the same at the close of the piece. "Maritana" has seldom had a better rendition than that bestowed upon the character by Mrs. Langford, who sang to Miss G. and Mrs. Finlayson, as the Duchess, with a profusion of variety. "Umpires," as her ennobled Lord, Mr. L. paraded in calling them, and the audience in the best of humor. Mr. DeSpain as the King, Mortimer as the Duke, and Miss G. as the Queen, were all well received. The faithful Larrick, all well. Between the pieces Mrs. Shields favored the audience with the Salt's Harp, and gained the plaudits so richly merited. Instead of the usual improper white pants and shirt, she displayed excellent taste in selecting the line, and appeared to the very best advantage.

THING HOTEL.—This new and undoubtedly to be popular hotel at Benton is now open to the public. To those who have had occasion to stop at White Hall, during the past season, no recommendation is necessary. The hotel is situated on a beautiful site, and the building is of the most modern and comfortable. The proprietor, Mr. J. H. Woodruff, has spared no pains to make it a desirable place of resort. The hotel is situated on a beautiful site, and the building is of the most modern and comfortable. The proprietor, Mr. J. H. Woodruff, has spared no pains to make it a desirable place of resort.

IMPROVEMENTS IN TOWN.—Leland & Newman's wholesale liquor house, on Wood street, is nearly completed. John & Ault's new bank building is now in progress. The trial of the case of the late Mrs. J. H. Woodruff, who was charged with the murder of her husband, is now in progress. The trial is expected to be completed in a few days.

INDIAN HUMORS.—A gentleman from Lincoln county reports that twenty miles north of that place, on the Benton road, three prospectors were attacked by Indians. Two of the men managed to escape from the "Friedlies" and ran to Lincoln gulch to give the alarm, while the third one is missing. A party of well mounted soldiers are now in search of the missing one, with a slight delay, we have no doubt, of giving the red skins a severe drubbing, if they can catch any.

NEW GULCH.—Gulch diggings have recently been struck on a tributary of Lump Gulch which promises to be of considerable value. The prospect for four miles along it has been prosecuted and proved to be good, from two to twenty-seven cents to the pan having been washed from different places. Several strings of sluices are already in operation, and we expect to hear of some good finds very soon.

DIAMOND.—Mr. P. Shank, on his way to Helena, has stopped a day or two in our city. He left this morning for Confederate Gulch with the intention of re-opening the popular Star Restaurant there. After repainting, papering and generally getting this well known house, he will give due notice of the opening day. From his fair share of the public patronage.

REDUCTION OF TAXES.—By sections 94 and 95 of an act of Congress approved June 30, 1864, manufacturers of every description were taxed heavily. The sections are too voluminous to publish, but manufacturers will doubtless remember them. An act approved March 21, 1868, repeals these sections, and all acts supplementary thereto, with the exception of articles mentioned in the following communication, and very materially and favorably effects all classes of industrial manufactures. Commissioner Rollin has forwarded the following instructions to Assessor Everett, and the exemption clause from April 1st. The tax is now merely nominal—\$2 for every \$1,000 of manufatures in excess of \$5,000, returnable quarterly. We append the letter of the Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, April 14, 1868. Sir.—The act of March 21, 1868, repeals from taxation all articles, goods, wares and merchandise heretofore liable under the provisions of section 94 and 95 of the Internal Revenue law, except gun, ammunitions, oils, waxes, manufatures of tobacco, snuff, cigars, cut pipes, and cigars, and also, however, which had accrued prior to April 1st and which are not manufatures of iron, steel, or other metals, or of any other material.

THE DITCH QUESTION.—The meeting last evening resulted in the appointment of a committee to raise funds to pay for a preliminary survey of one or two proposed routes for a water ditch, and to decide from what source water can be most easily brought to supply Alder. Considerable interest has been pledged to being in the Madison gulch at the head of the gulch, and it is thought the requisite amount can be easily raised. Meanwhile all other work begun will be pushed as fast as possible so that some water may be had to enter the present season. With the Madison entering the gulch at Summit, the Virginia would be the best camp in the Territory for years to come.

PACK TRAIN.—Dry before yesterday a pack train from Idaho, consisting of 25 animals, belonging to C. Jacobs, arrived just below town and discharged a portion of their cargo, bought by C. Parsons, Esq. The freight consisted principally of sugar and salt, and some horses and cold oil. Before coming here the train touched at Ban-nack, where some sales were also made. It started yesterday for Helena, where it will dispose of the balance of its cargo.

ARMY RETURNED.—Nelson Story Esq., of Gallatin, brought in today the same letter to the people of the valley had to defend them-selves from Indians. They were turned over to the proper officer and deposited in the arsenal. "OUR ARMY IN FLANDERS."—From the Adjutant General of the Territory we learn that up to the present time there has been enrolled into the militia one man fit for service, who expects to be ordered to the front. He says he is on the war-path and anxious to go. "Let him wait."

ABANDONED.—A "straggler" came off a day or two since in Chandler's man's wagon, on Cover street, after having been on the wagon part and Mark Brown, John Kane and Gar-ner on the other. The last named were the aggressors. Manning received several severe injuries from which he is still suffering. The trial of the offenses came off today, and each one was fined \$50.00. Garner being unable to raise the required sum was sent to jail. Louis Roney and John Shoutz, living just above town, got into a difficulty about a water right with Jo. Fisher and C. Gardner, getting warm with his argument, began striking stones rather promiscuously at Fisher's head, who immediately left the field for the police office, where he made complaint against the offending ones.

MONKEY RAISED.—The necessary funds to pay for the survey of a ditch to bring water to Alder gulch having been raised, Mr. Corbett will commence work immediately. He will begin at Batcher's Pass, at the head of the East fork of Alder creek, and run towards the Madison crossing with our survey. Boly, Wigman and other interested parties, and with other going by the most direct route possible to the river itself.

IMPROVING.—From Mr. S. Clair we learn that for the last day or two water has been growing more plentiful in Alder gulch, so that miners have again commenced work. He says that there is still considerable work among the hills, and thinks there will be water enough for the gulch until more can be brought in.

Virginia Locals.

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HELENA COUNCIL OF O. S. M. Jno. Potter, T. E. R. and first and third Tuesdays of each month.

HELENA R. A. CHAPTER, Wm. Potter, H. P. and first and third Tuesdays of each month.

HELENA LODGE No. 2, A. F. & A. M. N. P. Langford, W. M. and first and third Saturday of each month.

MORNING STAR LODGE No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Jno. Potter, W. M. and first and third Wednesday of each month.

KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 9, A. F. & A. M. J. H. Hill, W. M. and first and third Wednesday of each month.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF V. C. Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Montana Lodge No. 2, of A. F. & A. M., the first and third Saturdays of each month at 7 o'clock p. m.

MASONIC.—Nevada Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., meets the second and fourth Saturdays in each month. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend. O. A. BEAMAN, W. M. Attest: IRA C. SMITH, Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS of the Virginia City O. S. M. Chapter, meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 o'clock p. m. J. J. HILL, W. M.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Virginia City Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters every first and third Tuesday evening of each month at 7 o'clock. J. R. BOYCE, T. I. G. M.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION of Virginia City Comandary No. 1, Knight Templars, every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. H. E. L. HOMER, G. C.

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