

MRS. GRUNDY'S CORNER.

The Doings of Society People in Helena for the Week Just Ended.

Pleasant Reunion of Former School Mates at Mrs. Kirkendall's.

Delightful Pink Tea Given by Mrs. Beattie at the Helena—Musical at Mrs. Langley's—Society Notes.

Mrs. Kirkendall's home on Madison avenue, was the scene of a pleasant little reunion on Thursday afternoon.

These days of apple blossoms and fresh and dainty green leafing seem just the season, surely, for a social and entertaining as "pink luncheon," such as was given on Friday afternoon by Mrs. E. W. Beattie.

Hotel Helena was chosen by the hostess as the most appropriate place to entertain her guests, and a glance at menu and tables, together with the warm expressions of delight heard next day, proved that she chose wisely.

The tables were profusely garlanded in smiles and beautified by the pink blossoms of carnations and roses as fragrant as beautiful.

The hostess was attired in a becoming gown of lavender, combined with white and black, and a pink bonnet of velvet and crushed roses.

Last Monday evening Mrs. B. H. Langley invited a few of her friends to her home, corner of Madison avenue and Hemlock street, to meet her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Doane, of Holly, Mich.

Mrs. Doane, of Holly, Mich. Mr. Doane was formerly at the head of the conservatory of music in Dubuque, Iowa.

Personal and General.

Mr. E. S. French is in town again. Mr. G. H. Bailey is expected to return soon.

Mrs. McCauley, of Ft. Assiniboine, is a guest in Helena.

Mr. E. W. Knight, Sr., intends building a new home on the east side.

Mr. C. J. Tooker contemplates building a residence out in our suburbs.

Dr. Baldwin and wife have moved into their new home on east Broadway.

The fine new house of Mr. W. E. Cox on Harrison avenue is rapidly growing.

Mrs. Prosser has purchased the house on Lawrence street occupied by Mr. Lambie.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. W. E. Cox on Benton avenue last week.

Miss Julia Christenson of Benton avenue is visiting her father and mother at her home in Bolfield, Dakota.

The date of the sale given by the ladies of the Episcopal church has been changed from Monday, the 13th to Friday, the 10th.

Mrs. Stewart, of Benton avenue, returned last week after a two months' sojourn in various towns of Michigan and other cities east.

The red sign announces scarlet fever in the home of Mr. Z. T. Burton, of Harrison avenue. The little daughter, Addie, is the sufferer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner have moved from their home on Benton avenue to the last house on Hemlock street, near the foot of Mt. Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Langley took their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Doane, to see Butte and Great Falls last week. They have now left for the Pacific coast.

Our well known townswoman, Mr. W. C. Gillette and sister will this week establish themselves in their pretty new residence just completed on their ranch, situated near the Dearborn.

The Cation club will give its next party at the Hotel Broadwater, Friday, the 16th inst. The usual motor arrangements will be made by the management.

Mr. Chas. D. Greenfield has returned from his visit to Baltimore. Mrs. Greenfield and the children will visit friends at Toledo, Ohio, before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bateman, of Butte, who have spent the winter in California, will soon visit at the home of Mr. J. H. Jurgens in Helena for several weeks.

The wedding cards of Mr. Sidney Withers and Miss Kate announce that they will be at home to their friends after May 10th, at Stewart and Linden avenues.

Mrs. and Miss Cullen a few days after their return from St. Paul last week, started in company with Mr. W. E. Cullen for Salt Lake City to make a short visit.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church expect to give a series of music recitals, for the benefit of the church during the summer. They will occur monthly.

Miss Edna Hedges leaves soon for the east where she will visit friends and attend the commencement exercises of her class at Wellesley before sailing for Europe on June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson, of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived yesterday via the Great Northern. They are visiting their son, John W. Thompson, corner Eleventh avenue and Raleigh street.

The brilliant success of the military ball at the Armory last Friday night proved that uniforms are as effective in social life as in military, and that soldiers can manage a ball as well as a drill or a war.

Mrs. Lambertson's soiree at Encore hall on Friday night received a larger attendance than usual and proved as pleasant as its predecessors. Mrs. Lambertson will next week give a full dress party, which will be opened by an exhibition of children's dancing.

The Flower-Vale wedding cards are out for Wednesday evening, May 21. The ceremony will be performed at St. Peter's Church. The reception will take place at the bride's home on Dearborn street between the hours of 8:30 and 11 p. m.

Mrs. M. B. Sterling has just received the sad news of the death of her father, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. K. Thomas, near Portland, Ore. He had lived there since 1851 and was a prominent citizen of high character and sterling integrity.

Mrs. Fritz entertained Mrs. Chadwick's Sunday school class on Tuesday evening at her home, corner of Warren and Lawrence streets. The boys and girls had a very merry time with games and charades.

Those present were Alta and Fannie Child, Nellie Blake, Mamie Pope, Sophie Hoag, Daisy Carpenter, Grace Cullen and Frankie Jurgens.

As a good illustration of perseverance and frankness, a gentleman of the west side deserves the medal. One evening, recently, he called on a young lady at 8 o'clock and made this confession: "Miss ———, I've come to ask you to go to the ——— to-night; I've already asked three married ladies and received the mitten, and if you refuse I shall not shed any tears." She went.

Mr. Harvey English on Monday night gave a party for his guest and friend, Mr. Ed Waters. Games and cards were the diversion of the evening, and a very jovial time was enjoyed. Among those present were Misses Raleigh, Rector, Mary and Birdie Wilson, Inez and Emma Smith, Bach, Lehman, Martin, Kinna and Allen of Chicago, and Messrs. Smith, Kinna, Town and Waters.

Hanser Boulevard in the vicinity of Hiawatha street, will in the near future, be the location of many pleasant new homes. What is known as the "West Side Colony," including some of our best people, intend building there on a number of lots secured by Mr. G. S. Appleton, who will also have the construction of the houses in charge. Some of the names of those who form part of the colony are Messrs. E. W. and Geo. Child, Franklin, Burke, Harlow, Humbert, E. Sharp and others.

Mrs. Frackleton, of Milwaukee, the well known artist in china decoration, has expressed a desire to spend the summer in Helena, and wishes to secure a class for the study and practice of china decoration. Mrs. Frackleton is well known to ladies interested in the art, and she is the author of a popular and instructive book upon the subject. She is considered a fine artist in her line, having received prizes for her work in Paris and is the author of a great many articles. She is considered one of the best teachers in the country. Her visit will give Helena ladies a rare opportunity to study the art of china decoration, and many have already expressed their intention of improving it. Particulars may be had by addressing Miss Phillips, 113 Clark street, this city.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are making a short visit in Helena this week.

The Billings band has begun its summer concerts in the park. The citizens are proud of it, and show their appreciation by turning out to hear the boys once a week.

The May-pole dance at the Grand Hotel by the young ladies of the Episcopal church was in every way a success. The braiding and unbraiding of the ribbons on the pole was very pretty and highly appreciated by the audience. Later in the evening the young ladies were requested to repeat the dance for the benefit of those who arrived late. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing by the company. Refreshments were served.

The Peak Sisters made their appearance before a small but demonstrative audience. They presented a very grotesque appearance with their peaky hats and bonnets. Each one acted her part well, but Miss Hays, who led the chorus, deserves special mention. The grand march was beautifully done and showed considerable work in perfecting it. The first part of the program was composed of vocal selections by Mrs. R. Sawyer, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Shoemaker, Miss Mooney, and Messrs. Oldam, Hays and Swift.

Dillon.

Among the Helena attorneys attending district court in this city this week were Robert B. Smith and Judge McConnell. Butte is represented by John and James W. Forbis, W. J. Fenberton and G. W. Stapleton, and Deer Lodge by J. C. Robinson and J. H. Duffy.

The California opera company in Said Pasha drew a large and appreciative audience to the Dillon opera house last Monday evening.

Thomas Fox, one of Argenta's leading merchants, visited Dillon this week.

Miss Lou Cummings, who has been visiting in Anaconda, has returned.

A lawn tennis club will be organized here shortly.

Hon. George L. Batchelder, of Horse Prairie, was in Dillon several days this week.

J. R. Willis and Harry Pond, of Greendale, were in Dillon Wednesday.

Judge Galbraith departed for Helena Monday.

The public school entertainment at the opera house Friday evening was a very successful affair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard passed through this city from Denver en route to Butte Friday. Mr. Howard is a resident of Butte, and his bride was Miss Berdie Mellin, formerly of this place.

Drs. Dungan and Pitts visited Argenta Thursday.

District court, which has been in session this week, has lived things up considerably.

Miss Mary Eunis departed for Beaver Canon last Monday, where she will teach the summer term of school.

Mrs. J. F. Wenrich will leave for Missoula in a few days on a visit.

Miss W. S. Storboun is visiting friends in Rexbury, Idaho.

Boulder.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers entertained a large and appreciative audience at the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bodley Halford and little daughter have gone to Meagher county on a visit to her parents, near Townsend. The trip is for the little one's health and is for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Comly and family, of Helena, accompanied by Miss Minnie Brock, occupied a cottage at the Boulder Hot Springs during the week, and returned to the city yesterday evening.

Mr. M. E. Downs, of East Helena, was at the Springs Friday.

Mr. J. W. Ellis and Miss Olive Taylor were married last Sunday evening at the residence of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, of Boulder. Rev. H. W. Curran officiating. The ceremony was private. Both the contracting parties are well known and favorably throughout the county, and are the recipients of the most hearty congratulations from their many friends. They will make their home in Boulder.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan left for their home at Missoula Tuesday after a short visit to relatives in Boulder valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Cowan made a brief visit to Butte last week.

Miss Nellie Sweet and Miss Anna Sunderland are rusticating at the Boulder Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Calvin visited the county capital during the week.

Mr. H. W. Taylor is quite ill with rheumatism.

Jefferson.

A heavy rain yesterday, the first this spring, gave the ground a good wetting, and the crops are coming up well.

LeFrank & Johnson, the new merchants who bought out W. H. Campbell, they have added largely to their store, and now they expect to keep everything and sell cheap.

The Flume company, B. F. Wood, manager, has finished a survey and will soon be ready for operations. The bids are to be let now for laying a flume.

Mrs. Wood left for Helena this forenoon to join her husband.

The Jefferson hotel is vacated by Mr. Putnam. We ought to have a new landlord.

Two carloads concentrates are shipped daily by the Corbin concentrator to the Montana Smelting company of Great Falls.

Only all-wool jerseys, smoked front, worth \$2.50, for \$1.25 at Fowler's Cash Store.

Full line of fresh Homeopathic medicines at Max Behren's Drug Store, Sixth avenue.

Where can I buy ribbons at one-half their value? Fowler's Cash Store.

Fine cigars at Woodman & Sanders, opposite Grand Central Hotel.

Who has the largest assortment of silk gloves and corsets? Fowler's Cash Store.

AN ADVENTURE WITH A SNAKE.

While travelling in South America, I experienced many adventures, one of which was particularly hazardous.

The sun had just passed the meridian in a cloudless sky; there was scarcely a bird to be seen; the winged inhabitants of the forest, overcome by heat, had retired to the thickest shades; all would have been like midnight silence were it not that the shrill voice of the pipi-yo every now and then resounded from a distant tree. I was sitting with a "Horace" in my hand, when a negro with his little dog came down the hill in haste, and informed me that a snake had been discovered, and that it was a young one called the bushmaster, a rare and poisonous breed. I instantly rose up, and laying hold of an eight-foot lance which was close by me, started to look at the monster. I was bare-foot, with an old hat and check shirt and trousers on, and a pair of braces to keep them up. The negro had his cutlass, and we ascended the hill; another negro, armed with a cutlass, joined us, judging from our pace that there was something to do. The little dog came along with us, and when we got about half a mile in the forest the negro stopped and pointed to a fallen tree; all was still and silent. I told the negroes not to stir from the place where they were, and to keep the little dog in, and that I would go on and reconnoiter. I advanced up to the place slowly and cautiously. At last I made the snake out; it was not poisonous, but large enough to have crushed any of us to death.

On ascertaining the size of the serpent, I retired slowly the way I came, and promised four dollars to the negro who had shown it to me, and one to the other who had joined us. Aware that the day was on the decline, and that the approach of night would be detrimental to dissection, I thought that I would take it alive. I imagined, if I could strike it with the lance behind the head, and pin him to the ground, I might succeed in capturing him. When I told this to the negroes, they begged and entreated me to let them go for a gun and bring more force, as they were sure the snake would kill some of us; but I had been in search of a large serpent for years, and now having come up with one, it did not become me to turn soft. So, taking a cutlass from one of the negroes, and then ranging both the sable slaves behind me, I told them to follow me and that I would cut them down if they offered to fly.

When we got up to the place the serpent had not stirred. I could see nothing of its head, and I judged by the folds of its body that it must be at the furthest side of his den. A species of woodchuck had gnawed a complete mantle over the branches of the fallen tree, almost impervious to the rays of the sun. Probably the snake had resorted to this sequestered place for a length of time, as it bore the marks of an ancient settlement, and now looking at the fallen tree, almost impervious to the rays of the sun, I determined to cut away the woodbins and break the twigs in the gentlest manner possible, till I could get a view of his head. One negro stood guard close behind me with the lance and near him the other with a cutlass. The cutlass which I had taken from the first negro was on the ground close by me in case of need.

After working in dead silence for a quarter of an hour, with one knee all the time on the ground, I had cleared away enough to see his head. It appeared coming out between the first and second coil of his body, and was flat on the ground. This was the very position I wished it to be in. I rose in silence, and retreated very slowly, making a sign to the negroes to do the same. We were at this time about twenty yards from the snake's den. I now ranged the negroes behind me, and told him who stood next to me to lay hold of the lance the moment I struck the snake and that the other must attend my movements. It now only remained to take their cutlasses from them, for I was sure if I did not disarm them they would be tempted to strike the snake in time of danger, and thus forever spoil his skin. On taking their cutlasses from them, if I might judge from their physiognomy, they seemed to consider it as a most intolerable act of tyranny on my part. Probably nothing kept them from bolting but the consolation that I was to be between them and the snake.

We went slowly on in silence, without moving our arms or heads, in order to prevent alarm as much as possible, lest the snake should glide off or attack us in self-defense. I carried the lance perpendicularly before me, with the point about a foot from the ground. The snake had not moved; and, on getting up to him, I struck him with the lance on the rear side, just behind the neck, and pinned him to the ground. That moment the negro next to me seized the lance and held it firm in its place, while I dashed head foremost into the den to grapple with the snake, and to get hold of its tail before it could do any mischief. On being pinned to the ground with the lance, it gave a tremendous lound hiss, and the little dog ran away, howling. We had a sharp fray in the den, the rotten sticks flying on all sides, and each party struggling for superiority. The second negro threw himself upon me, as I found I was not heavy enough, and the additional weight was of great service. I had now got a firm hold of the tail, and after a violent struggle or two, the snake gave in. While the first negro continued to hold the lance firm to the ground, and the other was helping me, I contrived to unloose my braces, and with them tied up the snake's mouth.

We contrived to make his snout slip twist round the shaft of the lance, and then prepared to convey it out of the forest. I stood at its head and held it firmly under my arm, one negro supporting the body with the lance, and the other the tail. In this order we began to move slowly toward home, and reached it after resting every ten minutes, for the snake was too heavy for us to support. It without stopping to recruit our strength. As we proceeded onward with it, it fought hard for freedom, but it was all in vain. The day was now too far spent to think of dissecting it. Had I killed it, a partial putrefaction would have taken place before morning. I had brought with me into the forest a strong bag, large enough to contain any animal I should want to dissect. I considered this the best mode of keeping alive wild animals when I was pressed for daylight, for a bag, yielding in every direction to their efforts, they would have nothing solid or fixed to work on, and thus would be prevented from making a hole through it, or fixed, for after the mouth of the bag was closed, the bag itself was not fastened or tied to anything, but moved about wherever the animal inside caused it to roll. After securing afresh the mouth of the monster, it was forced into this bag, and left to its fate till morning.

I cannot say it allowed me to have a quiet night. My hammock was in the loft just above him, and the floor between half gone to decay, so that in parts of it no boards intervened between his lodging and mine. He was very restless and fretful, and had Medusa been my wife, there could not have been more continued and disagreeable hissing in the bed-chamber that night. At daylight I sent to borrow ten of the negroes who were cutting wood at a distance, as I judged it most prudent to have a good force, in case he should try to escape from the house when we opened the bag. However, nothing serious occurred. We untied the bag, kept him down by main force, and then cut his throat. He bled like an ox. By six o'clock the same evening he was completely dissected.

On measuring him afterward, he was found to be something more than sixteen feet long. This species of snake is very rare, and much thicker, in proportion to his length, than any other snake in the forest; one fourteen feet in length is as thick as a common one of twenty-five. After skinning this snake, I could easily get my head into its mouth, as the singular formation of the jaws admits of wonderful extension.

Full line of fresh Homeopathic medicines at Max Behren's Drug Store, Sixth avenue.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT. I

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim for the following described land, to-wit: Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 10 West, 1st 10 North, R. 1 West.

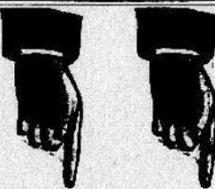
He names the following witnesses to prove his claim: Charles W. Wilson, James J. Jones, of Helena, Montana; John S. Brown, of Helena, Montana.

S. W. LANGFORD, Register.

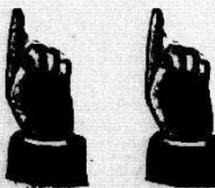
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