

LOCAL NEWS.

An important decision by the Court of Appeals is held over for publication in our next issue.

MR. JOB THOMPSON was in to see us the other day and bade the HUSBANDMAN God speed four dollars' worth. Many thanks.

MR. HATHORN was over from White's to pay his respects to our County Treasurer.

THE thermometer stood at 24° below zero Sunday morning.

EGGS are worth seventy-five cents per dozen in this market.

J. R. MARKS, our enterprising farmer and freighter, was in with his teams this week.

MR. PICKERING called yesterday to pay his tribute of respect to this office.

FREIGHT trains were crossing the Missouri river, at Daniel & Estice's ferry, yesterday, on the ice.

A GENTLEMAN from the valley informs us that Messrs. Monroe & Norton are erecting a smelter at their lead on Grayson creek. They have a good lead and high grade ore.

THE faces of our stock men were drawn out as long as a church steeple until the chinook set in. Now they are as smiling and bright as a new blown rose.

OUR friend Mr. Joe Stephens was over from his sheep ranche the other day. He says the flocks are doing fine. The Chinook tickles them ever so much.

MR. MILLER, of the firm of Kessler & Miller, Helena, who has been spending a few weeks at the White Sulphur Springs, came in yesterday, on his way home.

ADVICES from Centerville state they have had considerable trouble in getting their mails for several days past, notwithstanding the ice formed a good bridge and freight teams were crossing regularly.

MRS. H. B. BRAINARD is over from the White Sulphur Springs. She is looking as fresh and rosy as a may morning. Either country life or the mineral springs have a marked influence.

THE Diamond R. ox train which came this way on account of the impassable condition of the Duck Creek range, and was caught in the storm near here on the 12th, pulled out Monday. One of their twelve mule teams passed east the same day.

WE ARE preparing a Grange directory which we will publish next week. In order that it may be complete and correct, we would request the Secretaries of the several Granges to send us the name of the Master and the time and place of meeting of their respective Granges.

THE lovers of the light fantastic met at Good Templars' Hall, on Monday evening, and spent a few hours in the mazes of the merry dance. Our business was such that we could not attend, but we are certain they had a good time—our Diamond people always do. The party was, we understand, given in honor of the late arrivals of Mrs. Brainard and Miss Finn. Diamond has at all times a smile and joyful welcome for all.

WHILE hurrying down street on Monday evening, Mr. Job Thompson jumped from the side-walk, alighting upon a glare of ice, which threw him violently to the ground. He was rendered insensible by the fall, and laid for some time before recovering sufficiently to crawl away and make his accident known. Fortunately, there were no bones broken, but the injuries are very serious and will disable him for some time.

ROLL OF HONOR OF DIAMOND CITY SCHOOL.—Perfect in attendance for one month, commencing Nov. 1st, and ending Nov. 26th:

Moses Marks,	William Walling,		
Samuel Higgins,	Mary Ford,		
Charles Nolan,	James Nolan.		
Grade of attendance, deportment and study:			
Mary Nolan,	93	Moses Marks,	93
Mary Ford,	93	Samuel Higgins,	93
Wm. Walling,	93	Nellie Kent,	92
John Kent,	92	Mary Smith,	91
Sarah Smith,	91	Simon Marks,	91
James Nolan,	91	William Kent,	90
Charles Nolan,	90		

CHAS. S. KELLY, Teacher.

WE SENT our "devil" over, last week, to scatter a few numbers of our little journal among the people of the Metropolis. It was a little wicked in us, to turn this King of Blackness loose among the quiet people of our neighboring city, but the result has proved entirely satisfactory to this office, as a reference to our advertising columns will indicate. To those representatives of the trade of Helena we respectfully call the attention of our readers:

The firm of J. R. Boyce & Co., the senior member of which was one of our first acquaintances in the Territory, inserts in this issue a few lines to the dry goods trade, which those interested will find to their interest to heed.

Mayn & Heitman, formerly merchants of this place, well known and popular, call attention to their stock, which is highly worthy the attention of the public.

Joseph Hosky, of the Farmers' Stable, is conveniently located on lower Main street, in a large, new building. Mr. H. being a farmer and harvesting his own feed, is enabled to offer accommodations that defy competition.

Elsewhere may be found the notice of the well known house of Sands Bros., one of the oldest firms in Montana. They were in business in Virginia City at an early day, and in Helena since its foundation. They offer extra inducements to cash buyers.

OUR Nimrods had a little sport on Thanksgiving, of which our friend Dr. — was the victim. The Doctor being a splendid marksman and delighting in the sport, the boys thought they would have a little fun at his expense. So a chicken was procured, nailed up in a box with head out, as usually arranged for shooting matches, and repaired to a place selected for the purpose, with guns, the boys began shooting. The Doctor, hearing the noise, seized his gun and hurried to the scene, and the inferior marksmen stepped aside. It was ten cents a shot and blood counted a chicken. The Doctor leveled and fired. The man at the box signaled no blood. Again and again he fired, when finally, the head was all gone and the neck shaved off smooth with the box, the signal man cried out, "Doctor, you have knocked him stiff;" and sure enough, the chicken was stiff—frozen stiff as a bone. We would not advise any of our friends to say "chicken" to the Doctor. It ain't safe.

A FULL-GROWN "chinook" sounded its welcome blast in our ears about 12 o'clock, Sunday night. At that early hour we were in the act of piling wood into the stove, in a desperate endeavor to color it red, when suddenly the unannounced but ever-welcome zephyr burst upon us. In its wild fury it scattered loose boards from roofs and came howling and moaning, crying and screeching around our ears, leaping with fearful energy into our streets and alleys, darting into every nook and around every corner, and creeping in through every crevice. Then, hurrying on in its frolicsome mood, it drove the snow in clouds before it. Waiting at short intervals as if to catch breath, then booming again on its madcap flight only to repeat its former feats, shrieking louder, if possible, embraced our dwelling closer and peeped in at another undiscovered crevice. Up and away again to wrap hill and mountain in its balmy embrace.

The thermometer stood at twenty degrees below zero when the first blast announced the arrival of the much desired "chinook." At once the Ice-King relaxed his grip, and in a few moments the mercury was at zero, sunrise chronicled it at forty-five above, and soon the streets were sloppy, and the hills and knolls were poking their heads through their mantle of white.

WE HAVE witnessed many heartrending scenes in our day, but of all we have ever seen, the mishap that befel a distinguished resident of Deep Creek, on last Tuesday, beat them all. He came in looking very tired and worn out, with perspiration streaming down his hair and whiskers. It seems he had agreed to "ride and tie" coming up the gulch with his two comrades, but the comrades rode on to town and put up at Laney's stable, and the last thing we saw of our friend, he was "tied" up street, saying, "My kingdom for a horse," or "O, Quantil, why, O, why did I leave you."

THE Chinook wind, frolicking through our streets for the last few days, took Mark's store rather by surprise Tuesday afternoon, tearing the front away and leaving it a wreck in the street, and the building with one end open. In at the open door it went, tossing things hither and thither, rumpling and fumbling things, making fun and frolic at the expense of the counter-hopper.

Mr. Leopold Marks, the well known and reliable business manager of the California Store, calls attention to their large stock of general merchandise. Mr. M. having been long in our midst, has a reputation too well established to need comment.

Gilbert Ecker, our only representative of St. Crispin, makes as durable and neat-fitting boots as can be found in the Territory. He also keeps on hand a good assortment of custom made goods in that line.

THE wind has hushed, the snow has vanished, our streets are dry, and the sky is overcast with thin clouds through which the sun shines at intervals, making everything look warm and cheerful as spring. Delightful; indeed, the world cannot beat it.

NO. 7 COMPANY, having been for several days engaged in moving their sluices and whim to another shaft, are about ready to commence hoisting pay dirt again.

Our town has been lively during the past week. We acknowledge calls from a great many friends. Among those in from Smith's river, we noticed Messrs. Proctor, Van Camp, Lewis, Brewer, and Pratt. From the Mo. Valley, Bar Smith, Holinsworth, McCormie, Cooper, Sterling, Shenick, Hues, Lynck, and Sweat. Sargent Jacob Moore, of Camp Baker, gave us a call, also.

Seaborn Brothers, of lower Smith's River Valley, Meagher county, have just arrived from Oregon with their flock of sheep numbering about 2,000 head. These gentlemen started early and have spent the summer on the road, traveling slowly, their sheep, in consequence are in good condition to stand the change of climate.

MR. McFADDEN informs us that the grain yield in the Missouri Valley is much less than was expected, the turnouts from the thresher being below the lowest estimate of the farmers at harvest time. There is an abundance of straw, but the grain was eaten off by the 'hoppers just as it was ripening. Mr. M. places the yield of wheat and oats at about one-third of a crop.

Messrs. Thompson, Smith and Sterling corroborate the above statement, and there seems to be no probability that grain will decline; on the contrary, should the price vary from the present average, we predict an upward tendency.

There is no probability of a grain famine, there being doubtless enough to satisfy the demand, but by no means a surplus. We hope to soon hear from other parts of the Territory in regard to the yield of wheat and oats.

We are indebted to Mr. Ed. Sayre, who is just in from the Muscleshell, for the following items:

A driver on the N. P. stage line was overtaken in a storm near Judith Gap, and lay out all night, freezing his right hand severely. He came in to Camp Baker, had his hand dressed by Dr. Whitefoot, and is now doing well.

Tom Clarie, wagon master of the Diamond R. lost thirty-five head of cattle, last week, near the forks of the Muscleshell. Ten or fifteen of the old ones perished in a storm. The loss of the remainder was occasioned by the herd stampeding over a bank into the creek and chilling to death. Several old mules also perished in the storm.

Muscleshell valley is full of stock cattle, all of which are looking fine and fat.

There are three Diamond R. trains at the forks, loaded with ore, en route for Carroll. Magonegall, of Missouri valley, loaded with oats and potatoes for Murphy & Neal, was also caught in the storm at the forks and had his potatoes frozen.

There are at present, about ten thousand head of cattle in the Muscleshell valley, and more continually coming in; principally from the Jefferson, Boulder and Pipestone valleys.

Sheep on Smith's river are looking fine. Freizer & Collins are gathering their cattle on Smith's river, preparatory to driving to the Muscleshell, the stock men's Winter Paradise.

THE WELCOME which our people extended to the HUSBANDMAN was all that we could wish. They made no sounding demonstrations of joy, did not have a jubilee, drink an unusual amount of beer, or smoke an uncommon number of cigars, but all passed off quietly. We had few more callers than usual, but on the following day business was quite brisk at this office. All, with one accord, spoke words of cheer for our little paper, and many deposited in our bank to the amount of their appreciation, which was highly satisfactory; our entire edition being exhausted before we were aware of it.

We feel truly grateful to our many friends for the manner in which they received our first effort, and promise to shape our career by the landmarks already pointed out, endeavoring to make each succeeding number exceed the last.

A COMMITTEE of Good Templars meet at their hall to-morrow evening to prepare a programme and make necessary arrangements for an entertainment to be given by that body during Christmas week. This organization have always given us a treat of the Historic Art about this season of the year, and usually they have been very creditable. This time we expect the grandest entertainment of all. Success to them.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

The California Store.

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Diamond and vicinity to our large assortment of GENERAL MERCHANDISE, comprising Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, Tinware, Flour, Bacon, Tobacco, Cigars, Wines and Liquors, Paints, Oils, Medicines, Canned Fruits, Jellies, Sauces, Nuts and Candies. Also, a complete stock of Gents' Furnishing, Goods embracing Suits of the latest fashions, every variety of Underclothes, Dry Goods, Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, Toilet Articles of every description; together with a full stock of Miners' Tools, Overhauls, Gum Boots, etc. In fact, we keep a complete assortment of everything calculated to satisfy the wants and gratify the desire of the public generally. We are determined

NOT TO BE UNDERSOLD.

Give us a call, examine our Stock and satisfy yourselves.

LEOPOLD MARKS,
Business Manager.

December 2, 1875.

To the Dry Goods Trade.

Under our CASH SYSTEM of doing business, we propose to sell goods at such SWEEPING REDUCTIONS as to make it to the interest of the cash paying portion of the trade to buy their goods at HOME instead of sending money OUT OF THE COUNTRY for anything in the

DRY GOODS LINE.

Having taken the lead, and put down the prices of goods in this market, we continue to offer superior inducements, and propose not only to meet the market prices, but will CUT UNDER in every instance FOR CASH. Buyers will please examine the market, and then compare our prices with others. ORDERS SOLICITED. Samples and prices sent on application.

December 2, 1875.

J. R. BOYCE & CO.

Interesting to Cash Buyers of Dry Goods.

GOODS AT THE LOWEST PRICES, AND A SPECIAL DISCOUNT OF FIVE PER CENT. FOR CASH.—Notwithstanding the great reduction in the selling prices of our goods, which brings them down to figures as low, and LOWER than any prices that have been or are quoted, either in circulars for advertisements by competing houses, we propose to make still further concessions to our customers by allowing, for the next ninety days, a special discount of FIVE PER CENT. on all CASH purchases amounting to five dollars and upwards.

SANDS BROS.

December 2, 1875.

Brown & Weisenhorn.

CARRIAGE AND WAGON MANUFACTORY.—This is the largest establishment of the kind in the Territory, and is turning out work equal to the best in East. Our Horse Shoeing Department is under the supervision of the best horse shoer in Montana, and we are prepared to do work in this line to the satisfaction of any one who may favor us with their patronage.

Give us a Trial.

BROWN & WEISENHORN.

December 2, 1875.

E. H. TRAIN, Photographer, Cutler street, near the head of Main, Helena, Montana, does all kinds of work in the neatest style. Keeps, also, on hand a large variety of stereoscopic views of mountain scenery.