

LOCAL NEWS.

**NOTICE.**—The Republicans of Meagher county are hereby requested to meet at their several precincts for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the County Republican Convention to meet at Diamond City, at 12 M. of Wednesday, April 12th, 1876, to select four delegates to attend the Republican Territorial Convention to be held in Deer Lodge, Wednesday, April 19th, 1876. The several precincts are entitled to delegates, as follows:

Diamond, 2; Centerville, 2; Duck Creek, 1; Confederate, 1; White's, 1; Cave, 2; New York Gulch, 1; Belt, 1; Thompson, 1; Smith's River, 1; Round Grove, 1.

W. F. HAASE,  
Chairman County Committee.

The Missouri river is lower than it has been at this season of the year for a number of years past.

The Ross Bros., of Red Bluffs, Cal., will start for Montana in a few weeks with their band of 25,000 head of sheep.

Mr. C. S. KELLY has purchased a house at the lower end of town, which he proposes to repair and occupy as his residence.

CAPT. RODGERS, of the Rodgers House at the Beaver creek crossing, in Jefferson county, has resigned the office of Postmaster, and Mr. David Shaffer, his nearest neighbor, has accepted the position.

Our efficient and diligent road-supervisor, who exerted his strength and damaged his toes in a laudable endeavor to remove an unsightly obstruction from our streets on All-Fools'-Day, is convalescing.

Our friend [ ] has recovered from the effects of the injuries received at the late Canyon Ferry dance. He stands erect, steps quickly, looks well, and appears to be in good trim for another race.

Those interested should not fail to read the Internal Revenue notice which appears in another column. Collector Fuller is a pleasant gentleman to transact business with, but in Government matters there must be promptness.

MESSRS. GOODALE & BENNET, fine stock breeders of Upper Smith's River Valley, have had remarkable success with their band of sheep this winter. Twenty-six of their thoroughbred ewes have thirty-two young lambs, all of which are in a thriving condition.

We are pleased to learn that Messrs. Crombaugh & Burt are so well pleased with the manner in which their sheep have wintered on Smith's River Valley, that they have decided to drive 15,000 head of sheep from their ranches near Red Bluffs, Cal., to Montana this season.

Mr. COLE PORTT passed through town Tuesday on his way to the Muscleshell, to assist in the general round-up, and attend to his stock, which are wintering in that section. He informs us that the turn-out to the election at Confederate precinct was light, only fourteen votes being cast.

The Sun River Valley people were entertained on the 27th ult. by a minstrel and variety show. The *Independent's* special correspondent says it was the best ever given in that section of the Territory. The performances were concluded by a short address delivered by Mr. Jerry T. Sullivan, of Fort Shaw.

This election at this precinct last Monday passed off quietly. The law prohibiting the sale of liquors on election-days was strictly obeyed by the saloon-keepers and liquor-dealers. There was no button-holing, no electioneering, no drinking, no hurrahing, no betting. Every voter seemed to have made up his mind on the railroad question before reaching the polls. We heard a number of persons freely express their opinions, from which we are led to believe that nearly all of those who voted "No" are men who would oppose the granting of a subsidy or loan to any railroad company. There were no teams employed to bring in voters as has been the custom at former elections. Notwithstanding this, and the prevalence of a snow-storm, the vote polled was larger than at the last general election. There seemed to be a deep interest manifested and if the miners in other sections of Montana hold the same views in regard to subsidizing, or loaning the credit of the Territory to railroad corporations as were expressed here on Monday, no farmer or other tax-payer need have any fear of being taxed to pay a debt for the benefit of any railroad corporation.

A PRIVATE letter received from a Confederate Gulch miner who is passing the winter in Illinois, says: "We are having a rough spring. Rain is falling continually. \* \* Pretty ladies are plentiful, and I am enjoying myself hugely. They have a leap-year party every week, and they come and take a fellow along, whether he wants to go or not. My knees are getting weak from lifting them over the crossings. It is harder work than drifting, but a fellow can stand lots of it."

BUCKINGHAM & HITCHINS have completed their cross-drift a distance of fifty-four feet through their claim at the head of their drain. They have had a heavy head of water to contend with, being compelled to wear entire suits of gum clothes and use breast-boards, besides side-spilling as they progressed with the work. They now have 140x54 feet of their claim drained, which they intend to work out before the spring-rises comes, and which, judging from the pay obtained in their cross-drift, will yield them a handsome little fortune. We understand that they refused an offer of \$4,000 from Stagner & Co. for this portion of their claim only a few days since.

As will be seen from reference to our column of Territorial news, our farmers have good cause to feel grateful to Delegate Maginnis for his efforts in their behalf. The contracts, under which some of our Gallatin county farmers were bound in several thousand dollars for the delivery of certain grain and flour at Fort Shaw, in which they failed to satisfy the powers interested, have been annulled and payments for contracts fulfilled ordered to be made. It seems that on account of the failure of the one party, the payments for flour, grain, hay and wood delivered in good faith by other persons have been withheld, much to the detriment of many of our farmers who chanced to have Government contracts.

The *Herald* has been furnished by our Delegate, copies of a number of bills introduced in Congress for the establishment of new postal routes in Montana. No mention is made, however, of the route from Fort Shaw via the Lower Smith's River Valley to Camp Baker. A petition for this route has long since been forwarded to Major Maginnis, and many of our citizens are deeply interested in it, and are waiting anxiously the result. If a mail-route is made in any part of the Territory, this one, opening direct communication between Fort Shaw and Camp Baker, is an important one. The proposed route passes through one of the most valuable farming and stock-growing sections in the Territory, and which is fast settling up with an enterprising, home-seeking people. We trust that our Delegate will not allow the matter to go by default.

*Santa Monica Outlook*, is the name of a new California paper which has just reached our table. The *Outlook* is small, but it is neat and newsy. Santa Monica, a new-sea-coast town twelve miles from Los Angeles, Cal., which has just sprung up, and is growing rapidly. It boasts of being the terminus of two trans-continental railroads; of having twelve miles of beautiful beach, which affords a delightful drive; thirty feet of water at the wharf in low-tide, and 100,000 acres of land surrounding it suitable for orange, olive and lemon orchards. The town is beautifully laid out, and Montana Avenue has a conspicuous location in its plat. Our old townsman, Archibald McGregor, will soon take up his residence in this "future great city of the Western Slope."

The following is the result of the Railroad election in this county as far as heard from, up to the hour of going to press:

- Diamond precinct, yes, 31; no, 81; Hornbuckle, 102.
- Duck Creek, no, 13.
- Confederate, no, 13; yes, 1; Hornbuckle, 0.
- Round Grove, yes, 15; no, 39; Hornbuckle, 45.
- Belt precinct, yes, 5; no, 17; Hornbuckle, 20.
- The light vote polled at this precinct was occasioned by the absence of a number of stock-men who are at present on the Muscleshell Valley rounding up their herds.
- Brewer's Springs, no, 17; yes, 2.
- Thompson's Gulch, no, 5; yes, 2.
- New York precinct, 22 majority against approval.

Cave precinct, 11 majority against approval. White's Gulch gave 4 majority for approval.

The following are the returns from the Territory as far as heard from:

- In Lewis and Clarke county, six precincts gave 128 majority against approval.
- Three precincts in Choteau county gave 5 majority against approval.
- Bozeman gave 304 majority for approval.
- Three precincts in Jefferson county gave 92 majority for approval.
- Virginia City gave 64 majority for approval. It is estimated that Madison county will give 250 majority for approval.
- The *Herald* estimates that the Territory will give 410 majority for the approval of Railroad Act.
- An *Independent* special from Deer Lodge says that county will give about 350 majority against approval.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

From the Missoulian.  
From the correspondence and report of Col. Merritt, published in to-day's paper, it will appear that the post for one company of infantry has been established near this place. The order assigning troops to this post will no doubt be promulgated shortly. Col. Merritt recommends three points as suitable for the location of the post. Gen. Sheridan endorses the report, and recommends that the post be established at or near Cold Spring ranch. It is likely though, that the officer who is sent here to superintend the erection of the post will be given some discretion in the matter; and it is confidently believed by many that the plateau on Grant creek, with its advantages in regard to timber and water, and for the further reason of its being nearer to the Indian agency, will commend itself as being more desirable. This is the point recommended by Col. Medary, and favorably spoken of in Col. Merritt's report.

From the New North-West.  
Gilmer & Salisbury, on the 29th ult., put on a daily line of coaches to Butte, and put in a station at Wissells. "Cal." the popular driver from the Missoula route runs from Deer Lodge to Pierses, and Frank Ramsdell, whom every body knows and likes, runs from Pierses to Butte. All these changes are for good and our neighbors at the head of the valley will appreciate the advantages of a daily stage.

A letter from Butte says: The camp is dull, but several new discoveries have been made lately....The Masons here have organized, and will petition the Grand Master for a dispensation. They will start with about 35 members, which is a good nucleus for a strong lodge. They have rented Charpentier & Hirbour's Hall for one year, from May the 15th, 1876, to May 15, 1877. The Masonic Trustees are John Noyes, J. E. Beck and Charles S. Warren.....The Odd Fellows have also organized and have rented the Masonic Hall. Their Trustees are J. H. B. Foster, Thos. A. Rhea and J. M. Bowes.....On the Hattie Harvey lode Ransom & Co. are running three 8-hour shafts.....The folks here are glad arrangements are progressing favorably for the establishment of the *Butte Miner* at an earlier day even than you promised, and it will receive a big welcome.

From the Bozeman Times.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28, 1876.  
To Caldwell Edwards, Secretary Executive Committee Patrons of Husbandry:  
The Secretary of War orders the contract annulled and payments made.  
Give Maginnis the lion's share of credit.  
LESTER S. WILLSON

The farmers of Gallatin county will now get their money for the grain they delivered to the agents of the Government under the "Granger's Contract." It will aid the people of this county greatly, and make times better. We repeat Mr. Willson's laudation to Maginnis. Let praise be given to whom praise is due.

Much annoyance is caused the public and the transmission of the mails between Helena and Bozeman, by the washing away of the bridges at Shed's crossing of the Madison river, which was caused by a sudden breaking up of the ice last week. The roads, in many places, and especially at Gallatin City, are now in a bad condition, owing to the thawing out of the frost and the continued snows and thaws this month. It

will be sometime before the road will get better. We understand that a good ferry-boat, rigged with a good wire cable, is doing good service at the old Gallagher Ferry at Gallatin City.

From the Helena Herald.  
Delegate Maginnis has placed us under obligations for a copy of "an act establishing post routes," introduced in the Senate, February 25th, and referred to the Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads. Should it become a law the following new routes will be established in this Territory:

- From Bozeman, via the Crow agency, to Big Horn City.
- From Bozeman, via Springhill, Cowan's, and East Gallatin to Central Park
- From Fort Shaw to South Fork of Sun River.
- From Gaffney's, via Rochester, Divide Creek, and Vipond, to Trapper.
- From Frenchtown to Nine Mile Mines.
- An extension from Unionville to Nelson Gulch.

Wm. Nowlan brought in this morning from the Des Moines Smelting Works, Jefferson City, three huge bricks, valued at \$3,500. This bullion will be shipped East by the Peoples National Bank.

H. Rosenbaum, of Canton, Meagher county, was in yesterday with a load of wheat. It sold readily from the wagon at 2 1/2. Wells, Fargo & Co., to-day shipped in silver bullion..... \$7,375  
Previous shipments..... 70,415

Total since January 1.....\$77,790

On Wednesday evening last, Dr. Thomas Reece delivered before the Good Templar Lodge of Helena, the first of a course of lectures on the "Physiological Influence of Alcohol." This introductory lecture, we learn, was treated in an able manner, and was pronounced by the audience a success. The Doctor will soon follow with others until the course is complete.

It is reported that good pay diggings have been struck on Nine Mile, and that the camp will be better than last year.

BORN.

To the wife of J. R. Marks, at Lone Tree ranch in this county, a son.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

**Eggs! Eggs!! Eggs!!!**  
From pure, imported White Leghorns and Partridge Cochins, selected for hatching, at \$2.50 per setting. Address: T. H. KELENSCHMIDT, Helena, Montana. 18-tf.

**Sands Bros.**  
OFFER SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS: Four hundred (400) pieces Bleached Muslin, yard-wide, at 12 1-2 cents and upwards; 50 pieces Spring Poplin at 25, 30 and 35 cents and upward; 75 pieces French Percale, yard-wide, at 16 2-3 cents; 75 pieces Embroidered Edgings at 10, 12 1-2, and 15 cents per yard. A full line of Silks, Irish, Poplins, Etc. The CELEBRATED "MOUNT VERNON" Hydraulic Duck and Hose in 6-0, 8-0, 10-0 and 12-0.  
**SANDS BROS.**  
Helena, March 7, 1876.

**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.

**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.