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HOME NEWS.

Fully five hundred people were in attendance at the races.

Frank Wilson has purchased from Chas. Vance his dark bay horse for \$200.

Ice cream and cake at Mrs. McDonel's on Saturday and Sunday, June 25th and 26th.

John J. Ainsley is again at work, having quite recovered from his recent injuries.

Miss Shaeffer, niece of F. M. Durfee, was up from her home in the valley, yesterday.

The San Francisco Dental Co. are at the Silver Lake. Go to them for fine dentistry.

Born—To the wife of W. S. Bradshaw on Wednesday, June 16th, 1887, a son. The mother is doing well.

Miss Mary Wolf, superintendent of schools of Deer Lodge county, left for Anacoda yesterday morning.

Alex. McClosky, who was kicked in the face by a vicious horse several weeks ago, is doing well and rapidly recovering.

At the trial of Ambrose Alex on Tuesday, Tom Smith and Tom Hynes, the elder, were fined for contempt of court.

Grant Williams, who was cut in the leg by an axe recently, is up and about again and expects to get to work shortly.

Miss Burns, sister of Mrs. James Gallagher, who has been visiting the newly-married couple, left for her home in the valley, Monday.

James Purtle, of Purtle & Lynch, is in from his saw-mill at Black Pine. The firm will this summer fill an order for a million feet of lumber.

A foot-race between a Mormon railroad grader and an Indian whose name cannot be learned is one of the probable events of the Fourth.

H. K. Fairgrieve, late book-keeper of the Hope, has much improved in health since his stay in Warm Springs, and will soon return to Philipsburg.

The first services of the new Methodist Episcopal Church at New Chicago were held last Sunday. A large and appreciative audience were in attendance.

Dame Rumor hath it that the somewhat wandering affections of one of Philipsburg's prominent young professional men have at last been ensnared by one of our most accomplished belles.

Do & Hoyer have commenced the erection of their two story brick building on their lot between Milot's saloon and the barber shop. The building will be pushed with all possible speed to its completion.

Bishop Brewer will hold services tomorrow (Friday) evening, the 24th inst., in the schoolhouse at Philipsburg, and also on Sunday morning, the 26th. On Sunday evening services will be held at Granite.

The massive foundations for Charles Wilson's two-story brick on lower Broadway, which are being put in by Ward & Giblin, are nearly completed, and the erection of the superstructure will immediately follow.

Frank D. Brown et al. have finally moved into his new office, which is pronounced by press and public, on the authority of experts in luxury, to be the finest thing of its kind between St. Paul and Portland.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Chicago will give a strawberry and ice cream festival at the new church, July 4th. The society met at Miss Heilman's last Wednesday afternoon to make arrangements.

Mr. J. A. Harding's house is sufficiently near completion to show up as one of the handsomest buildings of the town, and is a great credit to the ability and workmanship of the contractors, Messrs. Kintner & Hill, and to the taste of the owner.

Wm. Trevarten and Morgan Hole were tried before Justice Labrie last Tuesday night for shooting grouse out of season on complaint of Wm. Presley. Mr. Hole pleaded guilty and paid his fine and costs, but no evidence was found against Trevarten, who was released.

Among the guests at the cornerstone laying mosquitoes occupied positions of prominence and caused a waving of handkerchiefs and a slapping of cheeks, which served as an accompaniment to the music and also as a dispenser of the multitude after the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Shull, Mrs. Botchsneider and Dr. and Mrs. Allen were seen leaving the town yesterday morning in a large conveyance and with innumerable fishing-poles, bound for Trout creek, where they hoped to lure the unwary members of the finny tribe on to their tempting hooks. They

got back last night, but we cannot give, until next week, the number of fish caught, as the official count, up to the hour of going to press, has not been completed.

Last Tuesday, Ambrose Alex, of Stone Station, and a Chinaman named To Wong, were tried before Justice Labrie for obstructing the highway on the road through the boulders in the valley. Mr. Alex was fined \$5 and costs. This practically settles the question of this road which Alex has been trying for some time to claim as private property.

This has been a red letter week for lawyers and justices, owing to the Martin-Granite case, the highway obstruction case, etc. Our local legal luminaries, while generally in high feather, complain bitterly of the strain on their wardrobe and stock of boiled shirts, collars, and in some cases cuffs, even, which keeping so constantly dressed up necessitates.

Dr. W. H. Allen, who went fishing yesterday, is this morning on the invalid list, having recreated somewhat too violently after a long term of confinement to his professional duties. He is suffering from a cold and from pains in the arms and shoulders which is the result either of rheumatism or the unwonted work of pulling in the big catch which he made yesterday.

The service of the telephone company between this point and Drummond is pronounced by all who run up against it as most execrable. In fact, the line has been down for the past week, and is only now in running order after needless delays. This state of affairs is entirely due to the indifference of the Rocky Mountain Bell telephone company, and we are happy to say that Mr. Lawrence, the courteous and efficient manipulator of this end of the line is in no way responsible. We understand, also, that the telegraph operator at Drummond lets messages for the Burg lie in his office until such times as the telephone is working, instead of sending them by mail.

SUNDAY'S RACES.

Mary Filly Wins the Quarter-Mile Dash—Other Winners.

No better weather could have been desired for the races than that which prevailed on Sunday, and the condition of the track could hardly have been improved, despite the recent rains. Fully 500 hundred people from the Burg, Hill and Flint Creek valley were present. The event of the day was the race between Mary Filly and Sorrel Charlie, set for 2 p. m. promptly and coming off at 4:30. We understand that in addition to the original stakes of \$500 a side, another bet of \$1,000 was made on the morning of the race. A fair and even start was had, and the two horses came down the stretch like the wind, and crossed the line with about ten feet between them. Mary Filly in the lead. The result was something of a surprise, as bets that there would not be daylight between the two horses, though freely offered, could find no takers.

The trotting race between Coulter's Black Hawk and Patten's Tyrant did not come off, owing to an accident by which Tyrant hurt his leg and damaged the sulky, while scoring for a start. In the betting Black Hawk was the favorite.

A race, arranged on the ground, between Hower's Don Pedro and Hammond's Slippery Jim, for \$100 a side, 600 yards, was the next event, and resulted in a very pretty race, with a victory for Don Pedro.

The Laying of the Corner-Stone.

The corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church was laid on Tuesday evening with appropriate ceremonies and before a large gathering of people. The Rev. F. A. Biggin, superintendent of Montana missions and an old-timer, was very appropriately chosen as the orator of the occasion, which position he filled most satisfactorily in the deliverance of a few pithy remarks upon the wonderful growth of Montana in all things material and corporal, and the need of our watchfulness that the spiritual growth be made to keep pace. He closed his address by pointing to the fact that the building would stand for certainly a hundred years and that all who wished to have their names carried down to posterity as doers of a good work could effect it by having them entered on the list, (to be placed beneath the stone), of those who had subscribed to the building of the church. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Wade, worth then, in a few words, thanked the donors of the ground, the citizens who had subscribed so liberally to the fund, and numerous others, after which the corner-stone was laid. Beneath the stone was placed a bible, current issues of the local papers, including a copy of the MAIL, and a list containing names of donors, promoters, etc. Those who still wish to subscribe can have their names placed on this list as the stone was not permanently placed. During the exercises hymns were sung and the Philipsburg Silver Cornet Band played numerous well-selected pieces.

Carney & Hand, of Butte, the leading assayers of the territory, have appointed Postmaster Dawson their agent here. Parties desiring assays made can leave their samples with him, and they will be promptly done up, labeled and forwarded. Returns will be made by mail or telephone. Inquire of Dawson for further particulars.

LOCAL MINING NEWS.

Our Mining Editor's Report Upon the Mines of this District.

NOTES.

Manager Plummer, of the Granite Mountain company, is down every day in attendance on the Martin-Granite case.

Phil. M. Saunders has been in town during the entire week, principally engaged in giving audience to his numerous friends.

Washouts on the line of the Northern Pacific railroads have followed in quick succession and greatly retarded shipments of freight during the entire week.

Ed. Zimmerman, of Helena, was in town last week and went with Mr. E. A. Paxton through all the numerous properties in which he is interested, and expressed himself as entirely satisfied with what is being done.

The Martin-Granite case continues, and will probably not be concluded before next week. Most of the evidence now being introduced is on the amount and value of the work done on the property by the two parties.

Charles Clark, of the Granite Mountain company, has been here all the week, having succeeded in dodging the blockades and washouts in time to be on hand for the Martin-Granite controversy.

The Black Pine mining company has succeeded in securing as foreman the services of Mr. John M. Long, an old Comstock miner of wide and varied experience in mines of all kinds. Mr. Long arrived in Philipsburg Tuesday evening, from Butte, where he has had charge of several important mines in that vicinity, having just left the foremanship of the Wild Bill to accept that of the Black Pine mining company. He assumed charge yesterday.

GRANITE.

The mill has been shut down this week from the want of salt, caused by the continued blockades and washouts along the Northern Pacific railroad. Last week 17,000 ounces of silver bullion was shipped, as the result of two days' run. Development and stoping continues, the greater quantity of the ore coming from the levels above No. 5. On the completion of the railroad from Drummond, the trouble from lack of a sufficient supply of salt and the necessity, which now exists, of carrying an immense stock of almost everything needed about the mine will be done away with, as a warehouse or depot can be established in Philipsburg which will completely guard against trouble from delay caused by blockades, etc.

WEST GRANITE.

The cutting out for a station at the 300-foot level of the Rattlesnake shaft is completed and the work of sinking, which was to some extent retarded by this operation, has been again resumed in very wet though favorable breaking ground. The total depth of the shaft is now 335 feet.

The Elizabeth tunnel is now in 474 feet with the vein matter improving in character and quality.

The heading of the tunnel on the Butte ground is now in 124 feet from the mouth, in very wet ground and going through the ordinary country rock. Three shifts are being worked in all the headings and shafts of this property.

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The shaft is now down 87 feet below the tunnel. Early in the week 12 inches of excellent ore was struck, which is similar to that taken from the upraise, and, unlike the numerous strikes previously made, holds out, and is widening in depth. The ground is breaking better.

In the tunnel, 75 feet has been made from the point of last beginning, and the pay streak has widened to 16 inches. The tank is in place, and nothing now prevents the uninterrupted development of all the workings.

HOPE.

Nothing new to report on this property. The mill continues to pound away on the supply from the mine, which keeps well ahead of the capacity of the stamps. The order for the new rock crusher has been countermanded, it having been decided that the present crusher, when fitted with new working parts, will be ample for all purposes for two years to come.

NORTH GRANITE.

The ore which assayed \$45 in gold from the tunnel of this property has petered out, as predicted by the superintendent. Owing to the well-known fact that the ore from this property is distinctively silver-bearing in its character, like all the ore of the vicinity, we are inclined to believe this assay to have been a mistake. The vein of the North Granite continues strong and well defined from the mouth of the tunnel to the present face, sometimes carrying rock rich enough to ship, and sometimes not; but the assays, with the above exception, have always given a predominance of silver. The tunnel is now in 655 feet, and continues on the foot-wall. The crosscut which was run 21 feet towards the hanging-wall got into the pay streak next that wall, but did not reach the wall.

ALTOONA.

The water is increasing in the shaft, but is still easily handled, the pump having a much larger capacity than it has been called upon to exert.

The crossed tunnel which has reached the vein, as reported, has been headed

along it in the direction of the shaft, and is being pushed with all possible speed to meet it.

BLACK PINE.

The tunnel mentioned as the scene of principal activity on this property is not on the Combination, as stated last week, but upon the Gussie, otherwise known as the Bien Venuto, which is a fraction lying between the Combination and the Combination No. 2.

The machinery for the mill is nearly all in place, and the whole structure is rapidly nearing completion. It is hoped now that the stamps will begin to drop about the 10th of July. A road is being graded from the mill to the mine, a distance of about a mile.

BOWIE.

No ore has been shipped from this property since it has been taken by the new lessees, but this has been owing to the bad roads only, as they now have about twenty tons of good-looking rock out and ready for shipment.

PETER COYLE.

The strike in tunnel No. 1 continues, and ore which we are informed goes about \$100 per ton is being taken out and placed on the dump, which now contains about 15 tons. A strike of very promising-looking rock was made in the lower tunnel also, during the first of the week, and the indications at present are that the mine will prove to be a veritable bonanza.

A Pleasant Party.

Last Monday evening Mr. J. A. Harding gave a house-warming in his new and handsome residence on Knob Hill, which proved a most enjoyable affair. Dancing formed the principal attraction of the evening, and if appearance goes for anything, the floor, at least, of Mr. Harding's house was thoroughly well warmed before 2 p. m., the hour of dispersing, had arrived. The music was furnished by Mr. Bullard, with Miss Eva Levens at the piano. Among those present were the Misses Powell, Dunbar, Tolman, Herman, Dawson, Pizer, Lulu and Ida Milot, Edith and Eliza Bowring, Wiles and Daly; Messrs. Nesbitt, Opp, Geo. Hammond, D. Pizer, Browning, Reilly, Johnny and Herman Kaiser, Linquist, Haas, Wilson and McDonel; Mesdames Matthews, Miller, Geo. and Wm. Hammond, and McDonel.

An Answer.

To G. P.—232405402294023 9C327816 7612 605495261 6976361834 s. e. 6763 78256181 4596 183423 0204540 12549023 747692 78763694 2081 184332 761221547223.

Just now at the moment of going to press we have received the following as the key to the above cipher. We publish it without having had time to test its correctness:

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The sender of this says each letter is represented by two figures, sometimes transposed.

Dr. W. A. Allen.

Surgeon-dentist, has arrived, and is now occupying the parlors of the Hynos hotel. Parties wishing his services will do well to call at Yonec, Crown and bridge work with gold and amalgam fillings. Dr. Allen's work is well known in this town and needs no comment.

Dr. W. A. ALLEN.

Professional Appointment.

Dr. H. J. Smith, the eminent specialist from San Francisco, who visited here from his branch office at Butte a short time ago and performed many phenomenal cases of chronic and special diseases, will be at the Kaiser House, Philipsburg on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 4, 5 and 6, where he may be consulted regarding all chronic, special and surgical affections, including deafness, nasal catarrh, all throat and lung affections, nervous, blood and sexual diseases, or weakness in either sex. Reference can be given to some of the best citizens in Philipsburg and neighborhood that have been cured by him. Consultation free.

Miss Wiles, who has been visiting Miss McDonel, left for Drummond, Tuesday morning.

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