

LOCAL NEWS.

**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.  
 H. H. BARNES, W. M.  
 G. A. HAMPTON, Secretary.

**RELIGIOUS.**  
 I will hold services at the following places during this conference year:  
 1st Sabbath, Deep creek, morning and evening.  
 2d " Radersburg, " " " "  
 3d " St. Louis, " Bedford, eve.  
 4th " Duck creek, " Beaver cr'k "  
 Hours for services—11 o'clock, a. m., and 7 p. m.  
 Appointments will not be changed during this conference year.  
 R. M. CRAVEN,  
 Centerville, Meagher Co. Montana.

GEO. LYONS was up from the Musselshell this week.

GAVIN JOHNSTON, of Bedford, made Diamond a flying visit last week.

THE road from Diamond down the gulch will be completed next week.

IT is estimated that the new ditch from Beaver creek to Bedford will cost \$12,000.

H. GRANDA, of Granda Bros., wool-growers of the Musselshell, was in Diamond this week.

TRADE in vegetables, grain, etc., between Smith river and the Missouri valley is getting lively.

TWENTY-SEVEN ranches have been located in the Judith basin since the discovery of the new mines.

THE frost last week killed the cucumbers in some localities, but tomatoes, so far as heard from, are unmolested.

THERE is an extensive movement of sheep towards Meagher county just now. They will probably be placed on the Judith.

VEGETABLES are plenty and cheap. Tomatoes, the tenderest vegetable grown in this latitude, are selling in our market at six cents per pound.

JUDGE T. E. COLLINS left by last Friday's coach for Benton, and will be absent some days yet. One of the principal objects of his visit was to arrive at some definite understanding with the people of Benton in regard to the construction of the wagon road from Fort Logan to Benton.

THE North-West of last week says that J. O. Miles, of Silver Bow, has instituted suit against Smith & Beecher, sheep drovers, for coming too near his ranch with sheep said to be affected with scab. The suit will most probably prove very expensive, and the result in no great benefit to either party.

A RETURNED stamper from the Judith mines says that the land of Canaan could scarce have looked more beautiful to Moses and his followers after their forty years' march over the parching sands of the desert of Arabia, than did the Judith to his party from the summit of the Belt mountains.

IF SOME one would take the trouble to look out the proposed road from Centerville to the White Sulphur Springs, by way of the left fork of Deep creek, and circulate a subscription list, we are confident money enough could be raised to build the road in time for use this fall. Messrs. Higgins, Parberry and Spencer, of White Sulphur Springs, and Mr. Johnston, of Bedford, would, we are confident, contribute liberally to such an enterprise.

*Erichs' Fashion Quarterly*, of which the fall number lies before us, seems in every respect to be just what a lady needs, whether she dwell in town or country, or inhabit a palace or a cottage. Here are all the fashions of the coming fall illustrated and described at length, in a variety to suit every taste and pocket; the illustrations being, not the highly colored copies of foreign designs, but the faithful transcripts, by competent artists, of actual costumes in the publishers' possession. Here, too, are drawings of an infinity of other articles of feminine and household use, executed with equal fidelity and excellence. And accompanying the description of each and every item is a statement of the prices at which it can be furnished in various degrees of excellence. The purely literary department of the magazine is also very meritorious. Send 50 cents to Erich & Co., 237 to 295 Eighth Avenue, New York, for one year's subscription.

SEVERAL of our old time cattle men are preparing to invest in sheep husbandry.

ED. BRASSEY, of the Diamond City hotel, is on a fishing excursion to Smith river.

THE sheep drive this season has been large, consequently a number of our people will enter into the wool-growing business.

JUDGE MURRAY came up from the Musselshell last week, and after a few days' visit among old friends departed again for his new home, taking with him his household effects, etc. He intends abiding permanently in the region east of the mountains.

THE Musselshell river is no less than 150 miles in length from the canyon to the Missouri, and stock do not range more than 50 miles east, leaving a region fully 100 miles in extent unoccupied, yet there are some chronic grumblers who maintain that the country is crowded with stock.

IF those gentlemen who have been so skeptical in regard to Smith river as an agricultural valley will call around at our office we will show them as fine a specimen of corn grown by Hank Potter as we have seen in Montana. Mr. Higgins, to whom we are indebted, assures us that Mr. Potter has a fine garden and is confident that white beans will be grown on the valley another year.

THE DATE of the ball and races at White Sulphur Springs has been changed from October 12th to the 10th. The 12th comes on Sunday and was chosen through mistake. Let the public note the change. Hewins and Yaeger have been engaged, and everything calculated to make pleasure-seekers enjoy themselves will be supplied. A corn field full of ponies will enter for the races, and a good opportunity will be offered for guessing, as there will be no chance for a put-up job. Go, everybody, and have a good time.

J. E. CALLAWAY, one of the leading breeders of short-horns, and grower of the finest class of heaves in Montana, whose card will be found in our directory, has changed the location of his brand to the left hip as appears in the cut, and attached a metallic tag to each ear. Stockmen finding any of his cattle off of their accustomed range will confer a favor by sending him a postal card notice of the whereabouts of the same.

THE Model garden, Virginia City, is well supplied with a great variety of small fruit, whose success has been tested in Montana, and Mr. Bartruff offers to sell roots and cuttings at rates that will be appreciated. Our farmers will do well, in starting in this business, to secure acclimated plants and shrubs; besides, home industry is worthy of patronage. Those wishing anything in this line are referred to the advertisement to be found in this issue.

THE enterprise now on foot looking to the change of French bar ditch to the mines in the vicinity of Bedford is of vast importance to the people of the Missouri valley. At a recent council between the mine owners of Bedford and Mr. Hanser terms were partially agreed upon for the construction of the ditch and the turning in of the Beaver creek water. It was expected that the survey for the new ditch would commence yesterday. If this project is carried out it will develop thousands of acres of placer mines and make a lively camp.

UPON a blazed pine tree in the Judith mines is registered the names of a party of prospectors who discovered gold there thirteen years ago, but being set afoot by the Indians, did not stay to test the mines. The inscription closes with, "We leave here afoot." The names were engraved in the wood then traced with a pencil, and have survived the storms of the last decade well, being perfectly legible. The name of Jos. Summy, a gentleman well known in Meagher county, heads the list. Since that day he has visited the mines of Utah, was first among the stampedees to the Black Hills, and not finding the scenes wild enough, went to South Africa where he spent several years, taking in London and Paris on his way there. He is now in Leadville, Colorado, and will probably turn up in Montana in time to reap some benefit from his adventures among the Indians in the Judith country thirteen years ago.

THE black leg on the Missouri and Musselshell valleys has not yet abated.

MAJOR HIGGINS, prosperous merchant of White Sulphur Springs, came over to the county seat Monday last.

THE *Index* has failed to make its appearance at our table for some days past. What's the matter, neighbor? nothing gone wrong we hope.

JUST at this writing the Diamond market is out of flour, and our valley farmers are in the same predicament. Another week, however, it will begin to roll in.

THERE is said to be a goodly number of immigrants coming into Montana this fall. They are mostly men with families and their destination seems to be eastern Montana.

MR. BUCKINGHAM was marketing onions last week, from three to four laches in diameter, the largest of the season. He has a large crop of these vegetables which he proposes to sell cheap.

ANY board of school trustees who may desire a teacher, or any principal of a high school who may wish a worthy and competent assistant, will do well to consult "ad." in our local column. The lady in question is competent and capable, and we take pleasure in recommending her to the public.

SEVERAL parties have returned from the new mines, but little is yet known as to the extent of the diggings. The rims prospect well. Clarence Baraes got as high as 40 cents to the pan, one piece weighing 20 cents. No drains are yet down in the main gulch. Healan & Harwood have three sluices set on a bar and were working with ten inches of water. Ten dollars had been washed from a pit that one man could shovel in in one day. There were about 150 men in the camp, and squads of from five to twenty were arriving daily, and but few were leaving.

THE particulars of the burning of J. W. Walters' residence on Camas creek, mentioned last week, are about as follows. The fire caught in the bed room when all were asleep, and was fairly underway when discovered. Mrs. Walters and the children, who were in the house, escaped only with their night clothes. Everything in the house and kitchen was lost, leaving them destitute of clothing and bedding. Some money also burned. Mr. Walters desires us to state that he has a large lot of vegetables which he will sell very low, as he needs money to rebuild and prepare for winter.

SMITH RIVER and Musselshell people are offered an excellent opportunity for getting a supply of flour cheap, in this issue. Mr. Higgins, of White Sulphur Springs, proposes that they send in their orders to him between now and the 10th of October, and that he will purchase for them in quantities and turn the flour over to them at cost. By this means they will be able to get their flour delivered at the Springs at about what they would have to pay at the mill if they were to buy separately. Mr. Higgins is a large dealer and has a decided advantage in purchasing. He also calls attention to the fact that he has now on hand a large stock of general merchandise, which he is selling at very reasonable figures.

Few things are better calculated to make home happy than nice, white, nutritious bread, and no housekeeper can supply her table with this commodity unless she has good flour. In view of this fact the providers of every household should look well to this matter. Montana is well supplied with first-class mills and there are a great number of brands of flour on the market, but none stands higher in the estimation of the public than that made by Gavin Johnston, of the Bedford mills. Mr. Johnston is a first-class miller and has won a reputation which is well worth preserving. His brands of flour not only stand on a par with the best in the territory, but he has won for himself the enviable reputation of dealing fairly with his customers. Our readers are invited to consult the advertisement of the Bedford mills elsewhere in this issue, and as many as are not satisfied as to the quality of this flour are recommended to give it a trial, and be convinced.

THE board of equalization was in session two days this week.

THE toll at the Bedford flouring mills has been reduced to one-eighth.

MISS LIZZIE WALLING is spending the week in Diamond.

JOHN HINTON was in the market last week with watermelons, worth from 75 cents to \$1 each.

GALLATIN farmers are sowing largely of winter wheat which has grown much in favor with them of late.

HENRY BYRD, of New York gulch, has been to the new mines, and is making preparations to go to the basin and locate a ranch.

WM. HIGGINS arrived from Boulder City Tuesday evening. He has the new building for his store nearly completed, and will soon open out a stock of new goods. We bespeak for him a liberal share of trade.

A. MCGREGOR, J. O. Hussey and C. W. Cook were passengers on Tuesday's western bound coach. Mr. McGregor goes to Helena to meet his family who recently arrived there, and Cook and Hussey are en route for the states.

A RELIABLE gentleman late from the Judith, in speaking of the extent of the valley, says that the Missouri valley is to the basin about what an ordinary farm would be to the Missouri valley. He regards it as the garden spot of Montana.

CHEW Jackson's best sweet navy tobacco.

MARRIED.

At Butte, September 10, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. R. Russell, Mr. Hardin W. Taylor and Miss Hattie B. Bowler.  
 At the residence of Mr. C. C. Rennie, Butte, Thursday, September 11, by Charles S. Warren, J. P., Mr. Ira Edwards and Miss Susan Elmer.

DIED.

At Centerville, September 13, Mason, son of James E. and Emma J. McCormick, aged 3 years.  
 In Butte, September 9, Lucius Clark, infant son of Joaquin and Elizabeth Abascal, aged 5 months and 28 days.  
 In Helena, September 10, Harry A., only child of Moses and Emma Morris, aged 6 months and 13 days.  
 In Gallatin, August 25, of congestion of the brain, Osborn Allen, youngest child of Jacob O. and Mary E. Hopping, aged two years and eight months.

PREPARE FOR WINTER.

Being desirous of assisting the people of Smith river and Musselshell in obtaining their winter supply of flour at reasonable rates, I will purchase for all who will send in their orders before October 10, without commission, or in other words, will furnish them at cost and carriage. By sending their orders to me they will have all the advantage that can be obtained by purchasing and freighting in large quantities. Orders will be taken for any number of bags, but must be in by October 10th. I intend purchasing 300 sacks for my own use, and will add to this amount whatever is ordered, and give the people whatever benefit may be derived from purchasing in this way.  
 I also beg leave to state that I have just received a large stock of general merchandise, which I will sell as low as it can possibly be sold in this market.  
 JONAS HIGGINS.  
 White Sulphur Springs, Sept. 18, 1879-44-1f.

Wanted.

A lady who has a diploma, having graduated in the highest branches of the English language at one of the best colleges in the United States, would like a situation as teacher. Address, E. A. CARE HUSBANDMAN, 44-1f.

Diamond City Hotel,

ED. BRASSEY, - - Lessee.

This widely known and popular hotel is well provided with modern conveniences; is neat and comfortably furnished, and the tables are always supplied with the best of everything to be obtained in the market.

CHARGES REASONABLE  
 The public are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves.  
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Call and Settle.

Having closed out my business in Diamond City, I have placed my books, accounts, notes, etc., in the hands of T. E. Collins for settlement. Persons interested will settle at once and save costs.  
 JONAS HIGGINS.

GEORGE P. REEVES, Watchmaker.

EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET, HELENA.  
 Watch and Chronometer making and repairing in all its most difficult parts, a specialty.  
 ENGRAVING  
 Executed in the best style.  
 Gold and silver work made to order.  
 1y GEO. P. REEVES.