

LOCAL NEWS.

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LOVERS steps are said to be slow and meditative.

JUDGE J. E. MURRAY is spending a few days at the Capital.

MR. L. D. BALLARD, of Centerville, is seriously ill.

MISS ETTA DUNCAN is in town this week visiting Miss Lizzie Walling.

PROF. WRIGHT is taming horses in White's gulch.

MR. T. W. BURKE and Miss Sarah Winston, of Confederate, came in to attend the lecture, Saturday evening last.

MISS MARY NOLAN, who has been attending the Convent school at Helena, returned a few days since to spend a week's vacation.

WE regret to learn that that prince of good fellows, Wm. Hollingsworth, is afflicted from a serious attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

OUR County Clerk, T. E. Collins, and Treasurer Sutton, went over to Helena on Tuesday's coach to watch the course of our law-makers.

THE river at Edmondson's Ferry has not been closed up this winter. Mr. E. was up yesterday, and informed us that he would have his boat in running order in a few days.

WE are indebted to Hon. W. O. P. Hays for a copy of the bill proposing to subsidize a standard gauge railroad from the head of Navigation to the Yellowstone, 300 miles westward.

WE acknowledge a pleasant call this week from the following young ladies: Miss Ella Finn, Miss Sarah Winston, Miss Lizzie Walling, and Miss Etta Duncan. Thrice welcome—come again.

AN accident occurred in the Boulder drain last week by a cap falling. Had not its weakness attracted attention a short time before, the result would have, no doubt, been serious, as it came down without warning.

THE birth-day party given by Mrs. F. A. Walling Tuesday evening to her daughter, Miss Lizzie Walling, proved a most pleasant and enjoyable affair. The house fairly rang with joy and merriment, and the hours flew by unheeded.

THE Boulder Ditch Company has taken a lease to J. P. Hillis' mining ground, situated above town on Diamond City bar for a term of years, and will make arrangements to commence work upon the same this spring.

WE learn that our popular stage man, Mr. P. B. Clark, intends running coaches through from Helena to the White Sulphur Springs, making the through trip in one day, as soon as spring opens. This will be of much advantage to the people of our county, and cannot fail to be remunerative to the proprietors of the stage line.

ANY of our readers desirous of procuring first-class pictures, will do well to call on Mrs. M. A. Eckert, of Helena, whose advertisement will be found in another column. Gems, photographs, rembrants, porcelain, and pictures painted in India ink—gotten up in the most artistic style. No pains will be spared to give entire satisfaction.

WE will furnish the *Factory and Farm*, a new publication printed in Chicago, ably edited, handsomely illustrated, and gotten up in the most elegant style, and the *Rocky Mountain Husbandman* at the extreme low price of \$5 per annum. Our friends will please make their neighbors acquainted with these facts.

ONE of our Smith river friends whose reputation for being constitutionally opposed to manual labor, is co-existent with his acquaintance, has actually been so tempted by the beautiful weather this winter, that he has gone to work getting out fencing. Alas! what a pity that the weather clerk should so far forget himself as to cause the ruin of a reputation it has cost so many years to establish.

MR. FERRIS, of the firm of Seabee, Ferris & Holt, agricultural implement dealers of Corinne, Utah, who recently exhibited some models of improved agricultural machinery in the Territory, intends shipping a large stock of implements and farm wagons to Montana this season. His "ad." will appear in a few weeks.

MR. DAVID RIFFLE, a prospector, hunter, trapper and Indian trader on our eastern frontier, came in from Shields' river Tuesday. Mr. R. has been prospecting in the Muscleshell, Yellowstone and Clark's Fork country for the past two years. This winter he went as far east as Heart mountain, nearly two hundred miles distant, and found good silver quartz.

THE lovers of dancing will doubtless be delighted to hear of the grand anniversary ball which is announced in this paper, to take place at Cave gulch on the 22d inst. Messrs. Conrad & Wonderlin have their new hall neatly fitted up and are sparing no pains to get up one of the best parties ever given in that section. They extend a general invitation.

MR. EDGAR SAYRE, of Smith river, who went East last summer to visit the Centennial and spend a few months with the home ones in New Jersey, returned a few days since accompanied by his brother. Mr. S. reports times very hard in the States; says that the people of Montana, though they grumble at their condition, are, indeed, blessed with advantages a degree of prosperity little dreamed of by their Eastern neighbors.

WE call the attention of those of our readers who contemplate purchasing seeds or plants, to the advertisement of Peter Henderson & Co., of New York. The greenhouse establishment of this firm covers two acres of greenhouse, and employs upward of fifty hands. Millions of plants are shipped by express and mail, every year, to every State and Territory in the Union. Their Seed Warehouse is quite as extensive as any in the city of New York, and every order received is certain to be filled promptly, with the very best quality of seeds or plants, and as they are producers as well as dealers, every thing for the garden will be sold at low rates.

A SUBSTANTIAL farmer and stock-grower, of Lewis and Clarke county, writes: "So far I am well pleased with the HUSBANDMAN. I think you have done all you promised. If there is any fault it is with the farmers and stock-growers. They have done but little or nothing to help you along. Wishing your efforts continued, success, etc." And as evidence of his earnestness enclosed \$6.70 for the HUSBANDMAN and *Scientific American* for the ensuing year.

MR. SAMUEL ICKES, writing to a friend in this place, from Deadwood City, under date of January 17, says: "I find a number of men here from Diamond and Helena, and learn that more are coming. Some of them will certainly be disappointed, as all cannot draw the lucky card. Flour is worth \$24 to \$30 per barrel; bacon, 25 to 35 cents per pound; beef, 12½ to 25 cents per pound; board, \$12 to \$20 per week, and other things in proportion. The Indians are troublesome, and have driven off a good many horses. Some persons think this country will prove rich, while others think it will play out next summer. This remains to be seen."

MESSRS. Welch and Hurdle, a couple of our valley farmers, came in Sunday last in charge of one Thos. Roebuckle, who is insane, and delivered him over to the custody of our Sheriff. It seems that Mr. Roebuckle is a citizen of Jefferson county, and has been living at Capt. Rodgers' near Beaver creek, herding sheep for some time, but on becoming deranged, crossed the river into the Poverty Flat neighborhood. It being considered unsafe to allow him to run at large, he was brought here. Sheriff Fleming took him to Radersburg Monday to deliver him over to the authorities of the county of which he was a citizen. The authorities refusing to take charge of the unfortunate man, he was set at liberty.

A CORRECTION.

In the article entitled "A Talk With Young Ladies," published in our last issue, a paragraph begins, "Think of a pair of lovely girls," etc. It should have read: "Think of a fair and lovely girl."

We clip the above from the *Rocky Moun-*

*TAIN HUSBANDMAN*, a wide-awake paper published away out in Diamond City, Montana.

In our simplicity we had always thought that locality the abode of Indians, wild animals and possibly a few adventurous whites who carried their lives in their hands; we are undeceived, and think if the inhabitants partake of the character of the paper, the town is rightly named. We suspect the editor in making the above correction must have been impelled to do so, having in mind some girl who would decline very emphatically to have her charms put in the same schedule with any other girl. We scout the idea of an editor counseling his readers to think of one lovely girl when he has an opportunity of thinking of two, and have in mind a pair whose beauty and the privileges of leap year have almost driven us to distraction, and yet we would not stop thinking of them if we could, and couldn't if we would. —*True Economist*, (N. Y.)

Our New York contemporary is far from guessing the subject to which we had reference; though had we been moralizing upon the all-important subject referred to, our advice could not have been otherwise. It might answer for an editor in the great metropolis where ladies predominate over the men ten to one, to think of a pair of young and lovely girls, or even a trio would not be amiss. But here where we have the order of things reversed, the editor or reader considers himself in luck if he has so much as one fair and lovely girl to think of. [The luxury of one to think of him is a consummation little hoped for.] The *true economist* could not do otherwise.

THE lecture Saturday evening last by Dr. E. W. Finch was a complete success. The audience, which was the largest that has assembled in Diamond for several years, listened with profound attention—the silence being broken only by occasional rounds of applause. The lecture was a scholarly production. The subject—Man—was as well handled as could be in the brief space of thirty minutes. The Dr. has command of very fine language, and his delivery for one unaccustomed to the public rostrum was good. The entire assembly was well pleased to know that we have so able an orator in our midst, and join with us in the hope that he may favor us with another lecture at no distant day.

After the lecture, that portion of the audience which were denominated by the orator as a little "dementicated" on the one important subject of life—matrimony—stayed and enjoyed the giddy pleasures of the terpsichorean art until 12 o'clock ushered in the Sabbath morning.

EDITOR HUSBANDMAN: On the 27th of last month, a casual observer would have thought the people on this valley were all going to leave—such fixing up and rushing to and fro, one seldom sees, and it was all on account of a wedding. Such things do not often occur in this part of the country, besides the couple most interested, had grown up under the eyes of the old citizens of the valley. Now, it was not an old "bach" an old "maid" that were going to unite their fortunes for life, but what would be called a young couple. Georgie Lyons and Duckey Hayden were to be married, a general invitation having been extended by the parents of the bride, and by 7 o'clock p. m., the house was full. Soon after Judge Smith emerged from a side room, followed by the bridal party. It is no use for me to undertake to tell of their nice "new store clothes," but as the Judge commenced the ceremonies, I noticed many old bachelors and some that were not so old, stick up their heads and lean forward, as much as to say, "Georgie if you have any misgivings about the yoke you are about to have placed on your neck, I will wear it for you, providing it is satisfactory all around," but George did not weaken a bit.

After many congratulations the room was cleared and we all danced until about eleven p. m. There was a sumptuous supper served by Mrs. Hayden, soon after which the company returned to their homes with many good wishes for the newly married couple.

The presents were fine and costly. Among them was a very fine Bible, presented by Mr. W. P. Armstrong, the popular clothier of Virginia City. SUBSCRIBER.

Madison Valley, M. T., Jan. 20, 1877.

HELENA PRODUCE MARKET.

HELENA, February 5, 1877. The markets the past week have undergone several changes, especially the grain markets. The receipts of oats which were so large in the beginning of the week, brought that product down to \$2.50 for heavy, and \$2.25 for common, and dull sale at that. One lot of 10,000 pounds from Gallatin county which was as fine as any we have noticed in the market this season, was sold at \$2.75. The same article of oats would to-day readily bring \$2.95. The falling off of receipts on Friday and Saturday have made the markets firm at the quotations below. The markets are governed by the demand for feeding purposes, which is mainly confined to the city, there being no trains outfitting or leaving at this season to cause a demand for freighting purposes. The prices of flour continues about the same as last week, the receipts being something lighter. The trade in this staple is dull and inactive. The cattle market is dull, most of the butchers having laid in a considerable supply. The quotations given below are made up from actual wholesale transactions of the past week.

Oats, light and chaffy, \$2.40; good, heavy oats, \$2.75.  
Flour, Willow Creek, XXX, \$7.25; Union XXX, \$7.00; Madison XXX, Superfine Family, \$7.25; Plain XXX, \$7.00; Springville XXX choice, \$7.25; Family XXX, \$7.00; Springville XX, \$5.75; Standard XXX, \$7.00.  
Barley, common, \$2.40; good, \$4.50.  
Wheat, \$3.00.  
Bran and Shorts, \$2.35@2.40.  
Butter, choice, 50c. Common, 35c.  
Eggs, 65c.  
Potatoes, 75c. per cwt.  
Cabbage, \$2.00 per cwt.  
Onions, \$8.00 per cwt.  
Pork, heavy 12c. net.  
do light 8c. net.  
do gross, 8@10c.  
Fish, 20c. per lb.  
Hay, \$10@12 per ton.  
Beef, net, \$3.75 per cwt.

DIED

HOOVER.—At Centerville, February 4, 1877, of scarlet fever, Harry Hoover, aged about two years.

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