

The Montana Post.

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THE CITY.

From Tuesday's Daily.

MASONIC TEMPLE.—The Masonic Convention held last evening to take action in regard to the proposed Temple for Masonic purposes, was largely attended by the Brethren.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee raised by the Orders of Masons, in Helena, to report upon the building of a Masonic Temple, beg leave to report that they have examined various sites and have obtained estimates of the probable cost of the erection of such an edifice as will be suitable and commensurate with the present and future needs of the fraternity.

Resolved 1st. That it is expedient and necessary that a new Masonic Hall be built in Helena, of a more permanent character and more commodious than the present.

2d. That the present Committee be requested to make a vigorous effort to raise the necessary subscription to build such an edifice as shall be deemed necessary.

3d. That the Trustees be, and they are fully authorized, when the requested subscription is raised, to purchase the grounds and contract for the erection of a building, suited and adapted to the wants and convenience of the fraternity.

Your Committee believe that the only proper and feasible course to be pursued is to fully authorize the Trustees appointed by all the Orders in Helena, to go forward, and after having authorized themselves that the necessary funds can be raised, to contract for the lot and erection of the building unhampered.

Your Committee are not fully prepared, nor do they deem it necessary, to designate a lot upon which the edifice should be located, but believe the Trustees should be left free to select the best to be had, after fully canvassing the whole matter, when the requisite funds are raised.

Your Committee would recommend that the faith of the Masonic Orders of Helena be pledged to sustain the Trustees appointed by the Orders in the carrying out of the objects for which the same may be appointed.

We believe that without any material embarrassment the fraternity can put up a building which will not only be a credit to the city, but which will also secure extinguish any debt which may be necessary to carry out the object, and that the erection thereof will redound greatly to the welfare and permanent prosperity of our beloved Order.

Respectfully, J. R. BOYCE, Sr., Chm'n. CORNELIUS HEDGES, SOL. STAR. HENRY ALLEN, JOHN POTTER, Secretary.

After the adoption of the resolutions, an expression was had from quite a number of the Fraternity in regard to various sites, suitable for building purposes, character of building, etc.

M. D.—The late rains have already been swallowed up by the relentless maw of "Mother Earth," and the consequence is that our maternal mud and her grand-mud has become dry and crusty again.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Thos. E. Tutt, one of the leading citizens not only of Montana but of the West, arrived yesterday's coach from an extended visit to the States.

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FAR FETCHED.—Sacred history falls to inform us to what particular variety the irresistible apple belonged which caused so much incontinence to the occupants of the Garden of Eden, contenting itself by leaving us to infer that it was "fall" fruit.

FROM CORINNE.—Charley Roder's mule train arrived yesterday from Corinne, having left that place on the 13th of May and being eighteen days on the trip.

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Benton News.

IDA REES AND CORA ARRIVED.

Steamers North Alabama, Pennington, Mountaineer and Fanny Barker Daily Expected.

EDMOND POST.—The Ida Rees which left Omaha, April 23, arrived in Benton on the morning of the 30th. The Cora arrived at noon on the 21st. She left St. Louis March 30th, making the trip in sixty-one days.

CONSUMERS.—Levy, Sherwood & Co. Helena, 2571 1/2 lbs. 25 bags, 416 cwt. 117 bbls.—E. O. Helm, J. R. Caldwell & Co., Helena, 20 tons mds; E. S. Mansfield, Helena; I. G. Baker, Benton.

PASSENGERS.—P. H. Hopkins, M. H. Pennington, O. W. Black, Thos. Rebert, C. Newberry, Mrs. Reynolds and daughter, Peter Knowles, A. Worleston, Chas. Hilsner, H. Miller, J. F. Alfred, E. Langermood, D. Wisenberger, W. G. Hesser, J. DeLester, J. Bend, Chas. Strong, A. Strager, H. Fisher, M. Hoffman, G. L. Hayes, C. J. W. H. Stephens, J. D. Hall, H. E. Worth, H. J. Ivanhoe, P. P. Meredith, J. Lawson, W. W. W. Kresh, Wm. Walters, H. Silver, M. W. Handman, Peter Corbary, C. J. Carpenter, G. L. Hays, M. Cooley, P. McLaughlin, J. Gaglio, P. Miller, R. Sutherland, Fred Shelby, H. Beyer, P. Shipley, G. L. Hayes, J. D. Hall, J. D. Hall.

The Importer left June 1st, with a full load of passengers, a considerable amount of treasure and a large quantity of freight. The river is falling rapidly; the latter boats are not expected to reach Fort Benton unless there is more rain.

DEER LODGE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.—From gentlemen who arrived from Deer Lodge last evening, we learn that the Republican Convention which met in Deer Lodge on Tuesday was fully attended and harmonious. A full delegation was elected to the Territorial Convention in Helena.

TRAVIS' STABLE.—One cannot look through the immense stable of Travis & Bro. without a feeling of pride that so large a stable is to take the place of the old building, and that Helena, in the eyes of shrewd business men, will support and sustain so extensive an establishment as it will be required to occupy said building. It is about completed, and will indeed be a model establishment.

NEW YORK.—We noticed a team unloading brick on Main street, which was from the kiln just burned by George Montgomery. They were very serviceable looking brick, and were regarded with much satisfaction by those who are experienced in the brick business.

BLACKFOOT.—From Mr. Cary, who arrived in our city from this mining camp, we learn that there is much dependency on account of the prospect of very little water. A large number are mining, but not the number that would be there plenty of water.

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THE WEST.

Denver had a hail storm May 25.

The Corinntheans don't appear to like Judge Cass.

The Enterprise, Wyoming, Nevada, complains of dull times.

Mrs. Bloomer's husband is Mayor of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Hartz, the illusionist, is in Virginia, Nevada.

S. A. Mann, Secretary of Utah, is at Salt Lake.

Grizzly bears are killing cattle in Santa Cruz county, Cal.

In the California State Treasury there is \$1,500,000 lying idle.

A running spring of petroleum has been found on a Kansas farm.

Mike Price was struck with paralysis at White Pine a few days ago.

A "century plant" is in full bloom in San Francisco.

The Recivelo says a good dentist would do well at Austin.

J. W. Forbes has taken the editorial chair of the White Pine News.

Michael Norton has been sent to the Insane Asylum from Nevada county, California.

Joe Coburn and Major O'Keiff had a jumping match at White Pine last Sunday. Joe lost.

A. K. P. Safford, Governor of Arizona, left Virginia, Nevada, for his new home, May 20th.

Joe Lockett of Idaho, reported dead, has turned up all right on the Colorado River.

John Cornepeck was the fiend who killed Mrs. Burmester, in Idaho, a few weeks since.

Salucius S. Garfield is the Republican candidate for Congress in Washington Territory.

The Indians have been committing depredations near Rawlings' Springs within the past few days.

John B. Manchester, the old sailor lawyer, died in San Francisco, May 24, of Marasmus. He was 57 years old.

Frederick Robinson had his leg broken by a fall from his horse near Bloomfield, Nevada county, Cal., May 21.

Grasshoppers are robbing Paradise valley, Idaho, of all the characteristics of Paradise.

The Owyhee Tidal Wave is a marvel of a country journal. It is a tidal wave of local intelligence.

New Jerusalem, is the name given to a portion of San Joaquin county. It is an opposition to Paradise a little beyond.

It was rumored in Boise that Charles H. Rogers, late Recorder and Auditor of Blaine county, died at Rocky Bar on the 15th ult.

After all, Jo Smith the veritable original, Simon pure anti-polygamous, head of the Mormon church, is not dead but alive and in Plano, Ill.

The Idaho Statesman of the 23d says: The funeral procession which followed the remains of Mrs. Burmester to their last resting place was the largest ever witnessed in the Territory.

The Walls Walla (W. T.) Statesman says the people in the vicinity of Spaulding's, on the Torch, are having something new in the annals of stock raising.

A farmer from that section informs us that fifteen out of twenty of the calves born there this spring have either been so badly deformed that they died at birth, or it was necessary to kill them to put them out of misery.

In one instance there was only one perfectly formed calf out of thirteen and in another only one out of six.

The farmers there believe that they have discovered the cause of this singular freak of nature in the fact that only cows that range in the vicinity of, and lick at, banks supposed to be impregnated with alum, have deformed calves.

The residents there are preparing to fence these licks, and thus in the future avoid the misfortune that has befallen them this season.

The last week, besides the opening of this, the first hotel of the city, has witnessed the accession of three or four heavy business firms, one of which bought a large building heretofore used as a gambling house, and the other yesterday commenced the erection of an adobe house 22x80 feet in size.

Large stocks of goods are ready to go into both. Megeath & Co. have erected a large warehouse since Wednesday last, and on Sunday 35 car loads of freight were switched off on our siding.

Of this, 70 tons we know are consigned to Montana. Mr. Snyder says, so late Eastern arrival informs us, that he has an immense quantity of freight for shipment to Montana.

More, no doubt, on account of the unusual low stage of water in the Missouri river, preventing boats from getting nearer Helena than Corinne is. A train carrying 15,000 pounds of merchandise pulled out for Boise City yesterday, and one of ten thousand more wagons came in from Ogden, looking for freight northward.

FROM MISSOULA. Henry Thompson, Esq., Treasurer and Acting Chairman of the Territorial Committee.

The Republicans of Missoula county will respond to the call of the Territorial Central Committee.

Thos. M. POMEROY, Secretary. Missoula, May 24, 1869.

We learn from Mr. Frank Worden, who left Missoula since the above was written, that a County Convention has been called in that county and it will be fully, favorably and intelligently represented in the Republican Territorial Convention and at the ballot box.

This, from the Tidal Wave of May 21st is good. Our readers will remember the squib from which it doubtless originated. Coming just at this time, it is double edged with fun.

It is reported in Montana that Major Jaco P. Bruce, ignoring the pretensions of Sample Orr for nomination, has traded the Democrat office to Cavanaugh for his chance, and that Cavanaugh will immediately assume the editorship of that paper and advocate the claims of the Major, as Delegate to Congress.

THE Columbian Congress is reconsidering the Darien Canal treaty, with a probability that it will be ratified this term by the Senate.

A LIVE MAN IN A DEAD MAN'S COFFIN.—The latest attempt of a convict to escape from prison, occurred at the Joliet Penitentiary recently. On the evening previous a colored convict had died, and his dead body was placed in a rough coffin for burial.

On Thursday morning, when the remains were about to be conveyed to the burying ground, which is a short distance from the premises, one of the officers perceived a slight movement of the coffin lid, which had not yet been screwed down.

The lid being raised, lo and behold, instead of a dead black man, a live convict was found lying in the coffin. He was hustled out summarily and required to give an explanation. It appears that early in the morning, while the other convicts were at breakfast, he smuggled himself into the room where the coffin was, removed the corpse of the colored man, deposited it in an empty barrel, and got into the coffin himself, expecting he would be reaching the burying ground, and before reaching the burying ground jump out and escape.

Being almost smothered, he raised the lid slightly to get a breath of air, and was thus discovered in time to spoil his "little game." If he had remained quiet a minute or two longer, the lid would have been screwed down and he would probably have been smothered to death.

A COURTELY RESPONSE.—The following which we find in the Examiner of May 13th, is good whether true or not, and extremely good if true:

A high military official on this coast telegraphed rather verbosely to Sherman to know if he could, in response to the public demand, fire a national salute from the forts in celebration of the completion of the Pacific Railroad.

The response was: "By all means. Your dispatch cost a damn sight more than the powder you'll burn." This was pointed it not elegant.

On the eve of his departure from Salt Lake City, a committee of three of the Gentile citizens, consisting of Messrs. Robertson, Walters and Frag, waited upon Secretary Higgins, Acting Governor during the late session of the Legislature of Utah, and presented him with an elegant gold watch on behalf of the Gentiles of the city, accompanied by the following inscription: "Presented to Edwin Higgins by the Gentiles of Salt Lake City, May 23, 1869, as a testimonial of their esteem for his public acts."—Reporter.

GOLD INK may be made by grinding gold leaf to an impalpable paste with pure honey on a