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THE CITY.

From Tuesday's Daily.

THAT SOCIAL GATHERING.—That very pleasant private entertainment at the residence of James King, Esq., to which we referred in our last issue, gave opportunity for some very neat speeches in connection with the presentation of the gold brick to Gen. Meredith. The inscription on this brick was as follows:

"PRESENTED TO GEN. SOL. MEREDITH, PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL FAIR OF MONTANA, BY THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, HELENA, M. T., OCT. 15, 1868."

In handing this elegant present to the General the Hon. W. E. Cullen made the following remarks:

"GENERAL MEREDITH:—On behalf of your fellow officers of the Montana Agricultural, Mechanical and Mineral Association, I am charged upon this occasion with the pleasant duty of presenting you this golden brick, which we desire you to accept as our hands as a slight testimonial of the friendship and respect we feel for you as a man and a citizen; and in some degree as a recognition of the valuable services you have rendered to the Association, and I may say, the people of the Territory of Montana, whilst you have been connected with us as our chief executive.

I shall not refer here, sir, to the difficulties and discouragements which have surrounded the enterprise in which we have been engaged, from its earliest inception up to its final culmination in a complete success. Suffice it to say (as you well know) they have been many and great, but through your indomitable energy and perseverance we have been able to overcome them all; and these very embarrassments only make our success the more creditable. The good soldier knows that the difficulties of to-day are the glories of to-morrow, and he counts the dangers, toils and privations as nothing so they but lead him ultimately to victory.

While I would not say, sir, that without your efficient services we could not have succeeded in our enterprise, and have achieved success in organizing and inaugurating Fairs in Montana, yet, upon the part of these gentlemen and my own, I am very ready to acknowledge that we are greatly indebted to your experience, business tact and intelligence for the measure of success that attended our First Annual Fair.

As a fitting recognition of those services, then, we have selected this specimen of Montana's production—pure, virgin gold—and amidst old friends and old associations in the States, it may serve to remind you of your many friends in the mountains, and that nowhere can purer friendship, or a more ready or warmer appreciation of true merit be found than in golden Montana.

We also hope, sir, that this Association—so much indebted to your signal efforts for its existence and usefulness—may be instrumental of much good to our young Territory, in promoting the development of all the material interests and resources of Montana; and that its future success and usefulness will reflect credit upon one who has taken so prominent a part in founding it. The good that men do lives after them, and your labors in our behalf, and in behalf of the people of Montana, have but added one more to the distinguished services you have already rendered your country, and assured you the proudest, and the best of all monuments—a people's respect and gratitude.

In conclusion then, let me beg your acceptance of this beautiful little bar of pure Montana gold. Its purity is emblematical of our friendship—its intrinsic value, of your character.

General Meredith responded in the following fitting remarks:

MR. CULLEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I am taken entirely by surprise in this matter. Permit me to thank you from the deepest recesses of my heart for this magnificent present, coming as it does from a body of gentlemen with whom I have been associated during the last year in trying to build up the Agricultural, Mechanical, and Mineral interests of Montana.

Sir, you have been pleased to refer to my service as President of the Board. My efforts would have been fruitless and unavailing had it not been for the able manner in which the business was transacted by James King, Esq., Treasurer, and yourself, as Secretary, with the Executive Committee, who, by their executive acquaintance and great energy, succeeded in overcoming all obstacles.

The Fair which has just closed was a grand success. We are now prepared to pay the large premium list and all our debts, and have our buildings left for another year. It is gratifying to be able to say to you that, from a thorough investigation of our resources, we are a self-sustaining people.

The amount of wheat raised in this Territory will sustain a much larger population than we now have. With plenty of the finest beef in the world, and all kinds of vegetables in great abundance, with over \$20,000,000 of the precious metals taken out this season, and good prospects for the continued increase in our annual yield, who can doubt our success? There is no country within my knowledge where labor is so well rewarded.

BENEFIT AND PRESENTATION.—The dramatic season closed in Helena last night in an exceedingly happy manner. One of the largest audiences that has ever greeted the management, assembled to do honor to an actor who has by his talent won an enviable reputation and a name among those whom fame does to crown with Thespian laurels, and a gentleman who, by his courtesy deportment and moral culture, has gained the respect of our entire city. The assemblage was composed of the "elite" of this brilliant metropolis, who welcomed with demonstrations of delight the appearance of the recipient of their grand testimonial which was not only a compliment but a substantial evidence that our people meant it. The play selected was "The Streets of New York." Of the rendition of the various characters it is not our province to elaborate a critique. It was acted in a manner that suited the immense audience to whom no one will deny rare intelligence to appreciate fine acting, and elegance of taste to criticize correctly the representation that may be presented for their judgment or enjoyment. Mr. Langrishe's "Badger" is rarely surpassed. Madame Scheller, as "Lucy Fairweather," was the very ideal of the character; Mr. Walden needed not the brief pilgrimage of Capt. Fairweather to demonstrate his rare qualities as an actor; Martin, as Dan, the Moses of the family, was a great success; Mrs. Langrishe as Alida Bloodgood, was superb; Mr. Norwood in the character of Puffy, was immense, as also could be said of Griffith as Mrs. Puffy. The Bloodgood of Mr. Shields was very finely done. Mr. Brown, Mr. Mortimer and Mrs. Fitzwilliams were peculiarly at home in their respective parts, and acted splendidly. The other members of the company appeared to excellent advantage. At the conclusion of the third act Mr. Langrishe appeared before the curtain in response to the hearty demonstrations of the audience, and the curtain being raised, Col. Woolfolk, attended by Mr. George Secord and Colonel Shedd stepped upon the stage, and in an elegant and elaborate speech on behalf of his many friends as a token of appreciation of him as an accomplished actor and estimable gentleman, presented Mr. Langrishe with a specimen of Montana products, in the shape of a gold brick valued at five hundred dollars. The presentation was greeted with deafening applause. Mr. Langrishe, in neat and happy remarks, thanked the audience for this testimonial. Mr. Langrishe has, doubtless, made many little speeches of this kind. An actor of his ability is often called upon to do the general thing; but none present on this occasion will doubt the sincerity of Mr. Langrishe's words, or that he will fall to remember with gratitude the professional and social kindness of the people of Helena. The play proceeded in the happiest manner, and at the conclusion Mr. Langrishe, in response to the enthusiastic calls, once more said good bye to a people who have night after night been made better and more happy by his successful efforts. Thus closed the dramatic season in our fair city. The curtain has dropped for the last time. The brilliant gathering of youth and beauty have gone home. The actor and actresses have laid aside the costumes and manners of a departed age. The orchestra, which has charmed by concord of sweet sounds for so many happy evenings, has locked up the instruments; the gas has been turned down, and nothing now remains of that beautiful scene but pleasant memories, which will linger till smiling Spring brings the company welcome back to our mountain home.

ITEMS.—Good dry pine wood is selling at five dollars per cord, and now is the time to buy it. Capt. Nick Wall, of freighting fame, arrived in town by the Salt Lake coach on Saturday. There is more sickness than usual in the city at present. The most frequent form taken by disease is that of intermittent fevers. The court house at Deer Lodge is enclosed, and so near completion that it will be ready for reception at the next term of court to be held in November. The young folks on the other side are agitating the subject of a dedicatory ball for the new temple of justice.

MONTANA IN THE STATES.—By a private letter from Mr. A. O. Granger, formerly of this city, we learn that the following Montanians were stopping at the Continental Hotel in Philadelphia, on the 26th ult. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Eames, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Cavanaugh, Miss Fanny Lovell and Capt. Jas. M. Mills of the Post. Mr. Granger expects to return to Montana next Spring.

FOR HIGHLAND.—Geo. H. Clark, Esq., the representative of the celebrated Eagle Works of Chicago, goes to Highland to-morrow for the purpose of inspecting the mines in that vicinity and see what machinery can do for them. We are glad to learn that Mr. Clark is meeting with that success to which the superior work turned out by the establishment which he represents so justly entitles him.

NEW INSURANCE AGENCY.—Mr. S. H. Bohm, of the firm of Bohm & Aub, has been recently appointed the agent of the Pacific Fire Insurance Company of San Francisco. This company is one of the best on the Pacific coast and needs no recommendation from us in order to secure its business.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.—The County Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization at the Court House, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. There were only half a dozen applications for reduction of assessments, and these were satisfactorily disposed of.

DIAMOND CITY.—Great excitement has been occasioned at Diamond City recently by the discovery of rich deposits of gold in the lower portion of Confederate Gulch. During the latter portion of last week, parties at work in the lower drain ditch, near the "Canyon House," found prospects of two dollars to the pan, and similar pay has been found in the drain ditch, next above. This becoming known, the whole gulch was immediately in a fever of excitement, each individual organizing a stampede on his own hook, and planting himself on the first unclaimed ground that he could find. The consequence is, that the whole gulch has been taken up by claim-holders as far as the stagnation, at the very mouth of the canyon, and it is even thought by some that the ground will pay from that point the entire distance to the Missouri river. Confederate gulch is now staked its entire length, or over eight miles, and is rightly considered one of the best and most prosperous camps in the country. It now has fourteen drain ditches and bed-rock flumes, either in operation or in process of construction, in all of which satisfactory results are being obtained. It was thought by many that the ground above the mouth of Montana gulch would yield but light returns, but these conclusions have been proven to be false by the recent striking of rich pay in the Pilgrim drain ditch. The people of Diamond City never had as much occasion to hope for the future as at present, and at no time did the citizens

of that town ever rejoice in such full pockets. If we ever leave Helena, we are going to Diamond City.

GEN. SOL MEREDITH.—This distinguished Montanian left by yesterday's coach, accompanied by his son, for his home in Indiana. We are glad to know he will return in the spring. The General, since his sojourn in Montana, has filled the responsible position of Surveyor General, and has discharged the difficult duties of that office with universal satisfaction, and has so administered the affairs of his department that it has merited and received from the Secretary of the Interior special commendation. He has ever been foremost in all enterprises tending to advance the prosperity of our Territory, always devoting his time, energies and ability to any public benefit. The late Agricultural Fair, which culminated in such a grand success, and which will speak in more persuasive tones for the future prosperity of Montana than any event in her history, was, in a great measure, the result of his earnest efforts, untiring labor, and disinterested devotion to public prosperity. Our Territory, young and bright, just starting out upon a glorious career, can ill afford to lose such public spirits and devoted philanthropists as General Meredith, and we shall all unite in welcoming him back in spring time with renewed health and energies strengthened, and his noble, generous heart beating more fervently, to take his place among those whose names are written first in the glorious history of Montana.

PERSONAL AND JUDICIAL.—By last night's coaches Helena was favored with two distinguished judicial arrivals, one hailing from Virginia City, the Capital that is, the other from Deer Lodge, the Capital that is to be—perhaps. The former was Judge H. L. Warren, one who has, during his brief stay in the Territory, won golden opinions from all who have become acquainted with him, and who possesses eminent qualifications for the position which he now holds. The latter was Judge H. Knowles, a gentleman well read in the law, prompt in the dispatch of such business as comes before him, and one who cannot fail to give perfect satisfaction, to both attorneys and their clients. Possessed of that independence of character which is so indispensable to a man in his position, he renders his decisions with that promptness and fearlessness which gives to our courts their chief value.

COURT IN SESSION.—Both the United States and Territorial branches of the 3d District Court commenced their session yesterday morning at nine o'clock. The time of the court was occupied in the empanelling of the jury, in the calling of the docket and setting cases for trial. In his charge to the grand jury, both United States and Territorial, Judge Knowles was brief, pointed, and clear, thereby giving evidence of a correct taste and a thorough appreciation of the duties before him. The court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

VIRGINIA ITEMS.—From the Democrat we learn that Acting Governor Tufts has secured the Rockfellow building for the use of the Legislature at its coming session. The public school of Virginia City, under the charge of Mr. W. J. Marshall and Mrs. P. A. Farley, is in a flourishing condition. It contains forty-two male and thirty-four female scholars. Judge Warren has appointed Samuel B. Green Clerk of the United States First District Court. Dr. Peck continues in office as Clerk of the Supreme Court.

GOOD INDIAN.—One of those rare specimens of humanity was found at the mouth of Spruce Gulch, near Diamond City, a few days since. He had been dead several weeks, having been mortally wounded by the citizens at the time of the last Indian raid. No coroner's inquest was held, but a chignon was secured by a disciple of Escalapius.

FROM OVER THE RIVER.—We were pleased to meet in the city yesterday numerous representatives of Diamond City. Among these was Major Davenport, who keeps what he calls a "pleasant stand," with highly flat, tending results; Sheriff Lovelock, who is a terror to all evil doers, and Capt. Andrew Dussold, of boot, shoe and "rustling" proclivities. The latter leaves for Diamond to-day.

FROM MILK RIVERS.—Capt. Sam. De Bow of the Northwestern Transportation Company arrived in town yesterday from Milk River. He has finished up his boating business for the season, and is now on his way to the States. Montana parts with him the more readily from the fact that she expects to soon be able to welcome his return.

ITEMS.—F. Bohm & Co. yesterday manufactured fifteen thousand dollars' worth of bricks. The Post building is being adorned with a new exterior coating, and is pointed in imitation of stone. It is rumored that the far-famed poet Cowan, of Virginia City, contemplates visiting Helena, for the purpose of giving us a specimen of those readings which have created such intense excitement at the capital city.

INGENIUM.—We are under many obligations to Col. Lyon, the courteous librarian of the Novelty Store, for a copy of this delightful work. The extensive library connected with this store contains a splendid assortment of all classes of literature.

\$1,000 HOUSE.—It is reported that the receipts of the Theatre, on the occasion of Mr. Langrishe's benefit, was over one thousand dollars.

PENCIL SKETCHES OF MONTANA.—The work bearing this title is the most elegant and attractive which has ever been published, with our Territory for its subject. To the artistic skill and the enterprise of Mr. A. E. Mathews, we are indebted for its preparation. This gentleman visited Montana last year and made extensive journeys through our mountains for the purpose of making sketches with which to adorn the volume now presented to the public. These sketches, thirty-one in number, embrace a variety of the most beautiful scenes of our Territory, more particularly described as follows: Beaver Head Rock, Stinking Water Valley, Virginia City, Union City, Bald Mountain, Medicine Valley, exit of the Yellowstone from the mountains, in the Yellowstone Valley, Spring Canyon, Gallatin Valley, Three Forks,

Helena, and views in the vicinity, New York Gulch, Gate of the Mountains, Bear's Tooth Mountain, Prickly Pear Canyon, Bid Tail Rock, Falls of the Missouri, Fort Benton, and several beautiful views below that point on the Missouri. The sketches of the Great Falls of the Missouri and of the Three Forks are particularly interesting and grand. Accompanying these sketches are short descriptions of the localities represented, which add to the value of the volume. Mr. Mathews has just reached Helena, and will call upon our citizens for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to his work. We have no doubt that he will meet with that success to which the merit of his Montana sketches so richly entitle him. No resident of the Territory should be without that beautiful memento of his mountain home, which Mr. Mathews now offers him the facilities for obtaining.

MADAME SCHELLER.—To-day this great lyric artist, gifted singer and accomplished lady, leaves us to enter upon her winters engagement at Salt Lake. She came not unknown to fame to our city, for night after night, season succeeding season, she had delighted the most critical audiences of the east and amid the echoes of enthusiastic applause, she came to these mountains to receive a welcome, spontaneous, hearty and honest; to find friends, warm and devoted; to appear before audiences intelligent, critical and appreciative, and to realize a parting, sad, regretful and full of sorrow. While with us she has won such triumphs as could hardly fail to satisfy the wildest dreams of the most ambitious. She has presented to us some of the most artistic acting we have ever seen, and whether chanting orisons for Denmark's hero, skipping over Alpine Mountains of Melnote's cottage, she is the same accomplished, correct and finished artist, infusing into each and every character the peculiar charms of her manner and illuminating it with the scintillations of her genius. Every evening brought out some new and more charming phase of her acting. Vivacity, coquetry, sympathy and Thespian sunshine, more lovely than the storm of vain, the flood of tears and the agony of woe that formed the sublime, all were her servants; and each emotion received new and more beautiful expression from her touches. As a vocalist she is renowned. For nights she has charmed everyone with her melody, and those who had the pleasure of hearing her on Tuesday evening will never forget the beauty of that magnificent voice in that splendid rendition of the Page Aria in "The Hugonots," nor of the bewitching sweetness of "Coming Through the Rye," which received encore upon encore. Madame Scheller's last appearance was the occasion of an ovation that few artists ever receive, and must have been gratifying to her as an expression of how our people respect, admire and love her. She goes hence with the best wishes, warmest regards, and deepest regrets of our citizens, and when other laurels are on her brow, other plaudits ringing in her ears, we will remember with pleasure the scenes of the past season, and will cherish the bright hues, perfume breathing flowers of the memories of her stay in Helena. J. Guido Methus, her talented husband, whose rare ability as a scenic artist has produced for him a national reputation, accompanies Madame. Mr. Methus's ability with the pen is as rare as that of his brush, and he will favor the numerous readers of the Post with some racy and able letters. A warm welcome awaits them both when their steps turn again to Montana.

RETURNED.—We have been gratified by a call from R. B. Parrott, Esq., just returned from the Pacific coast, to which he has paid a flying trip. During his absence of thirty-nine days he has traveled thousands of miles by almost every species of conveyance—from here to Walla Walla on horseback, and by steamboat across the beautiful Pen d'Orcille Lake, down the Columbia by Fulton's invention and railroad, Portland to San Francisco by steamship, and thence back to the mountains through the agency of the iron horse and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s fast stock. His trip has been delightful and not altogether devoid of the sensational spice of adventure. We are glad to welcome Mr. Parrott's return to Montana and to note that his extended journey seems to have amended his constitution in a very gratifying manner.

COURT.—The term of Court at Gallatin continued four days. The suit of Klein-schmidt vs. Dunphy and others, was transferred to Madison county for trial at the next term. But one jury trial, Blakely vs. Ross, was tried at Gallatin. We learn that Chief Justice Warren, who is now here, will preside at the next term in Madison county, commencing one week from next Monday. He is a very able Judge and has given universal satisfaction in that capacity since entering upon the duties of his office.

Helena Market Report.

(Corrected Daily for the MONTANA POST, by) Sparks & McPherson, WHOLESALE GROCERS, NO. 69 MAIN STREET.

Quotations represent jobbing prices in clean gold dust at \$19.00 per ounce. Retail prices range from ten to twenty-five per cent higher.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Spices, Tea, Coffee, and other commodities. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

LETTER LIST.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Post Office, Helena, M. T., October 23rd, 1868.

Table listing names of individuals and their corresponding letter counts or statuses. Includes names like Allen C. W., Benson J., etc.

Bankruptcy Notice.

CASE No. 25. In the Supreme Court of Montana Territory. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Alexander I. Sullivan, Debtor. Bankrupt.

Bankruptcy Notice.

CASE No. 17. In the Supreme Court of Montana Territory. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Michael Goldstick, Debtor. Bankrupt.

Bankruptcy Notice.

CASE No. 27. In the Supreme Court of Montana Territory. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Edwin M. Childs, Debtor. Bankrupt.

Bankruptcy Notice.

CASE No. 14. In the Supreme Court of Montana Territory. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Thomas Jefferson Favorite, Debtor. Bankrupt.

Bankruptcy Notice.

CASE No. 36. In the Supreme Court of Montana Territory. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Lucien F. LaCroix, Debtor. Bankrupt.

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