

## LOCAL NEWS.

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DR. LAMBERT went over to Helena last coach.

WM. H. SUTHERLIN, of this office, is sojourning a few days in Helena.

A number of young ladies from the valley are expected in town this week.

FORTY or more bachelors of Diamond are waiting to receive leap year calls.

GEO. LISCOM, and James Kenney are in from the Muscleshell.

COLUMBUS REGLE, of Deep creek, is in town.

A. J. HOLLAND, teacher of Confederate district school, was in town last Saturday.

THERE has been several accessions to the Good Templars' lodge of this place recently, and a number more speak of joining.

A YOUNG lady of our city, just learning to skate, thought she had attained sufficient skill to turn a circle, and almost succeeded. She turned a somersault.

Messrs. Nelson Bump, (not that ugly bump people have so much to say about, which is located on logs, rails, etc.) and J. R. Marks, were in town this week.

OUR young men are jubilant over the prospect of a grand turnout of ladies from the surrounding country to their social ball, to be given on the evening of Washington's Birthday.

THE pupils of our school are taxing their brains over a problem in mathematics, their teacher, Mr. C. S. Kelley, having offered several handsome presents to those who shall find a correct solution.

COL. LANEX'S spirited team of greys were out on our streets a few days since, and although our roads are not well adapted to a cutter, the fairer portion of our population enjoyed the pleasure of a fast and merry sleigh-ride at the hands of one of our most gallant bachelors.

WE have not received any Eastern mail for nearly a week. The cause, we understand, is snow on the Utah Northern Railroad, but we have charity enough for this class of roads to attribute the blockade more to inefficient management, than to the road itself.

ELSEWHERE will be found the card of B. F. Marsh, who is a thorough, practical surveyor, always performing his work in a manner that gives complete satisfaction to those interested.

A PRIVATE letter, received here from Corinne, states there is about two and a half feet of snow and ice in Bear River Valley; that cattle are dying by the dozen, and that the settlers say it is the most severe winter they have known for years.

AGAIN we have flattering accounts from the bar claim of Messrs. Hathorn & Johnson, White's gulch. They have their tunnel in 80 feet, and the extent of the channel is still unknown. They are taking out good dirt every day.

THERE are no idle men about this camp, and we believe there are fewer men in the Territory out of employment than there has been for a number of years. This argues well for Montana's climate and people. The time is not far distant when the winter season will be as industriously employed as any portion of the year.

B. R. SHERMAN, of Smith's river, who has been over to the Capital a few days, returned Sunday, and departed for home, taking along with him, much to the dissatisfaction of our juveniles, his son and daughter, Master Willie and Miss Maggie, who have been visiting a short time with their friends here.

GOODALE & BENNETT are getting out timber for the purpose of putting their ranche, on Birch creek, in good shape, with a view of starting a first-class thoroughbred sheep ranche. They will engage in importing as well as breeding. The success already achieved, and likely to follow, will, we think, soon induce others to embark in the business.

ONE of our bachelor friends is well skilled in the culinary art, as doughnuts received testify, but we won't tell who he is as this is leap year.

THE weather for the past week, has been rather fickle. One morning, the thermometer was as low as 27° below zero, but since then, we have had several changes, and some days it has been quite mild. The wind has kept up a fearful blowing most of the time. It is a sort of half-breed chinook; one of those chilly kind, that tares the snow up from the ground in its fury, and literally wears it out, or lashes it into a spray against the elements. At this writing, the thermometer indicates 25° above.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The "Gem of the Mountain Lodge" No. 6, I. O. G. T., of Helena, has a membership of ninety-eight, in good and regular standing. What lodge can beat this?—*News*.

This is nothing extra when we consider that Helena is the metropolis of the Territory and boasts a population of several thousand. "Diamond Lodge" No. 5, has, at present, a membership of half that number in a town whose population is less than three hundred.

WE were pleased to receive a call, last week from our friend J. H. Freeser. Mr. F. is an old timer—was freighting on the Benton road in 1865—6—but as that business became overdone, he turned his attention to stock, and has since resided in Jefferson county. Last winter he moved a portion of his stock to the Muscleshell, and was so much pleased with the country and the condition in which his cattle came out in the spring, that he moved his entire herd over there this fall. He now intends to locate permanently there. He has selected a beautiful site about twenty miles below the Forks and a few miles from the mouth of Big Elk creek, near the proposed location of the new military post. While we shall miss you here, we wish you a long life and prosperity in your frontier home beyond the mountains, where the sun comes up from the grassy plains, as it did in our own native home, John.

WE thought we felt the shock of an earthquake the other day, but were mistaken. It happened in this way: We took a stroll up to the skating pond to catch some locals, when a young man, professing to be a friend, insisted upon our putting on a pair of skates. We never have liked that man. Although he has always protested great and lasting love for us, we have a natural dislike for him. Well, to please him, we put on the skates, and to show the barbarians of Diamond that we had been "brought up" on skates, struck out boldly. Trotting around over the hills in search of locals is calculated to produce weariness, and it had that effect on us. We had not gone far before we began to feel like sitting down and resting; so we selected a nice clean spot on the ice—and sat. We don't want any one to insinuate that we couldn't help it. It was premeditated on our part, or why would we have selected the smoothest, cleanest place on the whole pond? But we forgive them. They were envious of our superior performance. This was the only local we caught, and it was hard work to get it.

WE were pleased to receive a call from Mr. C. W. Cook, who was over from the East Side on Monday. Mr. Cook showed us some very fine specimens of Cotswold or long wool, which he had received from Illinois and Canadian breeders with whom he has been corresponding with a view to importing another supply of thoroughbreds during the coming summer. He says that sheep are doing finely, and gives it as his opinion that when sheep have a warm, dry shelter under which to sleep at night, that they do better to run and feed upon the range than to be fed on hay. His sheep are all fat, and he has not lost one for over two months.

OF the flocks that were driven in the past fall, those of Messrs. Smith Bros., Parberry & Stephens, and D. H. Burt are doing finely. Auerbach & Rader's flock, owing to their late arrival, long and hard driving, and the lean condition in which winter caught them, is losing a few, but the loss is nothing to compare with what might be expected, under the circumstances.

## TERRITORIAL NEWS.

From the Avant Courier.

From present indications it is pretty certain that all the winter wheat crops in Gallatin are killed. This seems to be the opinion of farmers with whom we have conversed.

This winter has been very fine on cattle and other stock, farmers not having to feed any so far. Cattle are in fine condition.

Schools are in operation in nearly every district in the county, and the young people are being educated. This is as it should be.

The Yellowstone region is just now attracting a good deal of attention, and settlements are being made. There appears to be more money in circulation over there than in the Gallatin Valley. The Yellowstone boys that come over to Bozeman to trade, all appear well heeled. In a very short period a large amount of land will be taken up, and that section will be filled with an industrious, enterprising population. We wish these hardy settlers abundant success.

From the Montanian.

There is said to be three feet of snow all the way from Pleasant Valley to Franklin.

Some of the citizens of the lower Passamari valley have been circulating a remonstrance against the funding bill.

The new school at Brandon was opened on last Monday morning, with Amos Purdum as the village pedagogue. There are between twenty and thirty scholars in the district.

Mining matters at Broad Gauge City are running in good shape. Casler & Co's mill is running all the time and increasing the currency with periodical additions of bullion.

A meeting of the residents of Sheridan and vicinity was called last evening at that place for the purpose of discussing the railroad question.

There is considerable activity in the mines in the vicinity of Sheridan. The leads on Mill creek and Wisconsin creek are being worked continuously, and the district bids fair to make a good showing during the Centennial year.

A petition for a charter to organize a lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars has been circulated in town during the past week, and has been signed by a number of citizens and citizenesses.

The material is all in place for the new quartz mill of Messrs. Beardsley & Fray, of Mill creek, and the stamps will commence hammering out the bullion forthwith.

From the New North-West.

The Blackfoot school has emulated its best rivals and appropriated \$50 for apparatus.

The Hope mill at Philipsburg, has been running steadily and satisfactorily for the past ten days. When first started up the boilers would not make sufficient steam. The machinist reset the boilers and all the parts work well. They have a large quantity of ore out and the Hope mine looks well. It is believed that the mill will run continuously and the bullion produce belarge.

At the North West Company's mill in Philipsburg the Bruckner Cylinders burn four cords of wood per ten tons of ore roasted. The Reverberatory Furnace in the old mill of the company used to burn 1½ cords per ton, or 15 cords per ten tons. In the old mill six men tended furnace using ore that five stamps crushes. In the new mill two men easily roast all the ore that ten stamps crush and could use all that twenty stamps would furnish. We are told of a cylinder mill in Colorado where two men roasted as much ore in 2½ hours as requires 36 men in a reverberatory mill, near by, in the same time. It is also claimed that the ore being stirred mechanically instead of by hand, is much more evenly treated and mixed and invariably shows a higher percentage of silver chloridized. These are points to be considered by the future mill owners of Montana.

From the Bozeman Times.

The names of the persons wounded in the late fight near Fort Pease are: Pat Sweeny, (mortally) By Nutting, James Dewing, Neil Gillis and "Muggins" Taylor. These gentlemen are spoken of as bold, fearless men; and their escape after being wounded proves it. It appears that the Sioux have doomed the little garrison at Fort Pease to death, and this, we fear, will be their fate, if aid is not extended to them soon. We un-

derstand that several persons in Bozeman propose to reinforce the brave little band at Fort Pease. Mr. Hoppy is among the first to pledge himself to the cause of his friends on the Yellowstone.

What word is that in the English language the first two letters of which signifies a man, the first three a woman, the first four a great man, the whole a great woman? Heroine.

"The London *Lancet* says that no person should sit for more than half an hour at a time. S'posin' a fellow is sitting on the sofa with his girl, is he going to be particular to the minute?"

## MARRIED

PENWELL—GEE.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Reese creek, Gallatin county, by Rev. L. B. Crittenden, Mr. Chas. S. Penwell, to Miss Ellen E. Gee.

Life is but a journey from the cradle to the grave, and nothing tends more to lessen its cares and anxieties along the road, than sweet companionship. Two hearts happy in each others love, run life's race and never tire; fight its battles and perform its labors as though it were but a work of pleasure. We congratulate you, Charlie, upon your bold venture upon the sea of matrimony, and when squalls assail you, may you always have your "spanker" in readiness, and may the residue of years in store for you be fair to thee as thy loving bride, and no frown of care cross thy brow that her smiles cannot dispel.

## DIED

MUNGER.—At the residence of Stephen Allen, near Gallatin City, January, 20th, 1876, Mr. E. C. Munger, aged 45 years.

Bro. Munger was buried by Three Forks Grange, with appropriate ceremonies. Again the Great Master above has sounded his gavel, and another laborer has been summoned from the harvest field of earth to his reward; another soul has gone to join the great brotherhood on high, and enjoy that sweet repose that cometh from faithful husbandry while on the shores of time. Earth mourns the departed, but heaven will welcome the weary pilgrim home.

## SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

## To Our Patrons Throughout the Territory.

We are preparing our circular for 1876, and desire cordially to thank you for your patronage and support during the past nine years, and venture to hope that by square and liberal dealing we may merit your continued confidence. Would solicit special attention of persons who have purchased machinery of any kind from other parties in the Territory or in the east, wishing repairs. They should not delay sending their orders later than March first, as we make our requisition for the coming season at that time. Threshers, Engines, Saw Mills, etc., will not be ordered unless by special request.

T. C. Power & Co.

Helena, Montana, December 30, 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.

J. R. BOYCE & CO.

Helena, December 2, 1875.

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SANDS BROS.

Helena, December 2, 1875.

## Brown &amp; 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.

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## Photographs.

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.