

PERMANENCY.

The present outlook of the mining in-
 terests of the Flint Creek district is most
 flattering to the prospects of the town
 and valley, more so perhaps than ever
 before. A town or community which de-
 pends entirely on the success of one en-
 terprise, necessarily lacks, even when
 such success is assured, many of the el-
 ements which go to cause a continuous
 and steady growth in wealth and pros-
 perity, and this is especially the case
 when from the nature of the enterprise
 the limits to its operations and employ-
 ment of labor are to a certain extent re-
 stricted.

The undertaking of new mining ven-
 tures, in all directions, and of all degrees
 of magnitude, is bound to create a variety
 of interests and an independence of any
 one of them, which will cause the town
 to grow steadily and rapidly without any
 of that peculiar incentive called boom,
 the desirability of which is coming to be
 so universally doubted.

That these favorable indications are
 rightly interpreted by the community
 and that they fully realize that the days
 in which the life of the camp depended on
 one enterprise are gone, is proved by the
 extent to which business of all kinds is be-
 ing enlarged and by the solid and sub-
 stantial quality of the building going on.

THEY WILL COME.

The tramp is a product of civilization;
 consequently his advent is a proof and
 measure of its height and intensity. We
 make this profound observation prepara-
 tory to declaring that Montana is be-
 coming highly and intensely civilized.
 Our exchanges are full of accounts of
 towns which have been making things
 unpleasant for these knights of the road
 to such an extent that they are seeking
 elsewhere, more appreciative communi-
 ties. From the standpoint of the tramp
 there are many arguments in his favor
 none of which, however, alter the hard
 fact that he is a thoroughly undesirable
 citizen and a still less welcome visitor.
 When the completion of the railroad
 makes walking good we may expect to be
 fairly overrun with tramps and bums.
 Some will come with an honest desire to
 find work. Some will come to make a
 living, without working, off of the chari-
 ties, the extravagances or the follies of
 those who do. They will come singly,
 in couples and in droves; they will for a
 time swarm upon us. They will do this
 so surely that no time should be lost in
 increasing the police force of the town to
 an extent that will enable the authorities
 to successfully cope with them. In the
 present situation of affairs but little trou-
 ble is experienced even when, in the course
 of duty, all our officers are absent from
 the town at one and the same time, as
 they very frequently are, but any such
 risks will be very heavy when the railroad
 is finished and should not be run.

From time to time there have been
 rumors of the starting of a banking busi-
 ness in Philipsburg. Why the rumors
 have died out again without anything be-
 ing done, it is difficult to say, as the
 field is certainly a most inviting one. All
 the transactions which are within the
 legitimate sphere of a banking house
 are now carried on by several business
 firms in town with considerable incon-
 venience and without profit, and the ab-
 sence of a regular incorporated bank is
 also a great inconvenience and bar to the
 general run of business of all kinds, and
 for any one having the unemployed cap-
 ital upon which he wants to realize a
 handsome profit, we know of no better
 investment than a bank in Philipsburg
 would be.

Registers and receivers of land offices
 have sometimes been in the habit of per-
 mitting pre-emption of timberlands upon
 testimony founded on "information and
 belief" of the locators as to the non-min-
 eral character of the land. The general
 land commissioner has just now in-
 structed registers and receivers to accept no
 entry of any kind in which a non-mineral
 affidavit is required except such affidavit
 be made on personal knowledge.

This will doubtless have the effect as
 pointed out in the Mining and Scientific
 Press, of greatly lessening the practice,
 now all too prevalent, of taking up tim-
 ber claims without going to the slightest
 trouble to find out if the land is mineral
 bearing or not.

In an interview published in the Inter-
 Mountain Courad Kohrs says that 50 per-
 cent is not too great an estimate of the
 loss in range cattle, last winter. This is
 bad indeed and we may expect to see in-
 numerable enthusiasts rushing into print
 in wild endeavors to prove otherwise, but
 no good can be done in any quarter by an
 attempt to conceal the fact or falsify the
 figures. All that can be said is that the
 winter was unusually severe and some-
 what unexpected.

A feature of last week in Philipsburg
 and of this week in Granite has been the
 appearance of John Maguire's Edna
 Courtney theatrical company, under
 the able management of Tony Ward.
 Mr. Ward's refusal to sell more seats
 than he had accommodation for, though
 he could easily have disposed of a greater
 number, his giving everybody the full
 value of their money, though laboring
 under great disadvantages, and the ex-
 cellent and painstaking efforts of the
 members of the company, immediately
 stamped the troupe as first-class in every
 respect. The people of this vicinity
 should never fail to show their appreci-
 ation of such merit and such fair dealing

The recent heavy rain has demonstrated
 very clearly that something should be
 done to Camp creek, which, now, on the
 slightest expanse, gets up and meanders
 in an aimless sort of a way over all the
 adjacent real estate. The difficulty could
 be remedied by having the creek go
 straight down the middle of the street
 in a covered flume.

The Indians in Western Minnesota
 seem to be running things pretty much
 to suit themselves. A squaw arrested for
 threatening the life of a white woman
 was released by the frightened authori-
 ties because about 100 backs dressed up
 in war-paint and looked ugly.

The Hon. J. J. Thompson, a member of
 the legislature from Custer county, has
 resigned, apparently to avoid the confu-
 sion and chaos he would have to face at
 the extra session, created by the revenue
 law of which he was the father.

The Elkhorn Placer Decision.

Some time since the Elkhorn Mining
 company applied for a patent to mineral
 entry No. 1,085, being a placer claim on
 which the townsite of Elkhorn is largely
 located. The claim conflicts with the
 famous Sophia quartz lode mining claim,
 which is claimed by Fred. Bright, N. L.
 Smith and others. The Sophia claim-
 ants protested against the issue of a pa-
 tent and a hearing was had before the
 local land office in Helena. The deci-
 sion of the local land office was that the
 patent be not issued and that the mineral
 entry be canceled. This decision has
 been affirmed by general land office.
 The following decision, received by Judge
 Sterling, attorney for protestants, by
 Land Commissioner Sparks, sets forth the
 grounds of the contest and the order:

The material allegations set out in the
 affidavits of the protestants are that no
 mineral in paying quantities has ever been
 discovered within the boundaries of said
 placer claim, that no labor has ever been
 performed nor improvements made upon
 said claim by either claimants or their
 grantors, for placer mining purposes; and
 that claimants seek to obtain title to said
 land for townsite purposes. These alle-
 gations are well sustained by the testi-
 mony elicited at the hearing, and the
 fact proven by the record of the recorder
 of Boulder county that subsequent to
 their entry of said placer claim "The Elk-
 horn Mining company" platted and had
 recorded a townsite covering a consider-
 able portion of said alleged placer ground
 is direct impeachment of their good faith
 in the prosecution of this contest. Your
 decision in favor of the protestants and
 recommending that said M. E. No. 1,085
 be canceled is therefore hereby approved
 subject to the right of appeal.

STOCK NOTES.

G. A. Bennett sold 1,500 wethers to Col.
 Morse last week which will be driven to
 Philipsburg for market.—Missoulian.

Mr. D. A. Honig, of St. Louis, has pur-
 chased of Mr. Noah Armstrong, of Mont-
 tana, the gray gelding, Gray Cloud, five-
 years old, by Hyder Ali—Interpose, for
 \$1,600.

The Chariton-Montana cattle company
 will purchase on the trail, to be delivered
 to the Beaver creek ranch, 1,500 head of
 two-year-old southern steers, delivery to
 be made before September 1st.

We learn from the Missoulian that
 Daniel Cooke, of Palouse city, in charge
 of a band of 2,800 Oregon sheep, drove
 through town on Wednesday. The sheep
 are for sale and held at \$2.50.

The Calgary Herald mentions that the
 land department of the C. P. railroad
 have, up to the present time issued 500
 permits to cut hay. This is considered
 evidence of the increasing interest in
 stock raising.

N. J. Bielenberg has completed the
 shearing of his 10,000 head of sheep in his
 vicinity. The clip was not so good as
 last year, averaging less than seven lbs.,
 but it took six standard gauge cars to
 carry it.—New Northwest.

A carload of thoroughbred cattle en
 route to Washington Territory, were fed
 at the stock yards Wednesday. After be-
 ing unloaded at this place four of the
 most valuable cows died from the effects
 of overfeeding.—Livington Enterprise.

The Yellowstone Journal says: The
 Murphy cattle company will make their
 first shipment of beef cattle some time in
 September. Their shipment this year
 will be light on account of range losses
 and the low stage of the market. They
 are spaying all heifer calves on their
 ranges.

At Fort Calgary the other day, a train
 struck a band of horses a few miles west
 of town, killing eleven outright and cri-
 ppling others. Seven head belonged to
 Ford Bros., and it is a serious loss to
 them. A claim for indemnity will be put
 in. One belonged to W. E. Bowen and
 three to the Chipman ranch.

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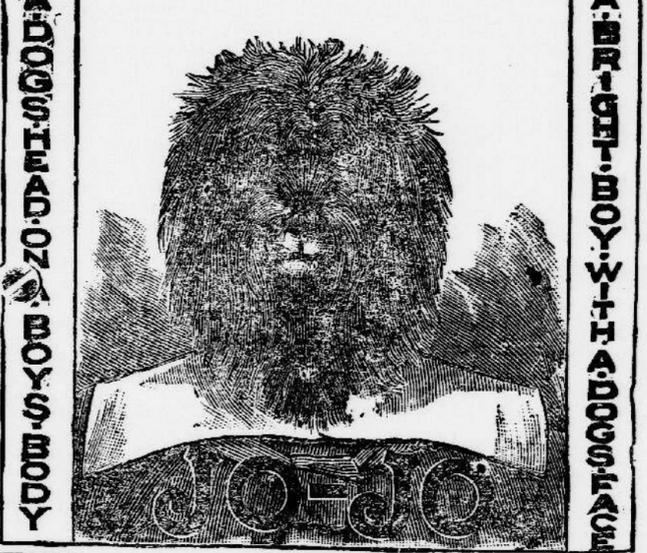
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