

LOCAL NEWS.

**DIAMOND CITY LODGE No. 7, A. F. and A. M.**  
Stated Communications held at their Hall, in Diamond City, on the second Saturday of each month. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend.  
H. L. KEENE, W. M.  
G. ECKER, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS.

I will hold services at the following places during this conference year:  
1st and 3d Sabbaths, Deep creek, morning and evening.  
2d and 4th Sabbaths, Duck creek, morning and evening.  
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.

Another habitation sprung into existence during the past week.

Our friend H. Ramspeck of Diamond was over last week looking after his herd.

C. L. WIGGINS came in from the Musselshell last week and reports stock doing well.

F. M. DENNIS came up from his Musselshell home, seventy-five miles east of Martinsdale, last week.

MARTINDALE's progressive merchant and stock raiser Frank Gaugler is on a visit to Helena.

Six families of half-breeds have settled on the American fork, near the mountains, and are making permanent improvements.

WE HAD a pleasant call last week by Mrs. P. H. Clark, and Mrs. A. J. Stephens who came to see our new press work.

MESSRS Alice & Barrows of Martinsdale have ordered a portable saw mill which they intend to put up on the Judith. The mill will arrive on the first boats.

DR. PRICE, late of the Bitter Root valley, passed through town a few days since in search of a home in eastern Montana. We understand he has located at Martinsdale.

THE Good Templars' lodge at Diamond is prospering. It is out of debt, has a fine library, an organ and a large hall. At a late meeting the fees were materially reduced.

SAM WELCH left the valley last week for Belt river to take charge of Baker & Co.'s flock of sheep. Mr. W. has had considerable experience in sheep husbandry, and is a good man for the position.

MESSRS. Morse & Campbell are pushing work on their new saw mill near Old Fort Howie rapidly. Mr. Campbell is now in Helena having castings made. It is their intention to have the mill going by April first.

JOHN BROWN and family, of Sun river valley, arrived at the Springs Saturday. Mrs. Brown comes to receive medical treatment for rheumatism, and will remain some time with her sister Mrs. Thomas Cooper. Rocky Gap the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, is one of the prettiest dairy and stock farms in Lewis & Clarke county.

WE NOTICED a two-year-old Cariboo colt being paraded about town a few days since, which reminds us of the great contest for the 4th of July. Those who have colts that promise to make good flyers could not ask better inducements for developing their speed. Read the advertisement in another column.

ABOUT January 1st one of G. M. Hatch's fine mares, left by him on the range near Fort Logan, was turned loose near this place covered with frost and ice, showing saddle and bridle marks, and other unmistakable evidences of having been severely ridden. Mr. Hatch offers \$50 reward for any information that will lead to the conviction of the party who rode her here.

JAMES ARMSTRONG, who came in from Yogo about a month since, having been to Helena and supplied himself with a complete stock of liquors, bar fixtures, etc., returned this week taking with him in addition a supply of provisions. He has cast his fortune with the new mining district, in full confidence that it will soon become wealthy and populous.

The parhelion display on last Tuesday night was beautiful in the extreme. Two gorgeous bows, rivaling the rainbow in beauty, loomed up on each side of, and equidistant from the big, full moon as it rose above the horizon. The same display was repeated on the following morning when the sun arose and stood over the same cold peaks where the mock moons shone with such splendor on the evening previous.

WE ARE indebted to D. M. Ferry & Co. of Detroit, Michigan, for a package of assorted vegetable, grass and flower seeds. This firm does an extensive seed business. The outside of each package sold by the company contains a colored engraving of the vegetable or flower the seed will produce. Their illustrated catalogue of seeds which is sent farmers on application is attractive enough for a parlor ornament.

The furniture for the new school-house is lying at the terminus and cannot be shipped until spring.

THERE HAS been considerable discussion in regard to school matters of late. Some persons seem to think it our duty to apply ourselves diligently to learning what is going on in the district and notify them of any meeting that may chance to be called. Others, that we should not criticise the acts of school officials in the least. We are well aware that the office of school trustee is a thankless one and pays nothing, nevertheless their acts are best as liable to criticism as those of the best salaried officer in the land, and he who accepts such a position and is not willing to have his official acts scrutinized will find himself in the wrong pew.

We should have pursued a somewhat different course from that pursued by the board. But we have no complaint to make. It was the people's privilege to have voted down the recent 1-mill levy if they saw fit. The trustees, no doubt, complied with the law in calling the election, yet the notice was insufficient, but the fault is in the law, and the aggrieved tax-payer must go to the law-maker for remedy. If the law required notices of school elections to be published a reasonable length of time in some newspaper, the people would generally have ample notice, but the law does not make it the duty of trustees to notify editors of such elections, or an editor's duty to hunt up such matters or publish them when duly notified.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Montana's Great Health and Pleasure Resort.

In the midst of a beautiful valley surrounded on all sides by snowy peaks, gushes forth from the level plain the far-famed medical fountains from which the place takes its name. The wonderful medicinal properties of these waters have never been heralded abroad, and no effort has ever been made on the part of their proprietor to make them popular or bring them into general notice, yet the many miraculous cures effected through their agency attest the fact that as a healing fountain they are second to none in America, and few perhaps in the world. Though the facilities for treating patients have until recently been very poor, hundreds of invalids have come here and gone away healed, and are a living advertisement to-day of the virtues of these waters. Old men have been made new; the leper has been healed; old chronic diseases of long standing have been cured; victims of malpractice and human malady in its direst form have been permanently cured; the old rheumatic with his aches and pains has been made to leap with joy; men afflicted with cutaneous diseases have gone away light-hearted and happy; and those who live at and around the Springs use no other medicine than to drink of and bathe in the waters. These afford the only bath human life seem to require. In speaking of its medical composition Prof. V. C. Vaughan, Chemical Lecturer of the Medical University of Michigan, says it is strongly alkaline, that it contains carbonate of soda, sulphate of soda, chloride of soda, bromide of soda, carbonate of lithium, oxydul of iron, silicate, carbonate of lime, carbonate of magnesia. "This water," says he, "resembles closely in chemical composition the Apollinaris water which is shipped to America from Prussia." The Professor is authority that can't be disputed.

Situated as the Springs are in the midst of a good agricultural, and a pastoral region that has no superior on earth, at the very gate-way leading to Eastern Montana, an agricultural and stock region unequalled in extent and beauty anywhere in the northwest. It requires no prophetic eye to see the commercial importance of the place. The resources of Smith river alone would build up a nice country village here, but being near the centre of population of the county, nearer than any other point that can be centered upon, with easy passes leading to all the principal valleys there can be no question but that it is to be the commercial point of the county. The commercial facilities alone would build a place of importance, and where we have them associated with the great health and pleasure advantages afforded by the mineral springs, a prosperous city is doubly assured. The rapid stride the surrounding country is making and the corresponding advance of the Springs assures us that we have not long to wait for the realization of our hopes. Scarcely four years ago there was nothing here save a few log cabins. There was not even a post office or mail line, not a habitation in sight, though the view extends for miles. Now we have a thriving country village, and mail service six times a week, the mails making it during the summer season through from Helena—a distance of 75 miles—in one day, the coaches making the

best time of any line in the territory. The fame of the valley as a stock-growing region, then little known, is now world wide. The herds and flocks have multiplied until the revenue of the valley exceeds \$100,000 per annum on wool alone, to say nothing of the beef. Now homes have sprung into existence, dotting the whole face of the valley. Agriculture untought of then has been prosecuted successfully, and farms are being fenced and grain fields being opened on all sides, giving the country the appearance of thrift and prosperity. The Springs now boasts of the finest school building in the county, and the district draws annually from the public fund nearly a sufficient amount to maintain a school ten months in a year, and school which is to commence in a short time will probably never close again except for the regular school vacation. Two town sites have been laid out here—one around the Springs, the other adjoining this. These sites are beautifully located. A public square is laid out about the Springs and the streets and alleys from this are good width. A large canal from Smith river, nearly completed, will cover most of the town. Owing to its marvelous health advantages and close proximity to the great pasture fields of the Musselshell and Judith, White Sulphur Springs offers most excellent inducements for stockmen to build homes. They can reside here with their families, having all the advantages of schools, churches, society, and be within a day's ride of their flocks and herds which would be luxuriating upon the finest pasturage extant. The business advantages of the place also offer excellent inducements for the establishment of different lines of trade and building up permanent and flourishing houses. There are also scores of individuals all over the land who could find relief from their afflictions by undergoing a course of treatment here—while those oppressed with business cares and desiring rest could not find a more desirable place to recuperate. The surroundings are pleasant. Fishing in the numerous streams adjacent is good, and elk, deer, antelope, bear and lions abound in the mountains near by—any kind of sport desired can be obtained. Partaking of the boom of the rest of the world and of Eastern Montana, particularly the town of White Sulphur Springs, rising like magic, claiming prestige by its wonderful gift of nature as the Saratoga of the great Northwest.

MADISON VALLEY.

EDITOR HUSBANDMAN: It has been a long time since I saw anything in your paper from this part of the territory, and thinking a few lines might be of interest to you and your many readers, will send you what items I have been able to glean:

First of all, we are having a very dull winter of it. More snow fell in this valley in the beginning of the winter—say up to Christmas—than the "oldest settlers" have any recollection of. On Christmas Eve the snow was at least a foot deep all over the valley, and much deeper on the table land. A heavy wind storm came in from the south, and for several days it was almost impossible to get out to attend to stock that was stabled and corralled. The air was thick with the drifting snow driven by a wind storm that was traveling at the rate of about ninety miles an hour. It kept up this gale for seventeen days, and then only let up long enough to turn square about, and then gave us a blizzard from the north for three or four days, when it turned south again, and up to the present time we have had but a few still days.

In the storm Mr. W. C. Harrison lost about 1,200 head of sheep out of a band of 4,000 that he bought in Nevada last season. He arrived here too late to make any preparation for winter, having neither sheds nor hay, and his sheep were badly afflicted with the scab. Those lost were mostly old ewes and lambs. Mr. Raymond also lost heavily—about the same per cent as Mr. H. His flock arrived late in the fall. Mr. Allen lost but very few, his flock having been on the valley for several years.

Stock never looked so thin this time of the year, and should the remainder of the winter be bad much stock will be lost. Since the burning of the Grange hall amusements have been scarce, on account of not having any place to dance or have any other entertainments. In fact, the grange has not met often since the loss of their hall, but a new hall is being built. This time it will be two stories, 52x24 feet, with twenty foot walls. The lower story is to be used for church and other public gatherings, and the upper story for a grange hall and the use of the public when the lower room will not answer as well.

Improvement seems to be the order of the day. Burt Jeffries is about to build a fine residence in which to cage and keep his recent acquisition. Mr. Ennis will build the coming summer, a fine residence adjoining his store which he has just completed. John Woodworth will build a substantial

grain and carriage house; while Mr. Whitney and James Saunders have just completed good, large and comfortable residences. It looks as though they intended to stay.

Within the last year six of our bachelor friends have taken unto themselves help-mates and have settled down, and there are many more that would do the same if half a chance was offered. UPPER MADISON, Madison Valley, January 23, 1880.

FROM BOULDER VALLEY.

EDITOR HUSBANDMAN: Not having seen any recent mention of Boulder in any of the papers I thought it well to let you know that Boulder is neither dead nor sleepeth.

Mechanics are busily engaged in erecting two new buildings in the new city, the material having been brought over the range before the blockade. Several other buildings are in contemplation as soon as spring opens. We are soon to have a couple of stores and one or two meat markets in full blast.

The Butte, Helena and Terminus stages stop here for dinner and change coaches, and at mid-day "The wheels of the Overland they make such a din, Some totin' out and some totin' in."

Mine host of Cook's hotel, Mr. Trotter, a rustling six-footer, has acquired a widespread notoriety for hot fires and excellent dinners, nowhere to be excelled in Montana. He has everything in readiness to warm up and fill up the chilled and hungry coach passengers, and at the dining-room door with a bland smile and

Open hand to receive the taxes— Six bits a meal is all he axes.

and as the departing coaches rush up to the door he accommodatingly sings out, "Butte coach; Hel-e-na coach; Tern-i-nus coach," so that the traveler, thoroughly warmed up and refreshingly full, goes his way rejoicing, glad that there is one place in Montana where hot stoves and square meals are a bona-fide reality.

Capt. Cook attends to the mails and express matter, which is business enough for a man of his years, yet he masters the business skillfully and with entire satisfaction.

It is expected there will be a mail line established between Bozeman and Deer Lodge, passing through Boulder, thus connecting by mail the east and west side direct and developing a route for the Northern Pacific.

The Rev. E. J. Stanley has been lying very ill for the past two weeks at the house of one of our neighbors, from bilious fever. He had been soliciting subscriptions with good success, and was on his way to Helena to obtain specifications for the building of a church edifice in our midst on the opening of spring. It is hoped he may soon recover and be able to complete the project.

We have also in contemplation the enlargement of our school-house, the present building being adjudged entirely too small for the number of scholars in the district.

Our school census is increasing so rapidly that one enthusiastic neighbor proposed to enlarge the school-house every two years, and judging from the family statistics of some of our more thrifty farmers, an annual enlargement might be necessary. The last census shows about ninety children in the district with some "pre-cincts" yet to hear from, this being a very fertile region; in proof I may add that a family moved from here last fall, the lady of which was the mother of eight triplets, all alive and well.

The Benton Record, in a late issue, says it is promised a series of letters from a friend in Boston on the subject of female emigration. It says the writer claims there are over ten thousand girls in Boston that would gladly emigrate to Montana or any spot under heaven where there is the smallest hope of finding husbands. Now, there is any amount of hope here, and lots of husbands for them. Why not encourage them? But the Record man says ten thousand girls turned loose in one community would be an awful visitation, and that he will publish the letters, but in the same spirit that he does Indian movements—to warn people of danger. Ten thousand girls would be rather a heavy dose so soon after the late Arctic wave, when mercury refused to indicate, but then "many are called, but few" will come, and girls now-a-days, are so uncertain that if ten thousand promised to come about one thousand would reach here, and that would about supply the demands of ailing bachelorhood of Montana. By all means let us have at least a balm of one thousand girls, that the "waist places" may be made glad, so to speak. It is to be hoped that the Record man may so far reform that he may try and induce a first-class female exodus Montana-ward, that thousands yet unborn may rise up and point to him with pride and admiration.

An ominous silence prevails among our mine holders, and rich developments are expected in the near future. Already sev-

eral heavy transactions have been made in mining property, and no doubt there will be several reduction works erected next summer. Many predict that we are on the eve of a full-fledged, first-class bonanza boom. If so, let her boom. Anything to beat the Grant boom and the Maine muddle. O-RES-TES.

LEN LEWIS and Donald McLean were among the arrivals at the Springs this week.

DIED.

In Barre, Orleans county, New York, December 21, 1879, of heart disease, Col. Joseph Barker, aged 77 years and 3 months.  
Deceased was the father of Charles Barker, of White's gulch.

BUTTE PRODUCE MARKET.

BUTTE, Jan. 16, 1879.  
The following figures rule the markets of the Silver City this morning:  
Flour—best—\$3.00.  
Graham—\$3.25.  
Buckwheat—\$9.00.  
Corn meal—Montana—\$6.00@8.00.  
Wheat—\$1.75.  
Oats—\$2.00.  
Bran and Shorts—2.50.  
Barley—2.50.  
Beans—6c.  
Potatoes—\$2.50.  
Butter—40@50c.  
Eggs—50@60c.  
Cheese—16@18c.  
Bacon—Montana—12@15c.  
Bacon—breakfast—16c.  
Pork—\$8.00.  
Beet—3.50@4.00 on foot.  
Mutton—\$4.00@4.50 per head.  
Chickens, \$7.00@8.00.  
Ducks, " " \$12.00.  
Onions—4@5.  
Beets—\$2.50.  
Hay—\$18.00@20.00 per ton.  
Lumber—rough—\$20.00@25.00; finishing, \$30.00@35.00.

HELENA PRODUCE MARKET.

HELENA, January 27, 1880.  
The following are the ruling prices for the past week, based on actual sales:  
Flour—Choice Willow creek—\$2.70@2.80; XXX, \$2.50; XX \$2.20.  
Wheat—\$1.25.  
Oats—\$1.40.  
Barley—brewers—\$1.50.  
Bran and Shorts—\$1.10.  
Peas—\$1.25.  
Chopped feed—\$1.35.  
Potatoes—\$1.00.  
Cabbage—2 cents per lb.  
Onions—4 cents per lb.  
Butter—50c.  
Cheese—19@22c.  
Eggs—55c.  
Pork—gross—\$7.00.  
Pork—net—\$7.50@8.00.  
Chickens, \$6.00 per doz.  
Turkeys—\$3.50@5.00 each.  
Ducks—50c.  
Fish—25c. per lb.  
Hay—\$10.00@12.00 per ton.  
Wood—\$4.50@5.00 per cord.  
Coal—\$12.00 per ton.  
Coke—\$12.00 per ton.

Bacon for Sale.

The public are hereby notified, that I have now on hand a large lot of first-class bacon which will be sold in quantities to suit the purchaser, reasonably low. Call and examine. J. G. SAETER, Near Fort Logan, 5-11-4t.

A GREAT

Two Year-Old Race!

Will be run over the

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

NEW RACE COURSE,

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JULY 4, 1880

FREE TO ALL TWO-YEAR-OLDS

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—FOR A—

Two Hundred Dollar Purse.

HALF MILE SINGLE DASH.

One hundred and fifty dollars to the first horse, and fifty dollars to the second. Four horses to enter and three to go. Entries to be made on or before May 1st. Entrance fee, ten per cent. SPENCER BROS. January 14, 1880-5-9-4t.

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(Formerly of the Central Hotel.)

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Diamond City, Montana.  
The public are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves.