

Local News.

RELIGIOUS.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Preaching at White Sulphur Springs the 1st and 3d Sundays of the month, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 11:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings at 7:30 p. m.
M. J. HALL,
Resident Pastor.

Preaching on 3d, 4th and 5th Sundays at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. Catlin.

The Smith River round-up is called to meet Saturday next.

Mrs. L. D. Burt spent a day or two in town during the past week.

Now is the time for berrying and fishing parties. Everything is very inviting.

The harvest of grain in Smith River valley is under full headway this week.

The ladies in town who are making their living with the needle are unusually busy.

J. E. Hall was in town Saturday proving up on his homestead land claim at Old Fort Howe.

A. J. Davidson, who has been confined to his bed during the past week, is improving slowly.

Mr. E. Doores has rented the Gaugler Hotel, at Martinsdale, and is running the same in good shape.

The Musselshell ranchmen were about one week later than Smith River people in finishing baying.

Mr. Barker, superintendent for the Hudson Mining Company, is expected to return from the East to-morrow.

Miss Laura Edmunson's new residence is completed and she is expected to take up her abode in it in a few days.

Sam. Snider, having abandoned work in White's Gulch, is, we learn, taking a trip through the eastern part of the county.

Mr. John McGarvin has succeeded Mr. Henry Kump as manager of the bath rooms. This is a nice position, but it is very confining.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson, of Fort Logan spent several days in town during the past week. She was the guest of Mrs. Louise Mayn.

Barney Tierney, proprietor of the I. X. L., has added a cornet to his excellent band. The music in this house every evening is the finest we have listened to in the town.

J. J. Hennessy left Tuesday for Bozeman, where he will attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, which was to have convened yesterday.

H. B. Caltee made a trip to the Castle Cave this week. It is his intention to spend several days in taking views of the cave and the fine scenery of Castle Mountains.

Chris. Myers raised the frame of his up-town dwelling this week. It looks suspicious to see a bachelor building such a nice residence.

L. H. Hershfield arrived from Helena by private conveyance Sunday last, coming via Townsend and the new road, and returns to-day with his family.

Samuel Allebaugh was in town Sunday. He informs us that the Townsend road will be completed in about one week. It is now passable for light teams. The west division is finished.

Price & Price have had a force engaged the past week in cutting a ditch to convey water to their mill at the new location, and are now ready to commence sawing lumber.

Mrs. J. V. Stafford, who has been spending the summer at her Missouri valley home, is expected to return to the Springs in a few days to take up her residence for the winter, in order to have the benefit of the schools here.

James Weir is very much better the past few days, and strong hopes are entertained of a recovery sufficient to stand the operation of amputation of his limb, in which case he will probably get entirely well.

A party is being organized to make an excursion to Mount Edith and spend a day fishing in the great lake. As this mountain is estimated to be about 13,000 feet above the sea level, we know of no better place to get a glimpse of Montana than from its summit.

Six thousand sheep are offered for sale by S. S. Hobson, as will be seen from an advertisement in this issue. This is a very fine flock, and the opportunity offered is an excellent one for those desirous of engaging in wool-growing. Read advertisement for particulars.

R. T. Riddlebarger has leased Harvey Spencer's building, now occupied by James McDonald as a saddle and harness store. The house is to be plastered inside, a new front put in, and neatly fitted up throughout for the display of his goods to advantage.

We are in receipt of a communication from a correspondent in regard to the resources of Smith River valley and the ultimate future of White Sulphur Springs—its prospects for railroad communication, etc., but it is not sufficiently legible for us to decipher it, and consequently it does not appear.

Our thanks are hereby tendered to Francis Pope, Secretary of the Montana Agricultural, Mineral and Mechanical Association, at Helena, for an invitation and complimentary ticket to attend the fifteenth exhibition, which will open September 8th and continue six days. We hope to be present.

Jerry Collins, of the River Press, made the Springs a brief call during the past week. Notwithstanding the river metropolis is dull, the Press is flourishing, and Mr. Collins is quite happy and contented with the handsome business his journal is doing.

Jeff. Howell, who has recently returned from a trip through the eastern and northern portion of the county assessing, estimates that there will be a considerable increase in the value of assessable property this year. Mr. Howell goes down the Musselshell this week to the neighborhood of Lavina.

We learn that Ira Myers has discontinued the business of cutting saw timber in Smith River canyon. The timber that has already been cut down is to be delivered on the bank of the river, preparatory to being driven to its destination next spring. It is also stated that Mr. Myers has sold his interest in the lumbering business.

The doctrine of letting the office seek the man and not the man the office, almost universally prevails in Meagher county. Whether this is really the feeling, or it is the ten dollars that stands between our people and the announcement in a newspaper, is more than we can tell.

Far up on a spur of Rim Rock, several miles away from any road or habitation, C. L. Allen recently found the mounds of two lonely graves. From all appearances they were made many years ago. They are in a forest of pines, and the four nearest to them are blazed, but quite well grown over. The oldest residents in the valley do not remember of any deaths having occurred in that locality.

Messrs. Cameron & Co. have a force of men sinking shafts on the Hardy and Cameron mines, and propose to push developments to the depth of one hundred feet before winter. Mr. James Gurley, who is one of the owners of the property, is much pleased with the looks of it as far as developments have been made. They are within fifteen miles of White Sulphur Springs.

We made a mistake in the name of the piano purchased by Mrs. Dirking. It is the celebrated Horace Waters piano. Mrs. Dirking is agent for their pianos and organs, and has arranged with the firm to purchase instruments at reasonable figures and easy installments. Call and examine the piano before buying elsewhere. If she can get a class of twelve regular pupils, she will make very easy terms for all.

J. R. Marks, who came over the new road from Townsend this week, says that with the exception of a few steep pitches on the east division, the road is first-rate. One of the grades is so steep that it is all a span of horses can do to draw a light wagon up it. The Commissioners have undoubtedly made a serious mistake in specifying that grades should in no place exceed five feet to the rod. They might just as well have limited the grades to two feet to the rod, and made a good road, as to have made one that is useless.

Frank Bush and wife left Monday last for St. Paul, where he will probably engage in business. It is not without regret that we say good-bye. Mr. Bush, although a resident here for only about a year, has won the highest regard of our people, while his estimable wife, who is a lady of culture and refinement, has been a bright and shining light in the Springs society. We take pleasure in commending them to whatever people they may be cast among, and in wishing them prosperity.

It is now time that all persons having irrigating ditches from Smith River should put screens in them to prevent the small fish from being carried out and destroyed. There is no law governing this matter, but every settler has, or should have, a common interest in protecting the fish in the stream. Screens may be made at a cost not exceeding one dollar each, and there is not a ranchman in the valley who would not be benefited more than that amount by providing against the wholesale destruction of the fish. We hope every one interested will heed this suggestion.

Our old-time friend, James Gurley, made the Springs a brief visit this week. Mr. Gurley has been a resident of Bozeman for a number of years past, but is quite extensively engaged in mining operations on the east slope of the mountains. Besides numerous quartz mines, he is one of the principal owners in a large placer claim in Bear Gulch, a tributary, we believe, of Emigrant Gulch, which is being worked by hydraulic power and a large bed-rock flume. His mission to this valley was to look at some copper and silver lodes near the Springs and confer with his partner, Sheriff Cameron, in regard to commencing operations for their development.

A glance at the register of the Springs Hotel assures us that the property is doing a good business. The house is well filled with guests and invalids, pleasure-seekers, etc., are continually coming and going, and the place is a continual scene of life and activity. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, the new managers, have many friends throughout the country, who are being attracted here by their management. The hotel is being kept scrupulously clean and the table is well furnished, and general satisfaction prevails among the many guests and boarders stopping there. With plenty to eat, a nice place to sleep and the medicinal waters to furnish an appetite, pleasure and health seekers can scarcely fail to be delighted. Then the sporting facilities afforded by our mountain ranges are such that the place stands pre-eminently above any watering place in the great Northwest.

Miss Carrie Pickering, of the Missouri valley, is visiting friends at the Springs and vicinity.

There is to be a Methodist campmeeting at the water tank on the N. P. R. R., at Beaver Creek, September 17th. There is to be a hotel on the ground, where sojourners from a distance can get accommodation. The Rev. Hall, of this place is the general superintendent.

We made a visit during the past week to Birch Creek district, and must say that we were well pleased with the outlook of the camp. The Bourbon mine has had some work done on it since our last visit, and makes a much better showing. The shaft on this mine is down upwards of fifty feet, and exposes a good vein of ore. The West Virginia, situated nearby, has a shaft down a little deeper than this. This mine also shows well, although the width of the lead is unknown, as it has not yet been cut from wall to wall. This mine is well timbered, a fact which shows that Messrs. Shoue and Bobenrieth, who did the work, are practical miners, and we have every reason to believe that they have an excellent piece of property. The other leads in the district are only partially developed, yet their owners cling to them with as much determination as ever.

COURT.

Since the appearance of our article last week mentioning that the time of holding the District Court at this place had been changed to September 15th, and that there would probably be no court at Fort Benton this fall, we have received a letter from Judge Wade, in which he states that he has "heard nothing whatever about there being no term at Fort Benton this fall, and expects to hold court there at the time appointed, October 5th." Our conclusions in regard to the Fort Benton court were drawn from the information published in the River Press to the effect that the County Commissioners of Choteau would ask the Judge to not hold any court this fall, for the purpose of saving expenses, there being but little business.

THE HANNA CASE.

The preparations for the execution of Joseph W. Hanna, which was to have taken place yesterday, were commenced about a week since and nearly completed before the news that the prisoner was to be granted a new trial was received. The jail yard was enclosed by a substantial board fence twelve feet in height, and a gallows built. R. S. Price had the contract for the latter, and built a most substantial structure. The posts are eight inches square and the whole structure made of nice dressed lumber, and reflects credit upon the builder. The coffin was also prepared, and had the news been one day later, the grave would have been dug. On the arrival of the news that the decision had been reversed and that a new trial would be had, Judge Rotwit, Judge Gray, Professor Foss and Sheriff Cameron called upon the prisoner in his cell. Judge Gray asked him how he felt, to which he replied that he felt as well as a man could under the circumstances. When the Judge said, in a firm, steady voice, "The court has granted you a new trial," the prisoner said, "Thank God! God is indeed gracious," and a smile of hope spread over the face of the unfortunate man, who but a moment before felt that he was doomed to die upon Wednesday and evidently thought his visitors had come to bring the news that the decree of the lower court had been confirmed. He walked his cell and sang hymns until twelve o'clock that night, and on retiring, slept better than he had before for weeks.

A JOLLY BERRYING PARTY.

Friday morning last we had the pleasure of joining a berrying party, bound for the huckleberry fields of Thompson gulch. It was one of the most distinguished parties that it has been our fortune to meet for some time. It consisted of Almond Spencer and Louis Heitman, of the firm of Spencer, Mayn & Heitman, the leading mercantile firm of Meagher county, and their estimable wives; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Price, of the most enterprising firm of White Sulphur Springs; John Lepley, the cattle king of the Big Sag; Mrs. W. S. Eberman, of the Livingston Tribune; Mrs. W. H. Sutherland, of the Husbandman; Mrs. Taylor, wife of George Taylor, the knight of the brush; Miss Wiltse, an accomplished young lady, late of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Mary Ford, daughter of W. T. Ford, one of the leading wool-growers of Meagher county; Miss Shellenberger, the catde queen of the Judith, who, though only "sweet sixteen," has just completed a course at Vassar, and the writer—as jolly a party of merry-makers as ever went on a tramp together. Camping beneath the broad-spreading pines on the green sward was enjoyed by all, but to those unaccustomed to mountain life it was even delightful, as was the climbing of lofty mountains and viewing the beautiful scene as the sun went down, bathing the distant peaks in purple and gold and casting dreamy shadows across the green valley. The health resort, nestling against the foot-hills of the Castle Mountains, and the happy homes that dotted the valley never looked more inviting, and the hills that rise into lofty mountains never looked more grand than on this occasion. Chickens and berries were plenty, and the entire party feasted on these luxuries during the trip. Three bear were seen and another scared from his lair. About fifteen gallons of berries were gathered, and every one had a jolly good time, returning home Sunday morning healthier, happier, and ready to engage in the battle of life with renewed courage.

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