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HOME NEWS.

Dancing school Saturday "aft." H. Livingston has an open letter in today's paper. Reserved seats for the show are on sale Dawson's.

Judge Ferguson, of New Chicago, attended the dance Wednesday evening. Chas. Kaufman and H. K. Fairgrieve were entertained at dinner on Christmas by Mrs. Pardee.

Christmas in West Philipsburg was as quiet as in the old town. There were few drunks or fights in either place.

Miss Anna Hanson who has been attending college at Deer Lodge, came home for the holidays last Saturday.

H. Jewell, the poultry and provision dealer tells us he sold 800 pounds of poultry and 120 cans of oysters last Saturday, the 24th.

Joseph A. Hyde came in from Butte last Tuesday night and is nearly ready to open his bank in his new building on lower Broadway.

Another marriage this week, but not, if we are correctly informed by the gossipers, the last on the tapis. Let the good work go on.

Hugh Mellan was up from the valley on Saturday. He dropped into the MAIL office and left a box of fine cigars by way of a Xmas gift.

New Idea: Mrs. G. K. Bowring and family arrived from Philipsburg this week and are domiciled at the Corvallis hotel for the present.

Mrs. G. W. Morse, Miss Morse, Miss A. Featherman, and Messrs. Wm. Corwin and Harry Featherman were up to attend the Xmas dance.

J. A. Featherman came up from New Chicago last Tuesday evening and attended the dance of the Masons and Odd Fellows, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linforth gave a dinner party Christmas Day to Mrs. Labrie, Messrs. W. E. Sanders, H. W. and John Adams and B. M. Stevens.

The banking firm of H. L. Rodgers & Co. expect to be ready for business in its new quarters on the first floor of the opera house building, next Monday.

Miss Kinney who has for the past year rendered efficient service at the central office of the Rocky Mountain Bell telephone company, in Butte, is on a visit to friends in this vicinity.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Featherman & Co. in another column in which they give notice that after January 1 of the new year they will adopt and adhere strictly to the cash system.

Archie McPhail, who had the misfortune to dislocate his ankle while alighting from a wagon about two weeks ago, was seen at the dance Monday night, going through the mazes with his accustomed grace.

A local critic was overheard by a member of the MAIL staff, to say that Dawson's ad. was the most interesting thing in the paper. "Tis thus that true merit gets knocked out in any contest with hard cash. He has another declaratory ad. this week.

Martin Minear died Tuesday, December 29, at New Chicago, aged 23 years. He was a native of Iowa, and was at the time of his demise in the employ of G. Person. Death resulted from erysipelas. Rev. H. D. Wadsworth conducted the funeral services.

Oliver Featherman, who has been attending the Helena business college during the last term, arrived in the Burg Monday from his home in New Chicago, where he has been spending the Xmas holidays.

A canvass of the society of the Burg concerning the intentions of the ladies on New Year's Day acquaints us with the fact that while they would all be much pleased to see their friends, they will not announce publicly their intention to receive.

Died-In Philipsburg, December 23, 1887, John R., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Sparey, aged 14 months and 6 days. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon. The afflicted parents have the sympathy of their friends and the entire community in their sad bereavement.

James K. Pardee succumbed to an attack of rheumatism last Sunday and has since been a very great sufferer. He is much better as we go to press and hopes to be up and about without any further prolongation of the attack.

Tuesday afternoon the freight train from Drummond ran off the track at Boulder on account of a spreading of the rails. Fortunately the train was moving very slowly and nobody was injured. The passenger train was delayed only a few minutes.

We are unable through press of matter to publish the school report for the last four weeks in this issue of THE MAIL. We regret extremely to have to disappoint the parents of the anxious young inquirers who are naturally interested, especially in the last report for the year and will certainly give the report in next issue.

The quarters of THE MAIL have moved onto Broadway in the premises formerly

occupied by Mrs. E. McDonel's millinery establishment. Our new quarters are more roomy than the old and more central in location, and we are in excellent trim to continue the publication of THE MAIL and to do first-class job work under more favorable conditions.

From people who witnessed the performance of King Kennedy at Granite last Tuesday evening, we learn that the entertainment is first-class in every respect. The slight of hand acts and the illusions are all new and performed with a dexterity which is startling in its power to deceive. The vanishing lady trick is something unique in the magicians' line.

An epidemic of illness of a small and not serious kind which apparently runs in the line of colic and cramps seems prevalent among the gentlemen throughout the Burg. While there is nothing romantic about the colic, it is awful while it lasts, and nearly all of the sterner sex report having had a struggle during the week. Evidently too much Xmas turkey and trimmings.

Married-At the residence of the bride's parents, Philipsburg, Miss Mary McDonel and John H. Cole, the Rev. H. D. Wadsworth officiating. The marriage, which occurred at 8 o'clock in the evening, was a very quiet affair-only the relations and most intimate friends of the family being present. The many friends and acquaintances of these estimable young people will join with us in wishing them all joy and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weinstein gave a pleasant card party at their residence in the Weinstein block last Tuesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Linforth, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Miss Dawson, Miss Hilda Weinstein, Messrs. W. W. and John Adams, B. M. Stevens, H. Livingston, Dan Armes, Geo. Ferney and C. E. Gable. A neat little supper was served and during the evening there was some music.

Despite the innumerable other attractions of last week the Loan Exhibition succeeded in attracting a large share of the attention of the public and the receipts we are informed were within two or three dollars one way or the other of \$100, the accounts not being yet settled sufficiently to permit of giving the exact figures. The thanks of the community and of the church are due to the many ladies who worked so ardently and so well to make the affair a success.

News reached us last night of the death from typhoid fever of Augustus Pierson of New Chicago. Mr. Pierson was an old timer and a respected citizen and leaves a wife and children and many warm friends. In addition to this sad death and that of Martin Minear, chronicled elsewhere, we hear of much sickness in the valley, generally typhoid fever.

Mr. Pierson's two children are now ill with the fever as are numerous other adults and children. The funeral takes place at 2 o'clock to-morrow at New Chicago.

Richard F. Trevellick, the talented lecturer of the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor, discoursed to an appreciative audience at the opera house last Tuesday evening. The subject, "Labor and the Knights of Labor," was handled in a masterly manner, the speaker introducing fact, humor and anecdote, keeping the audience in the best of spirits. It is seldom that the people of this far-away section are honored by the presence of such a talented and natural speaker. Mr. Trevellick left Wednesday morning for Missoula, and from thence will proceed east to Glendive and down to the southern states in the vicinity of Alabama.

Many of the gentlemen of the Burg who have been purchasing ball tickets almost every night regularly for the last two weeks until the business has settled down to an occupation of dull monotony ask us if the ladies are figuring on anything in the nature of a leap year party. We promptly give it up; neither in our encyclopedias nor in Webster's unabridged do we find any information worth considering concerning the idiosyncrasies of the fair sex, and knowledge of our own on this point is totally lacking. One impoverished gentleman of those above mentioned, suggested that it would be a sweet revenge for the gentlemen to give a leap year church festival at which they could get back at the ladies in a truly monumental style.

The services of the Episcopal church at the school house on Christmas were well attended, every seat being in demand. The house was tastefully decorated with evergreens and symbols appropriate to the occasion and a feature of the event was the excellent music furnished by the choir, the Christmas carol rendered during the offertory by four male voices, being especially admired. The choir is to be congratulated that its conscientious work is at last bearing fruit and it is greatly to be hoped that the new voices which have done so much to help matters out will continue active and earnest in their assistances. The members of the choir need have no fear that such music as was rendered last Sunday evening will not be thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all who hear it.

John Owens, who left the Burg about 11 o'clock last Sunday night for his cabin in Douglass gulch, was found dead about half a mile below his house with every indication of having frozen to death. The stove in the cabin was found full of wood unlighted, and footsteps were found upon the roof and around the house which showed that the deceased had had some sort of trouble which caused him to go out upon the roof and finally down the gulch. Mr. Owens was not a hard drinker, but those who knew him most intimately say that for the last year or so he has shown unmistakable signs of a failing and unbalanced mind. The jury returned a verdict of death from exposure, but no one will ever know what dire distress of mind or body caused

the unfortunate man to forsake the shelter of his cabin in the dead of night and wander out in the snow to die.

Terpsichorean Events.

The dance last Monday night proved a thoroughly enjoyable affair, and was almost as well attended as that which opened the opera house. The Philipsburg orchestra which furnished the music showed a marked improvement over its former efforts and the dancers pronounced it the best that has been furnished at any dance of the year. Everything went off as smoothly as is usual under the management which had the affair in charge, and the pleasure was continued until late in the morning.

The dance of the Masons and Odd Fellows last night was well-attended by members of both orders throughout the district, and thoroughly enjoyed. A commendable feature was a very decided attempt at more full dress toilets on the part of the ladies, and a more than usual number of carefully clad men. Busy Philipsburgers are too prone to neglect this matter and to forget that well made clothes and beautiful dresses add much to the general appearance of any gathering.

On the 30th there will be a programme dance given by the Knights of Labor at their hall in Granite. The preparations being made insure its being a most delightful occasion.

The Philipsburg orchestra will give a grand New Year's ball at the opera house next Monday evening. The boys deserve the support of the community and will have a big crowd.

Professor Schilling announces that in consequence of the great number of dancing parties this week and the grand ball to be given New Years, there will be no Saturday soiree.

Dancing school for ladies and children will be held as usual Saturday afternoon.

Spirits of the Water.

The Russians believe that the Rusalkas, or water spirits, are beautiful maidens who allure passers-by, and if they catch them tattle them to death in their crystal halls below the waves. During one week in the year they come to men for clothes, and rags and threads are accordingly hung on the trees for their benefit. During that week, for fear of offending the Rusalkas and being punished by the loss of poultry or cattle, no one must work or sew or wash linen. When girls are drowned they become Rusalkas and the wives of the watery Vodjany, and when snow melts into floods, or mill dams are carried away by swollen torrents, men know that it is due to the matrimonial revelry that always attends the celebration of marriage between a mortal and a spirit of the waters.

This idea of possible relations between water spirits and human beings seems a very obvious corollary of the idea of humanlike beings resident in the water. The idea of their marrying mortals is at least as reasonable as the idea of their drowning them or tickling them to death. And with the idea of such marriage it would be natural to connect the idea of some benefit to accrue therefrom to the water spirit, as well as of curious conditions involved in the marriage contract. Thus would arise such stories as those of Ondine or Melusina.

Russian Literature Craze.

A Philadelphia lady says that the Boston folks have dropped Browning and Shelley and the like, and have taken up Russian literature. "You are expected to know," she says, "all about Tolstoi, Gogol, Stepanik, and other political and literary scholars. Your table must be strewn with photographic views of every place of note in Moscow, St. Petersburg. My friend is sick trying to keep abreast with all this. She hasn't much mind, and I'm afraid she'll lose the little she has."—New York Sun.

The Poachers' Trick.

The Denbighshire police went out to waylay a gang of notorious poachers, but were surprised to see them return empty handed. Shortly afterwards three Welsh damsels followed with a suspicious display of bustle, which, on investigation, turned out to be due to the presence of twenty-seven rabbits and two long lengths of rabbit netting.—Chicago Herald.

"THE BLACK PINE VEIN."

Caught on a Car, a Philipsburger is Made to Give Up Concerns in Dips, Veins and Mining Companies.

C. M. Crutchfield, who returned from Butte last week relates an interesting experience which he had on the cars with an inquisitive stranger who had come from somewhere in the east to investigate the affairs of the Black Pine mining company in the interest of some eastern stockholders.

The stranger, learning that Mr. Crutchfield was from Philipsburg, asked him if he knew one James A. Pack and one Joseph M. Merrill. Mr. Crutchfield promptly admitted that he did know these gentlemen and was as promptly rewarded by an invitation to drink from a flask which the stranger produced from his pistol pocket, and by an intimation that any information about the Black Pine would be highly gratifying. Mr. Crutchfield braced himself to the task and dwelt upon the Black Pine, its advantages and present bright prospects, till his tongue was parched and his imagination exhausted and a second application to the flask became absolutely necessary. Then the stranger, having every confidence in his informant, asked if as a matter of fact the "Black Pine vein" did or did not adjoin the great Granite Mountain vein, and was or was not, indeed, a continuation of the same vein. Somewhat discouraged, though still with infinite charity and patience, (the flask not yet being empty) the weary Philipsburger explained matters all over again, and with the aid of a pencil and the back of an envelope, relocated the Black Pine properties, gave the course of the leads, the average assays from them as near as he could remember them, and then in one corner far away showed where the

Granite was, and finished by giving a life-like representation of the latter company in full operation. Filled with admiration of the clear explanation, the stranger proffered the flask once more and then after the slight pause which this proffer caused, declared his intention of returning to the east by the next train, without visiting the Black Pine district, since he had received such full and clear description of it. He added incidentally that his clients would be much surprised to hear that the Black Pine was in Idaho as they had always thought of it as being in Montana. Mr. Crutchfield, not feeling equal to making a map of the territory, grew absent minded and attempted to change the conversation to the feeling in the east over the prohibition question. All of a sudden the stranger asked what had become of all the stuff the Black Pine company had taken out of the numerous tunnels, shafts, etc., which had been described and why the same had not been melted into bars and used to declare dividends with.

GRANITE BUDGET.

News of a Local Character from the Camp on the Hill.

Prof. Reek reports over forty pupils on the roll.

King Kennedy let loose his combination at Granite, Tuesday.

Rev. R. E. Smith, of Helena, held divine service in Granite, Tuesday evening.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Mary McMillan has recovered from her sickness.

William Bagley had his foot bruised very badly on Thursday by a horse stepping on it.

Rev. A. B. Howard conducted religious services in honor of the birth of Christ, Christmas morning.

Owing to the recent commencement of the Granite school, no holiday vacation will be had.

At the ringing of the school bell Xmas morning the hearts of the rich were made merry and those of the poor were made glad.

The new Granite mill closed down Saturday, for the holidays; the old mill will close New Year's for a few days' repair.

Richard F. Trevellick lectured in the Knights of Labor hall, Monday evening, on "Labor and the Knights of Labor." The house was crowded by an enthusiastic audience, who were highly pleased with the lecturer.

Among the ladies who will receive callers on New Year's Day may be mentioned Misses Williams, Peterson, Jones, Peoples, Gordon, McMillan, Doyle and Bettals; Mesdames Brannard, Knatz, Banks, McDonnell, Moore, Fox, Gallick, Cain, Rieque, Swartz, Baker, Linden, Pritchard, Buskett, Schardt, Peoples, Meyendick, Kelly, Kohn, Dakin, Gillis, McKinney, Riley, Kelleher, Dugan, Butler, Shaw, Meyer, Bowman, Williams, Kramer, Titcomb, Brand, Beech, Hall, Trainer, Eagle and many others; 1888 being Leap Year.

Last Sunday the birth of our savior was held sacred in Granite as well as throughout the nation. We have left behind us the vexations, cares and troubles of life, have assembled to recount the joys, blessings and bounties that have showered upon us, not only for the year that has passed, but to return thanks for the rich mercies, guidance and direction that has been extended us for eighteen hundred and eighty-seven years. Today the mill and the mine are still; the boisterous whirl of machinery muffled, the office and counting-house deserted, the engine refuses to move and the wheel forgets its turning. Purity and just principles are shaking hands; purity is made noble and just principles are strengthened and beautified. The holidays are links in the golden chain of brotherhood and bind the loyal heart and fertile mind in the struggle for existence. They are the camping grounds in the march of civilization. They are the first fruits of the teachings of merit and establish the sentiments of right and everlasting gratitude. From the birth of Christ to this day the blessings that ever fell from heaven upon the human heart have fallen upon us, and the richest, broadest, sunniest condolence has budded and blossomed to perfume and beautified the whole land.

(In addition to the above, our correspondent sends us gems of wit, wisdom and philosophy, collected from prominent people on the Hill which we will publish in our next special edition.)—Ed.

LOCAL MINING NEWS.

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

NOTES.

Manager J. K. Pardee is ill.

H. Jewell's orders for Christmas, though very large, were all filled.

A carload of ore was shipped last week from the Franklin No. 2 and Pearl.

Rumors are current here that a rich strike has been made in the Carbonate Hill, an extension of the Blue-Eyed Nellie, in the Silver Lake district.

James Cain and Mat Gaffney have discovered a good prospect about 4 miles north of Tower. It lies in the contact between the lime and granite.

Chas. Kaufman, a mining expert from Denver, Col., has been on the ground for the past week examining the properties

of the West Granite mining company prior to making a private report to certain holders of the stock presumably of St. Louis.

Among the promising leased properties in Hamark gulch is the Franklin mill and west of the Pearl in the limestone. The ore carries from 10 to 15 per cent. lead and 65 to 100 oz. silver and during the last six weeks 3 carloads have been shipped. The main working place is a shaft which now has a depth of about 100 feet.

GRANITE.

The output for the week ending December 24th was 60,198.22 ozs. fine silver and 31,626 ozs. gold.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The shaft is down a total distance of 236 feet and the streak of high grade ore which came in at 252 feet is now 14 inches in width lying on the hanging wall side of the vein and in the footwall of the shaft. What came near being a serious accident occurred last week in the bursting of the T on the steam pipe between the station pump and sinker. Three men had just passed the point when the explosion occurred. The sinking of the shaft progresses at the rate of two feet every 24 hours.

WEST GRANITE.

The sinking of the winze in the twin tunnel of the Elizabeth has been discontinued at a depth of 40 feet on account of water, which has become too troublesome to permit of satisfactory work. Drifts both east and west will, however, be run at a depth of 35 feet, at which point the water can be easily held. The vein holds about 5 feet in width with a footwall of hard blue granite and the ore at the lowest depth of the winze is continuous from the point where first encountered holding about 2 feet in width and the same high grade.

The Butte crosscut is in 400 feet in more favorable working ground than formerly.

The east drift on the 400 feet level of the Rattlesnake is in 215 feet. The vein 6 feet wide is between two well defined walls and carries occasional bunches of low grade ore. The water in the heading is increasing but will probably give no trouble.

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LOCAL EPITOME.

- Moxie at the Sideboard. Florida oranges at Shodair's. Nerve food at the Sideboard. Moxie at the Sideboard. Liqueur de Cafe at the Sideboard. The latest out—Liqueur de Cafe—at the Sideboard. Remember the Saturday afternoon dancing lessons for Ladies and children. Everybody will dine at the Grand Sunday. Ball supper at the Grand, Monday evening. Do not forget the ball supper at the Grand, Monday evening. Christmas turkeys and chickens at Shodair's. Christmas Candies just received at Shodair's. Featherman & Co.'s new stock of men's suits have just arrived. Tansill's Rona and High Life Cigars at Shodair's. A fine lot of baled hay for cash at Wilson Bros. This is your last week before Xmas to get a suit of clothes if you want them made by A. Schilling, fashionable tailor. Moore's revealed remedy. Read strange manner discovered. Sold by Doe & Hoyer Philipsburg, and Gordon & Co., Granite. Everybody will supper at the Grand Monday. "Charley, please take me to the Grand for supper, Monday." "Yes, dear; for the Grand is the only place to get a square meal." Don't forget the grand opening at Gomer & Jacky's Centennial brewery depot to-night. Fine stock of X-mas candies at Doe & Hoyer's.

WELL! WELL! WELL!

Christmas is over and I have settled with 'Santa Claus' on my own basis; viz.: I sold the goods and kept the money. Sure thing.

Now on Saturday evening I will have another auction on my own account. Five hundred pieces of glassware to be sold to the highest bidder. Anyone wanting a N. Y. card can have the same for 10 cts.

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding my jewelry and I have been accused of selling a 50 cent chain for \$4, also that certain parties have been heard to say, "I wouldn't do that." Different here, and worse, will sell chains that cost one dollar per doz for five a piece if my "bombs" will make enough more noise than a bell to make people pay that amount.

All holiday goods discounted 25 per cent. Albums and plush goods in endless variety. Fun at the auction; be sure and come.

John W. Dawson.

TAKE NOTICE.

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