

Local News.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

THE BUTTE CITY CHARTER.

Validity to be Tested in the Courts.

Last something practical in the way of testing the validity of the city charter has been undertaken. Those dissatisfied with city government and its workings, as we are informed, have subscribed the sum of one hundred dollars with which to employ counsel to bear other expenses in conducting an investigation for the above stated purpose. One, whether friend or enemy of the charter, will regret this action. If the charter is legal and invalid it is time we should have it, and dispense with it; and on the other hand, if proven to be valid, submit to it, and let its legality compel respect. It is anything but pleasant, even to friends of the charter, to live under a government which commands the respect of the governed, and the administration of which serious objections have arisen in opposition. And this of affairs may be expected to continue as long as the validity of the government is in question; and the charge of fraudulent enactment of the charter and its fair acceptance by a few of the people only made.

The present opposition is produced by the levy of a two mills tax on the assessable property of the city, and is the same opposition that develops itself whenever any measure is taken to touch the pocket of the citizen, apparently being about the only reminder of opposition have of the existence of a tax. We say reminder, because we do believe the present opposition is called by the levy of so small and inconsiderable a tax. The county tax this year amounts to twenty-three mills, and yet no complaint is heard. But the city tax, only amounting to one-twelfth the levy of the county, calls forth such expressions of dissatisfaction as makes it evident that the good sense of the administration of the city government must in a great measure fall even when this opposition be the expression of a minority.

The charter once legally established and a full confidence in its validity restored, the present non-prevalent would entirely disappear, and even those most opposed to city government would not only quietly acquiesce, but lend assistance, and their moral influence, which amounts to more, to its enforcement. This confidence can only be established by the courts, and we do not fear that, but rather welcome the application of a law which we believe will prove what many do not admit, and will give us a legal charter rather than prove the legality of the one we have; then it can be defended and upheld by an undoubted law; and the people of Butte from necessity and advantage adopt and abide by it, and in their hands it will become a law with which they would not willingly

Death of August Fischer.

August Fischer, an account of whose death was given in the MINER of Sunday, at Dr. Whitford's hospital at ten minutes to 10 o'clock a. m. He remained perfectly conscious up to the time of his death, which was very sudden, after he commenced to show signs of dissolution. About midnight Mr. Fischer asked his attendants what the hour it was not most two o'clock? On being told that it was only twelve, and in answer to the question why he wished to die, he said that he should die at 12 o'clock. He was then asked if he had any communications to make, and he said he had none, and at just ten minutes to the hour, his spirit took its flight to the unknown world.

Fischer was a native of Streson, Germany, and was born on the 8th of October, 1837. He had been married and has a daughter living in Ashforth, Wisconsin.

The Cavalry Remain.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 24, 1879. Gen. Martin Maginnis, Helena, has been ordered directing the cavalry company to Fort Cass. It is revoked. It will remain at Ellers. I have been influenced to this specially by your representations.

Near Death's Door.

Miss Lottie Pickett, suffering from severe illness Sunday afternoon last, took a dose of blue, and, not being relieved, took the rest of the package, quantity unknown. Hough, being summoned at 8 o'clock in evening, found the patient unconscious. Three hours' work he succeeded in bringing her to consciousness, and gave instructions to the attendants not to permit her to go to sleep again. But about midnight the doctor again called and found his patient in a bound stupor, from which she was not roused until 4 a. m., when she was considered out of danger.

To Our Mine Owners.

We desire to call the attention of the mine owners of Butte and vicinity to the fact that matters relating to the mining industry will be written up and published than have been done heretofore. The principal reason why this important portion of news has been omitted from the columns of the MINER, is that whenever an attempt is made to publish information about the mines, we meet with a great deal of discouragement from those most interested in having that information made public. We ask a mine owner about the developments of his mine, and he tells us that he "don't care to have anything said about them at present," or that he "don't want to do anything just now, and that it is better to let it alone." Such replies as these are calculated to check the zeal of an ordinary news-gatherer. He is tempted to abandon the effort to procure any facts

regarding the mining developments of the camp altogether. But we propose to make one more trial in this direction. There is plenty to be said, and said to the advantage of the mines and the camp in general. We want only the facts—they are good enough without any exaggeration. With this view we have secured the services of Mr. H. C. Olmstead, a writer of experience and knowledge in mining matters. We propose to publish a weekly summary from all the mines from which information can be obtained, making the report as full and complete as possible. To this end we ask the co-operation of every miner in the district, and when our reporter makes his rounds to show him through the mines; or, where this cannot be done conveniently, to answer the questions he may propound cheerfully and promptly. Mr. Olmstead will commence his labors to-day, and continue until Friday, giving him Saturday in which to prepare his report for Sunday morning's paper. We trust he will meet with but few discouragements.

THE "CITY OF BUTTE."

Satisfactory Test of Her Capacity.

The new Silaby, "City of Butte," was thoroughly tested at one of the reservoirs below town yesterday afternoon. This being the first time the steamer had been tried on its "squirting" capacity, considerable delay was occasioned before everything was in readiness. Finally time was called, and the torch applied, and in just a few minutes by the watch, the engine began to draw. It is said this time can be shortened at least one-half when the steamer is in motion—that is, when it is being driven rapidly over the road, thus creating a draft that is unobtainable when standing still. The first test made was through five hundred feet of hose, up hill. The wind blowing very hard at the time, it was impossible to judge the height reached by the stream, as it was caught by the wind and lifted off into spray. The other five hundred feet of hose was then attached, and two streams thrown with as much force, apparently, as one. The "Siamese" coupling was then put on, and three streams thrown with but slight diminution of force. A thousand feet of hose was then attached, and the force of the steamer concentrated in one stream, up a rather heavy grade, and it was demonstrated that at this great distance the steamer would easily throw over any house in Butte. In short, the machine is fully as good as recommended.

In a few days the Fire Company will be incorporated. The subscription circulated a few days ago realized something over \$500, which, with the money on hand, is sufficient for the first payment on the steamer, which will be made soon. The notes of the incorporation will be given for the balance. Now the members of the Fire Company have done their duty; the "City of Butte" does its duty. Will the people of Butte do theirs, by providing the water, without which the engine is useless? We are so sure they will that we answer, yes. Come, then, and put your shoulder to the wheel.

MURDER IN HELENA.

John Denn Found Dead in His Cellar.

[Special to the MINER.]

HELENA, Oct. 28, 7:15 P. M.

John Denn, a native of Prussia, and an old resident of this place, was found murdered in his wine cellar this morning. Appearances indicate that he had been aroused during the night by some one, and went to the cellar to draw some liquor, and while stooping over, had been struck several times over the head by some instrument which crushed in the skull. The coroner's jury is still in session. Two men have been arrested on suspicion. Robbery was undoubtedly the motive, as Denn was known to have had considerable money around the store.

One Hundred Dollars Reward.

Escaped from the Montana Penitentiary at five o'clock p. m., Monday October 27, 1879. William Sweeney, committed for assault with intent to kill, and under four years sentence. I will pay one hundred dollars reward for his capture and return to prison.

DESCRIPTION:—William Sweeney is aged twenty-four years; height, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches; weight, 173 pounds; light colored hair, cut close; hazel eyes; light complexion thick set and is close shaven.

W. W. BOTKIN,

WARDEN U. S. PENITENTIARY.

Oct. 27, 1879. Deer Lodge, M. T.

ON THE WING.

Notes With and without Interest, Taken on the Road.

EDITOR BUTTE MINER:

I have only time scratch you a few sentences according to promise. The morning whistles had begun to blow as we glided out of Butte at 6 a. m. with the regularity which characterizes Butte Standard (2) time. The temperature of the Park is rather low at this time of the year, but it is known, and some of the party might have become cold were it not for the violent exercise which they took on the way. We had the usual jerky and had no fault to find with the appropriateness of its name. It was rather amusing on the whole to see the occupants jump up and down, although there were some fears expressed as to the strength of the top of the coach and whether our heads might in time break a hole through it. One of our number was a quartz man of Butte who had a party of prospectors at work in the vicinity of the new mines and was going out to oversee them. He expressed himself as convinced of the mines being good. We met on the road from twenty to thirty prospectors on horseback going to or from the mines. They were all well and returning from the mines. By making good

time we rolled into Boulder station at 12 o'clock and were given a good dinner. The hotel man is evidently realizing handsomely from this house. Nearly every noon 40 and sometimes 60 passengers take dinner at this station. After leaving the station and proceeding three or four miles we were overtaken by a horseback rider with the mail and way pocket for Helena which were exchanged for the wrong ones we had taken. It is said that mistakes of this kind are of frequent occurrence and are not always righted. There is evidently need of some reform here. We noticed a package of MINERS scattered about on the ground and last night the MINERS were missing in the Helena post office. This may explain the reason the otherwise unaccountable non-receipt of Butte papers at the Helena office. Jefferson is evidently growing on account of the new impetus given to the Montana company. J. G. Sanders is enlarging his store. Kleinschmidt Bros. are about to open a saloon in the city. Considerable repairing and building is under way. We found much more building under way in Helena of which your regular correspondent keeps you posted. A gentleman who has been prospecting the different cities in the Territory preparatory to opening a new establishment told us yesterday he would have selected Butte, but the risk of fire was too great, while the security against fire was almost nothing. Accordingly he selected another point.

Hastily Yours,
MINER MAN.

HELENA, Oct. 26.

DEATH BY THE BULLET.

Maxime Virnosche Shoots John McAuley.

As mentioned in our last issue, a shooting affray occurred day before yesterday at Black Tail creek, about 7 miles from Butte, which resulted in the fatal wounding of John A. McAuley by Maxime Virnosche. The facts of the affray, though somewhat in doubt, seem to be about these: On Tuesday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, McAuley went on some ground in dispute between him and Virnosche and on which the latter was building a stable and having a witness along, ordered Virnosche to vacate the ground, which he refused to do and drew his pistol and ran McAuley off. McAuley left, but whether with the threat that he would return armed, we are not advised. However he did return to Virnosche's house about 4 o'clock, of the same day, and as it appears, stopped within about twenty-five steps of his door. Virnosche came out with a rifle, and loud talk and considerable abuse ensued in which McAuley called Virnosche a coward, and several hard names, and told him he didn't dare shoot, and further said he would "fix him," and at one time said he would kill him.—Whether McAuley had a pistol in his hand during this time is not known, but it is generally believed he did not. Virnosche ordered McAuley off the ground and out of his inclosure, which command it appears McAuley did not obey, and finally Virnosche told him if he did not leave he would kill him, and leveled his rifle, took deliberate aim, and fired, shooting McAuley in the left side of the abdomen, the bullet passing entirely through and out at the right side. McAuley who had been gesticulating violently before Virnosche raised the gun, dropped his hands and remained perfectly quiet, while Virnosche took aim, of the opinion, undoubtedly, that the latter would not shoot. McAuley, after being shot, turned from side to side for a few seconds, and then walked slowly away until he sunk to the ground some distance off. Assistance came up, and McAuley told one of the parties to take his pistol, which he said had fallen out of its scabbard and was lying on the grass close by. Dr. Whitford was immediately summoned, but the wound was so serious that nothing could be done. McAuley remained perfectly conscious, but in extreme agony, until 10 o'clock Tuesday night, when he died. Virnosche was immediately taken into custody by the persons present and held until the arrival of Under Sheriff Smith, when he was brought to town and lodged in jail. The hearing is set for 9 o'clock a. m. to-day, before Justice Warren.

McAuley is a man who has always been recognized as a quiet, reliable, honest man, and although not quarrelsome, a man devoid of fear. He leaves considerable property. His many friends much regret his untimely end.

Virnosche is a Canadian by birth, and has been around Butte for about two years. Although not generally known, he bears a good reputation among his acquaintances.

Are We to Have a Jail?

Freezing weather is now at hand and some provision should be made for the comfort of prisoners confined in the city jail. As it now is no fire can be had except in the outer room of the building, and prisoners confined in the cell derive no more warmth from it than they would from a stove entirely apart from the building. Under existing circumstances very little can be done until another jail is provided. The building at present occupied, stands on ground belonging to a private citizen, and he has, we understand, given the authorities notice to remove it. It is time we had a decent jail in Butte. Humanity, saying nothing about the necessities of the case, demands it, and we again call the attention of our County Commissioners to the matter. There is scarcely a day when one or more persons are not arrested and locked up in the miserable excuse for a jail we now have. To insure any degree of safety the prisoner must be put into the cell which, as we said before, is so remote from the stove that he receives no benefit from it. To keep warm he either has to lie down and cover himself with blankets (which are furnished, by the way, by the officers in charge) or continue to walk about.

The Helena Murder.

John Denn, an old Montanian, and wealthy merchant, was found murdered, Tuesday morning, in the cellar of his establishment. As he was found in his night clothes, doubled up, with one hole in the back of his skull and two in the front, with a funnel and bottle in his hand, it was evident he had been struck with a hammer or hatchet from behind, knocked insensible, and afterwards struck until the murderer was sure of his death. He had been accustomed to conceal his money in the cellar, and nearly \$7,000 were found which had escaped the murderer. His pocketbook was empty, and an unknown amount had been taken from his safe, the key of which was missing. Since he was inclined to be suspicious of strangers, it was evident that the deed had been done by some one in whom Denn had confidence. Denn had discharged a clerk, N. Kuhn, a short time before for alleged pilfering. Kuhn was one of the first discoverers of the body. He and his present employer, S. Stearn, a newly arrived business man of Helena, were arrested. At the inquest there was a considerable disagreement in their stories, but other circumstances favor their innocence. Suspicions fall on other parties who have been intimate with Denn. The deceased was born in Germany. He came to Montana in 1863. He was distrustful of banks, and hid his money in various places, sometimes forgetting for months the place of concealment. The excitement in Helena over the brutal murder is intense, and should the guilty parties be discovered, speedy punishment would follow. From the peculiar circumstances attending the matter there is a liability of innocent men being mistaken for the guilty ones, and the cooler judgment of the people will probably favor the slow but more certain process of law.

It looks very much as though a shot gun will be a necessary article in a funeral procession in Butte soon. At least that is the opinion of Mr. H. G. Valton. He was forced to this conclusion from the disgraceful conduct of one Connor yesterday, who, feeling aggrieved over the manner in which his friend McAuley had met his death attempted to stop the hearse containing his body when on the way to the cemetery. What his object was is beyond our comprehension. It seems that he was in liquor and during the funeral services at Loeber's Hall had raised quite a disturbance, but was led away by some friend. Nothing further was seen of him until the procession had got some distance from town, when he again suddenly made his appearance in front of the team attached to the hearse, grabbing the horses by the head and refusing to let them go. And right there the whole cortege had to remain until an officer arrived, who, with the assistance of a couple of citizens, compelled him to release his hold. Nevertheless considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the prisoner to the lock-up, and after the officers had finally succeeded in turning the key upon him, he kicked up such a rumpus that they had to put shackles upon him. At ten o'clock last night the man was acting more like a lunatic than a sane person, and the Marshal feared he might injure himself if not quieted down.

Correspondence.

HELENA NOTES.

The weather is very pleasant here. Mr. O'Leary, of T. C. Power & Co., has returned from Butte and is well pleased with the city. L. H. Hirshfield has gone East. Rev. S. C. Blockister, of Virginia City, had charge of the services in the new Episcopal church to-day. Rev. Gilbert is expected to return in about a month. It is surmised that a Mrs. Gilbert may return with him. Holter Brothers are putting up two frame buildings on the east side of town to rent. James Ryan has commenced to lay the foundations for two brick houses on Court Square. A. B. Taylor is erecting a dwelling house on upper Rodney street. It is reported that the terminus will not be moved for a month yet on account of delay in getting rails. Freight rates are over 2 cents from the terminus and still rising. CID. HELENA, Oct. 27, 79.

VIRGINIA ITEMS.

Newsy Notes from Nez.

The pen man is out in full blast. A combination was formed against him yesterday, but was not a success. The party waited until all but about 60 of the envelopes had been purchased, and kept track of the amount of money found in any and all of them; then, having pooled their interests, proposed to buy all the remaining envelopes, because, if the money the pen man said he had put in at the start was there, they would be sure to get it, and thereby come out well ahead. Mr. Parker probably understood what was up, as just then he "closed in" on the remaining envelopes and commenced on a fresh supply. Among those present were a large number of jurors and quite a large number of distinguished members of the bar, and among those who invested freely was a conspicuous member of the Methodist Church. The case of John Ryan, charged with robbing the jewelry store of Mrs. J. M. Butler, on the 29th of last month, was tried yesterday, and goes to the jury to-day. No convictions in U. S. Court in criminal cases tried by jury, in consequence, in some instances, of the absence of important witnesses. Among the latter is a military officer supposed to be at Miles. So far in the Territorial Court, convictions have been had in all cases tried. John E. Duggan, for cutting a man with a knife, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. The affair occurred in the vicinity of Twin Bridges. Wm. Wilson, for selling whisky to an Indian, was sentenced to one day's imprisonment and \$100 fine. He was recommended by the jury to the mercy of the Court in consequence of having been in jail eight or ten months. Michael Boyle, for presenting a pistol to a man in Adobetown. Convicted. Motion to arrest judgment on the ground of insanity. The whole number of U. S. prisoners in jail at the commencement of this term of court was seven, besides two witnesses. Only one U. S. prisoner. Court will probably continue all next week. VIRGINIA CITY, Oct. 24, 1879. NEZ.

Result of Indian Agent Frost's Trial in the U. S. District Court. The city is crowded with strangers and the hotels are full. The important case of the U. S. vs Geo. W. Frost, in the U. S. District Court, has just been concluded before Judge Blake and a jury. The Government had no case and Frost is acquitted. The defendant arrived at the Crow Agency July 14, 1877, superseding Carpenter, who governed had, notwithstanding he had been nominated by a religious denomination. Frost found the agency buildings dilapidated, no lumber to repair them, and the Indians just ready for an outbreak. They had had no supplies for a year past, in consequence of the failure of D. J. McCann to transport supplies. Frost found that goods were sold to the Indians from 25 to 300 per cent. higher than to whites. He did what he could to stop this and evoked the enmity of many old settlers about there. He sent affidavits to Washington and the post-trader was removed. Post traders and settlers made affidavits before the Grand Jury, sitting in Virginia City, and had him indicted on the ground of having issued a voucher for more than had been delivered by contractor Horace Countryman at the agency. It was proven in court yesterday all the hay, if not more than the amount contracted for, had been delivered by Countryman. It was proposed to non-suit (note pros.) in the case, yesterday, when the government testimony was all in, but afterwards it was thought best to let the case go on and the testimony come out. Frost is being congratulated to-day on his vindication. Countryman has been kept out of his pay but will get it now. Another indictment, emanating from the same source, against Frost, was quashed to-day. Frost was defended by Samuel Word, Vivion and Pierce. The U. S. was represented by Andrews, Jr. Phonographically. NEZ. VIRGINIA CITY, Oct. 20, 1879.

Minor Items.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] There is a message in the telegraph office for Annie Northcutt. You must eat, and when you do, why not get a square meal? You can get one at the Park Street Restaurant any time. John Morris, besides other brands of cigars has one called "The Butte Babies." They are "just too nice for anything"—except to smoke. It may be of interest to our miners to learn that sawed spiling can be procured in any desired quantity at the lumber yard of Thompson & Dodge. In a glove fight at the Terminus, the other day, Con. Orem, formerly of Montana, expugilist and blacksmith, knocked the bottom out of Frank Mason, a St. Louis litter. The Butte Band Association contemplate giving a ball about Thanksgiving time, due notice of which will be given when our worthy Governor announces the date of that event. A man in the employ of Mr. Thos. Godfrey for the three days of the "slauk" of last week, cut and split thirteen cords of four-foot wood, equal to 4 1/2 cords per day. We call that pretty good work. A report was in circulation about town yesterday to the effect that one of Butte's portly attorneys had had a little difficulty with a limb of the law from Helena. The affair occurred at Virginia City. We have none of the particulars. We are creditably informed that a contract has been drawn, and will be signed in a day or two, for the delivery of 1,500 bushels of coal per day to a company soon to commence the erection of another smelting furnace in the near vicinity of Butte. Street Commissioner Warfield is building a bridge on Silver street, at the crossing of Henry gulch. As there is at present no street running east and west opened for travel south of Galena street until lower town is reached this will be a great convenience to many, no doubt. The new steam fire engine, having been put in complete order, will be taken down to Silver Bow creek this afternoon and tested. It is to the interest of every property owner in Butte to have the steamer remain here, and it is therefore desirable that they should become satisfied as to its merits or demerits by being present at the trial test. Business in the Police and Justice Courts was lively yesterday. Pat. Ryan, upon the charge of mayhem, committed on the person of Charles Oberlies, was tried by Justice Barrett, found guilty and bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury at its next sitting. A couple of other cases, growing out of the difficulty between Ryan and Oberlies, were tried in the Police Court. The parties were discharged. Read the advertisement of Mr. Thos. Godfrey, in to-day's issue of the MINER. He is desirous of furnishing quartz miners with mining tubs and spiling, and those in need of the article with horse bags. Having determined to stay in the locality in which his little daughter so mysteriously disappeared last spring in hopes of yet finding some trace of her, he has taken this method of gaining a livelihood, while at the same time the search for his darling is kept up.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] In the absence from the city of Mr. Loeber, Geo. T. Hale will attend to the letting of Mr. L's hall. Patents have been granted to the Esperanza and Mayflower lodes, the property of P. A. Largey. Mr. Thos. H. Rutter came in from Highland yesterday. He reports plenty of game and quarts "way up." George Metcalf's ox train rolled in yesterday, loaded with two hundred (or less) stoves for Dellinger & Hyde. Mr. F. Hirsch has removed his stock of jewelry and manufacturing tools to the new building opposite the post-office. Three power presses are en route for Deadwood, which means three daily papers for that city. The Times, Pioneer and Press. Marshal Warfield, assisted by the residents of Granite street, are doing a first-class job in filling up the gulch where it crosses the street. The Sheriff of Lewis and Clarke county is in town. Wonder if any resident of Helena could be so naughty as to have left the town between two days, requiring the services of the Sheriff to hunt him up? Charles Reeder's train arrived in town yesterday noon, nine and one-half days from the terminus. He had on 50,000 pounds of freight for J. D. Thomas, 3,500 pounds for C. B. Trowbridge & Co., and small lots for other merchants of Butte. A private letter received from Mr. B. F. White, forwarding agent at the terminus, to a resident of Butte, says:—"In all the history of Montana freights no such receipt of goods has ever been known as during the past three weeks. * * * If the weather continues fine there will be no trouble about getting it all through, however." Lost—A small boy about the size of a man, nearly naked, with his father's shirt on; had an empty bag on his back containing two railroad tunnels and a bundle of empty bung holes. He was cross-eyed in his shoulders, and had his hair cut curly. When last seen he was shoveling wind off the school house to try and raise money enough to visit Blum's Bazaar, to buy of the cheap stock there to be fazed. Everybody goes there. From Mr. S. V. Suprenant, who returned to Butte from the terminus Tuesday evening, we learn that an immense amount of freight is stored at that point awaiting transportation north. Rates of freight had greatly advanced, as high as 3 1/2 cents per pound having recently been paid by forwarders to Helena, and 2 1/2 to Butte. Mr. S. thinks these rates will not hold long, as a large number of trains were on the down trip when he came up. The railroad track is laid to Pine Butte, but it seems to be the opinion of people at the present terminus that no further move will be made north this fall. [From Thursday's Daily.] Dancero's train, from the terminus, arrived yesterday loaded with 70,000 pounds of merchandise for Messrs. Caplice & Co. Messrs. Callahan & James have opened a general merchandise store at Cataract, the new mining town springing up on the Boulder. The case of Morris, mentioned in yesterday's MINER, came up in regular order, and no complaint being entered the prisoner was discharged on payment of a small fine and the costs. Captain and Mrs. James H. Mills came up from Deer Lodge on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Mills will remain with her mother, Mrs. Lou P. Smith, for a few days, while the Captain returns home to-day. In to-day's issue of the MINER will be found the first of a series of articles on the Penobscot mine. They are well written, and will be read with a great deal of interest, especially abroad, the Penobscot being the only mine in Montana represented on the stock boards of the East. The Le Petre-Hudson Minstrel Troupe is advertised to give an entertainment at Loeber's Hall, Butte, on Monday evening, November 3d. This combination has received very flattering mention in the Virginia City and Bozeman papers, being spoken of as above the average of traveling troupes of this kind. They propose giving several exhibitions here if well received, which they undoubtedly will be if their entertainments prove good. The package of MINERS leaving the Butte office Tuesday morning addressed in plain, bold printed letters to Glendale, returned here last evening. Now this thing is getting very monotonous. There is no excuse whatever for such gross neglect of duty. This is not the first occurrence of the kind by any means. Mail from the terminus that should go to Deer Lodge direct comes here almost every day, and again packages of letters for Butte frequently go to Deer Lodge. It is about time the party or parties to blame for this should be brought to account. We are authorized to announce that a social hall will be given, under the auspices of the young ladies of the Butte public school, at Loeber's hall, Wednesday evening, November 5th. The price of tickets will be placed at \$4, including a supper furnished by the ladies of Butte. The proceeds of the dance are to be applied to the purchase of an organ for the school. It is needless for us to say that the object is a worthy one. The school is in need of various articles which go toward helping to educate the mind, and there being no surplus funds that can be devoted to the purchase of them, this method is taken to raise money. Everybody at all interested in the advancement of the pupils of the Butte public school should encourage them by purchasing liberally of the tickets for the party.