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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 1st.

Alex. H. Peattie, Local Editor.

THE CITY.

From the Daily Friday. A Christmas Story.

The following "composition" came to hand through the post-office, and is supposed to have been written by some good little boy: "Christmas only comes once a year. There might be more I think because there are plenty of Chrises and plenty of masses. May be it is not constitutional to have more'n one."

MASONIC.—Wednesday the 23d inst., the installation of officers elect for Helena Lodge No. 3, Morning Star Lodge No. 5, and King Solomon Lodge No. 9, took place with private honors in the Masonic Hall.

SALVATOR BEER, as will be noticed in another column in to-day's issue, is on tap at the Union Brewery. This is a beverage far superior to the common Lager.

POULTRY.—The peculiar adaptation of turkey to Christmas is one of those evidences of special design on the part of Providence in the creation.

We follow fashion close upon the leaders' leads in all our architecture. We are building many houses, some of them costly; yet there is not a house in Montana built with Mansard roof.

this country. Who will be the first to introduce the style in Montana? CHRISTMAS having in the course of the eventful period, the gentlemen connected with this office desiring to observe it in the usual manner, there will be no paper issued from this office to-morrow morning.

HIGH MASS took place in the Catholic Church of this city last night at twelve o'clock. The chanting of the service was very fine, and added greatly to the effectiveness of the ceremony.

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT came to us in the shape of a massive, beautifully mounted ink stand from Col. Lyon, of the Novelty Store. The crowds of people who thronged that popular place of resort in search of the beautiful, the comical and the sweet in art, must have gladdened the Colonel's heart as his generous present did ours.

THE THANKS of the office are hereby extended to Mr. Lehman, of Lehman & Newman, Boulder Block, for a beautiful photograph of their establishment and a bottle of delicious old Bourbon. We shall use the former for reference, the latter for consumption.

CHRISTMAS.—It is not until the battle is over and the smoke of the conflict lifted from the field, that the combatants are able to determine the extent of the engagement, the fatality among the engaged, the condition of the survivors, and the general results.

FROM VIRGINIA CITY.—We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Con. Weary, of the firm of Nolan & Weary, who arrived last evening from the capital. He reports Virginia as having passed through Christmas safely.

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THE LOCAL of the Democrat gets mad at us for stating that sixty pounds of mutton had been sent to Virginia City and spunk bad words. We went play with you Tom if you get angry. Knock the chip off your shoulder, and don't cry any more.

NOTICE.—The public are hereby notified that I have purchased the entire interest of Mr. John Bertwistle in the "Keg Saloon," on Main street. I assume all debts due by the late firm, and collect all money due the establishment.

FROM BOULDER.—The select little party that participated in the Boulder festivities returned Saturday night, surfeited with the chaste pleasures of the dance.

BIG BRICK.—Mr. Nolan arrived last night from Cable with a bunch of gold weighing 720 ounces, the result of the last run of the Nolan mill.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The renting of the pews in the M. E. Church has been indefinitely postponed.

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BUSINESS CHANGE.—As will be seen by a local notice, Mr. A. H. Wing has purchased the entire interest in the Keg Saloon, and he is bound to keep up the reputation of this popular place of resort, and spare no means or trouble in providing for the comfort of his guests.

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PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION. HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA, Office Chief Quartermaster, St. Paul, Minn., November 27, 1898. SEALED Proposals are invited from those loyal citizens of the United States having the capital and means to execute fully and fairly in all its parts and conditions, a contract for the wagon transportation for the United States Quartermaster's Department for the District of Montana, next season, beginning April 1st and ending March 31st, 1870, for that district outside of the limits embraced by the present contract for that month (April), for that district, and beginning May 1st, 1869, for the yearly contract of the entire district, namely:

All that part of Montana, included in the Department of Dakota. The object of the contract is to transport supplies to or from any Post now established, or that may be established within the above described District; to haul baggage or supplies to accompany troops upon any march or in any military operations, within that part of Montana Territory as above described.

Bidders will state the rate per one hundred (100) pounds for one hundred (100) miles, for each month of the year commencing April 1st, 1869, and ending March 31st, 1870.

Proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for Army Transportation in Montana," and none will be received unless they fully comply with the requirements of this advertisement.

The party to whom an award is made must be prepared to execute the contract at once, and to give the required bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.

Proposals for the above will be received at Fort Shaw, Montana Territory, by Captain N. S. Constable, A. Q. M. U. S. A., Chief of M. District of Montana, at each other point as may be indicated as the starting point in said District.

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TAYLOR, THOMPSON & CO., EXCLUSIVE WHOLESALE DEALERS, NO. 81 MAIN ST. THE LARGEST FIRE PROOF BUILDING. GROCERIES, PAINTS AND OILS, HYDRAULIC HOSE, DUCK AND BELTING, QUICKSILVER, ORGANIS AND TOBACCO, ALL SIZES OF IRON AND STEEL.

JOHN P. FINK & CO., WHOLESALE and retail dealers in Custom-Made Gents' Boots, Ladies' Boots, Boys' Boots, Misses' Boots. WE have just received our first train, comprising in all and every variety of Boot and Shoes.

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TAYLOR'S BRIDGE, across Snake River, and 255 miles from Virginia City, M. T. In strength, purity and whiteness, it is unsurpassed by any Salt manufactured in the United States.

WALTHAM WATCHES. Look at these Prices For Jewels. The P. S. Bartlett movement, with extra Jewels, Chromometer Balance, Patent Dist. Cap, Patent Safety Pinion, and all other late improvements, in a solid 3 oz. Gold Silver Hunting Case, with Gold Joints, \$27 case \$30. In 5 oz. case \$33 case. The same in 4 oz. case \$30. In 5 oz. case \$35 case.

HOWARD & CO., Jewelers and Silversmiths, 619 Broadway N. Y. One Block above the Metropolitan Hotel. Every one visiting New York is invited to call at our establishment. In order that all may address us with confidence we invite attention to the following:

To the Watchmakers OF THE Territory. Schurz & Bundy, No. 63 Main Street. Have just received a complete stock of all kinds of WATCH MATERIAL.

Embracing a fine assortment of GLASSES AND KEYS, which we offer CHEAP TO THE TRADE! Orders from a distance will receive careful and prompt attention.

WATCH WORK. Of all descriptions will be done on the most reasonable terms. Giving my personal attention to this branch of the business, I shall be able to give perfect satisfaction.

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PRECIOUS STONES. All work guaranteed as represented. from the country promptly attended to. jan11-tf BARTOS & WILL.

Notice to BANKERS and MINERS. MERCHANTS AND MINERS. Assay Office of F. BOTT & CO., HELENA, M. T., July 1887. OUR charges for Melting and Assaying gold are as follows: On all sums up to \$1,200, \$3 per assay.

MINERAL ASSAYS at Reduced Rates. Mineral Assays at Reduced Rates. F. BOTT & CO., HELENA, M. T., July 1887.

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