

## LOCAL NEWS.

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**DIAMOND CITY LODGE No. 7, A. F. and A. M.**  
Stated Communications held at their Hall, in Diamond City, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
**LEOPOLD MARKS, W. M.**  
**GILBERT ECKER, Secretary.**

Mrs. Nolan made a brief visit to Helena the past week.

J. T. Moore had a fine colt drown in Smith river a few days ago.

Wm. Walling went over to Smith river Monday to attend the round-up.

Smith river flocks, so far as heard from, are averaging over five pounds to the fleece.

Kroft & Fleming received sixteen head of beef cattle from our Smith river stock men last Monday.

The circular race track in course of construction at the White Sulphur Springs, is nearing completion.

There is an Australian shepherd at the White Sulphur Springs who, it is stated, can shear 125 sheep in one day.

Sheep shearing is progressing rapidly on Smith river. Most of the flock masters will be through by the first of next week.

Nathan Mannering had a horse to rear and fall backwards on him Sunday last, severely bruising and disabling him from work.

The Misses Lola and Carrie Pickering spent a day or two in town last week, and were in attendance at the dance on Friday evening.

The Missouri river is out of its banks at Canyon Ferry, and at last accounts was still rising, though crossing at that point remains uninterrupted.

John E. James arrived from Maine last week, and went over to C. W. Cook & Bro.'s. He will most probably settle on Smith river or the Muscleshell.

The *Rural New Yorker*, one of the old reliable agricultural journals of the East, has been materially enlarged and improved, and is more inviting than ever to the general reader.

Our traveling man "Will" is now on the road. Any information given calculated to interest and instruct our readers, and any substantial favors contributed will be duly appreciated.

Express matter for Smith river, consisting mostly of wool sacks, accumulated so rapidly last week that the Camp Baker express was compelled to put on an extra wagon Saturday last.

Smith river, which has been past fording for a week or more, causing considerable inconvenience to travel, has fallen and can now be forded with loaded teams, and travel is again brisk.

Nick Millen, of Helena, the popular boot and shoe dealer, is receiving a large stock of new goods this season, and is prepared to accommodate the public with anything they may wish in his line.

Miss Alice Marks returned from Helena last week to spend vacation, the school term having closed for the summer. Miss Alice is making rapid progress with her studies, having gained the highest department in her school.

The high water drew the post that held the cable of the Centreville Ferry last week, and the boat swung round to the opposite shore the full length of the cable down stream. It will, perhaps, be some days before it is in running order again.

Messrs. Farrar, Smith & Charters are pipping on Spruce bar, and have good prospects. It is believed they have struck the continuation of a rich streak from G. A. Hampton's grass root diggings, on the opposite side of Spruce gulch. The nature of the ground seems the same.

G. A. Hampton is running night and day on his grass root diggings, and is doing good execution. He has already reached the head of his flume with his cut, and is sweeping down the immense gravel bank as fast as his flume will carry it off. He will make a good showing of bed-rock before the 4th of July if the water holds out.

The Diamond R train, which went over to Baker a short time since loaded with lumber, did not load with wool as was predicted, but passed back a few days ago empty.

Last week E. L. Sherman purchased a one-half interest with Joseph Cline in the Bedell farm on Duck creek, together with one-half of the growing crop, implements, etc. Mr. Sherman declares that it is his intention to stay by Duck creek to the last.

Estrayed—A mare, 14½ hands high, between a dark chestnut and a black in color, and branded D L on both shoulders. Was last seen on Confederate creek. A reward of \$5 will be paid for her delivery at this office, or information that will lead to her recovery.

Friday evening last the young folks of town got up an impromptu party in honor of the return of Miss Alice Marks. The party, though not large, was exceedingly pleasant, just another of those very enjoyable social gatherings such as was had the evening before her departure.

He wrote and told her he would be there at 8 o'clock in the evening, concluding his note with the following couplet:

"With breath as sweet as roses,  
Thou'lt breathe upon me love."

And she coolly answered, "You'd better not come; we had onions in the soup today."

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Montana Woolen Factory, held at Fish creek, June 10th, the following officers of the association were elected: President, Jacob Crissman; Vice-President, Amos Eastman. Directors—James Brooke, John Lott, Geo. T. Lewis, James Page, and T. E. Curtis.

"Why don't you trade with me?" said a close-fisted tradesman to a publisher the other day. "Because," was the characteristic reply, "you have never asked me, sir. I have looked all through the papers for an invitation in the shape of an advertisement, but in vain. I never go where I am not invited, sir."

Geo. Byron, of the Missouri valley was in town this week. He is building a new ferry at the old Fisher place, near Canton, has all the lumber for building the new boat on the ground, and will commence getting out the gunwales Monday. It is his intention to have the boat ready for crossing as soon as the high water goes down.

Some rich specimens of float quartz were exhibited on our streets a few days ago which were picked up by Nate Mannering upon the hillside overlooking town. The specimens were very fine containing free gold easily discernable to the naked eye. This rock evidently came from some lead further up the hill, perhaps not a half mile from town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lewis returned from Smith river on Monday, having made but a short stay. Mr. Lewis is too much crowded with business to spend much time visiting. In addition to being one of Montana's most successful and enterprising farmers, he has recently purchased the Union Mills, at Spring Hill, Gallatin county, of which he takes possession about July 1st.

A newspaper may say a hundred things for an individual or society, and never receive so much as an appropriate "Thank you," but let the newspaper forget the hundred and first kind word, and the omission is not only noticed, but referred to in vexation—and almost bitterness—of spirit. This is human nature as we find it along the pathway of life. Kindness and charity, and frank, generous gratitude for favors already extended ought to enter into the lives of us all—saint and sinner.—*Ex.*

Marks & Patterson have this week purchased the old Diamond City Livery Stable from J. Laney, paying \$1,200 for the same, and propose to open it in first-class shape in a few days. These gentlemen are extensively engaged in farming and freighting, have superior facilities for furnishing their stables with hay and grain, and desire us to state that it will now only cost one-half the price formerly charged at these stables for keeping stock; besides, they guarantee that stock shall be well taken care of. These stables are conveniently arranged and centrally located, and the new proprietors are deserving of a liberal share of patronage. Their advertisement will appear next week.

Thomas McGonigal, one of our prosperous valley farmers, made us a call this week. He says that the grasshoppers have created sad havoc in his vicinity. His own fields have been entirely swept bare, and those of his neighbors are growing beautifully less every day. The 'hoppers of all ages, from those just hatched out to those which are taking wings, are very thick. Some are re-sowing, while others give up all hope of a crop for the season.

One of the most remarkable monstrosities of which we have heard in some time is that of a chicken recently hatched in the poultry yard of Mrs. McGonigal, of the Missouri valley. This bird was well formed in every respect, and had four perfect legs, of which it had good use. The feet on one side had five toes, and on the other four. The front legs, on which the principal weight of the body was poised, were a little farther forward than usual, and the hind legs were a little back, but directly behind them. Unfortunately, the wonderful bird did not live, but it has been stuffed by Jack Perkins, who is a taxidermist, and it can be examined by any who feel curious on the subject.

From present indications the crowd at the White Sulphur Springs on the Fourth of July will greatly exceed that of last year. From every quarter we hear of preparations being made to spend the holiday there, and to those who want a week's fun and enjoyment a better opportunity was never offered. Merchants, miners, farmers, herdsmen and professional men, old and young, will gather from far and near, with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, making an assembly almost equal to a Fair. Preparations for the event are now in full progress. A dozen or more men are employed about the premises, and every exertion is being put forward by the Spencer Bros. to accommodate all who may attend in a satisfactory manner.

Elsewhere will be found the advertisement of a grand ball, to be given at Canyon Ferry, Friday, July 5. The hotel at this place has been renovated and refurbished, and under the immediate supervision of Mrs. J. V. Stafford is one of the most pleasant places to visit in the country. The parties given at this place enjoy a wide reputation for being the best conducted, best attended and most enjoyable given anywhere. The dance hall is large, and the tables are always well supplied. On the occasion of the 5th Helena's celebrated musician, Homer Hewins, will furnish the music. The genial host, L. Rotwitt, is an exceptionally good landlord, and is always attentive to the wants of his guests. A fine time is guaranteed to all who attend.

An experienced shepherd, who was employed by L. D. Burt in Red Bluffs, California, to assist in the management of his Smith river flocks, arrived here direct from that place by last Friday's coach. We learn from him that Mr. Burt is en route with a flock of 12,000 head for his Smith river ranches. The shepherd also states that there are a number of other large flocks which left the vicinity of Red Bluffs for Montana en route, and will arrive here early in the fall. The railroad lands of which the shepherds of that region have enjoyed free pasturage for a number of years is rapidly being taken up, and flockmasters find it necessary to move elsewhere, and as Montana has few equals and no superior as a wool-growing country, many will come. Let them come, there is plenty of room.

The Smith river train will commence to rendezvous at the White Sulphur Springs to-morrow, and will start for Carroll by Monday. It will consist of six or eight teams of ten yoke of oxen and two wagons each, viz: Moore Bros. two; J. O. Hussey two; Phil. Miller two; A. Parker one; Len Lewis one. The train will move about 100,000 pounds of wool and will transport most of the clip of the valley at two trips. There is back loading for one trip at least at Carroll of supplies for Smith river and Muscleshell stock growers, shipped by Clendenning. The citizens of these valleys develop considerable enterprise in being able to furnish transportation for their wool product, and also for their yearly supplies. There are no people of the Territory on a more solvent basis than those of this section, and trade is rapidly increasing and will in a few years assume mammoth proportions.

Mr. Thos. F. Van Wagenen, of Denver, Colorado, has recently issued a little volume on hydraulic mining, containing a vast amount of valuable information for those engaged in placer mining. The author is a practical miner of long experience, and handles the subject of which he treats with ability. The price of the pamphlet is seventy-five cents, and will be sent post paid, to any address. Write to Thos. F. Van Wagenen, P. O. Box 2,155, Denver, Col.

We invite the attention of stock growers to the improved appearance of our Herdsmen's Directory. Card after card has been added until it begins to assume an important appearance. It is a convenient and economical means by which our stockmen can familiarize others with their marks and brands, which is worth a great deal. The HUSBANDMAN is the only journal which is devoted to the live stock interest—and is extensively circulated among the stock owners—in the Territory, and consequently is the best medium for the purpose. Those who have made the experiment are highly pleased with the result. Only last week we made another order for cuts, and expect to make another about the 4th of July, and trust our friends will send us in a goodly number by this date.

### BORN.

In Helena, June 14, to the wife of Fred L. King, twin daughters.

### MARRIED

At Elk Grove school house, June 6, by Rev. C. W. Sandford, Mr. Horace Edwards to Miss Emma C. Aiken.

At Willow Creek, June 9, Mr. M. Haskins to Miss Mamie Hall.

In Virginia City, June 3, by Hon. Theo. Muffy, Mr. John G. Vetter to Mrs. Marie Daems.

### SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

**GRAND BALL**  
ON  
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AT  
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