

LOCAL NEWS.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Geo. L. Hart is brightening up his saloon at the depot by a liberal use of paper and paint.

Two cars of the incoming freight train yesterday morning ran off the track. Damage but slight.

The Rocky Mountain Husbandman has appeared in a complete new dress, and deserves to be congratulated thereon.

We are in receipt of a highly interesting communication which is crowded out of this morning's issue, but will appear to-morrow.

Flotow, Piusutti, Balfe, Verdi, Mozart and Martini are some of the well known composers whose music goes to make up the charming operetta Penelope.

Six families of colored people from Danville, Virginia, went through Ogden Sunday, on the emigrant train, bound for San Francisco to work in a tobacco factory.

During this spring several sales of steers were made at \$30 per head and this was regarded a good price; now, however, buyers are offering from \$34 to \$36 and during the past few days sales have been made at this figure.

The Montana Lumber Company have for the past few days, been receiving car loads of doors, sash and furnishing timber of every description. Builders cannot fail to find what they need in the lumber line at this place now.

J. J. Rohrbaugh & Co. have completed arrangements for running two daily coaches from Helena to Wickes. The morning coach, drawn by six horses, departs at seven o'clock. The afternoon coach leaves at half-past one o'clock. The company are also running a line of coaches between Clancy and Gregory, connecting with the afternoon Helena coach.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. J. S. Bare has located in this city.

Mr. Wm. McDermott has returned from a visit to the City of Sin.

Mr. R. Blickensderfer, of the U. & N. road, was in Butte yesterday morning.

Mr. W. Young, postal route agent on the U. & N., called yesterday at the MINER office.

Mr. Fraser, of Fraser & Chalmers, has left town, but will return in about ten days. The object of his visit was to look after private business.

Mr. L. Stetefeldt, of New York, is daily expected to arrive in this city to superintend the erection of the Stetefeldt furnace in the Lexington mill.

Messrs. David Marks and W. P. Forbis have returned to the Quilp. They propose to supervise the energetic development of this valuable mining property, which owing to press of other engagements has not been worked much recently.

Of Miss Lillian Edgington, whose mother until recently has been a resident of Butte, the Chicago Photo of the 6th inst. says: "The leading lady of the company was Miss Lilly Edgington who recently made a successful debut in California, where she is a great favorite. She possesses considerable dramatic talent and ability, which she is capable of displaying to better advantage. Miss Edgington is the daughter of a wealthy and highly-respected citizen of San Francisco. She is a charming and handsome lady as well as a pleasing actress, and it is only a question of time before some enterprising manager discovers her ability and launches her out as a star."

Strange if True.

Deputy Sheriff Johnson, of Miles City, is very fond of a clean pipe. He smokes black clays, and takes a fresh bowl every day.

Two festive cow-boys were amusing themselves one morning last week in Miles City by breaking the windows of a house on one of the back streets, and when Deputy Sheriff Jack attempted to arrest them, he had to knock one man down and draw his revolver on the other. All the time the sheriff had his pipe, a short clay, in his mouth. When he drew his revolver, one cow-boy who was lighting on the draw got a little ahead of him and fired first, knocking the bowl of the pipe into a thousand fragments. The officer's right hand was busy in his pipe pocket, but it was only a moment's task with the left to reach in another pocket for a fresh bowl and fit it on the smoking stem. By this time he had the drop on the cow-boy, and shot off the trigger of his pistol, as he was in the act of firing again. Nothing daunted the boy pulled another gun and again shot the bowl off the sheriff's pipe, this time taking off some of the stem itself. The officer again fired and broke the trigger of the boy's second pistol. This was kept up until the sheriff's supply of pipe bowls was exhausted, when the cow-boy was forced to go to jail.

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Public Decency Must be Regarded.

Continuance of Law-Breaking.

Sunday morning when the inhabitants of Butte awoke they found the mystic numbers 2-7-77 marked on their doors and thresholds. The law-abiding and law-respecting citizens have determined that order and decency shall be preserved.

There has been in the past few weeks an alarming amount of crime and disorderly conduct throughout the Territory. In Helena the police have been put on the trail of every person who exhibits no honorable means of gaining a livelihood. The utmost penalty of the law is to be enforced in all cases of vagrancy, and the guardians of the peace want it to be distinctly understood that all anti-bread winners will be escorted to the plains beyond town.

Numerous complaints are made of the operation of sneak thieves in Benton. Time was when people were safe if their doors were not locked; but that time seems to have passed. The boats are arriving, and the town contains an unusual number of suspicious characters.

There has been almost an epidemic of crime, beginning with the horse thefts here and at Brown's bridge. In Butte, at all events, this will come to an end at once. Sunday night there was another burglary to be added to the long list which have occurred within the past week. The house of Dr. James Thompson was entered while he and his wife were at church. The operations of the burglar evinced the same cool skill as heretofore. The family of Mr. Joseph A. Hyde were immediately next door, separated only by a brick division wall from the scene of the burglars' operations. Dr. Thompson's servant girl was in the kitchen all the time. When the doctor and his wife returned from the evening service, the latter saw a man around the corner, whom she saw quite distinctly. After entering, they discovered that the front window had been raised, the house robbed, and that in the confusion of the moment, or frightened at their speedy return, the thief or thieves had dropped on the roof of the porch the most valuable part of their plunder, a watch and some jewelry, wrapped up in a handkerchief. It was discovered that the thieves had made way with about \$150 worth of jewelry and three or four dollars in money. Fortunately Mrs. Thompson was wearing her diamonds at the time. The thieves had evidently not had time to go through everything, leaving many valuables close at hand which escaped them.

Since the burglaries reported Sunday morning, Mr. Howe's house on upper Main street has been entered, Mr. Kohn's front window broken in, a milkman robbed on lower Main street, and a boarder at a Montana street hotel robbed of a watch.

POLICE NEWS.

Another View of a Case.

In Saturday morning's MINER the particulars, so far as then could be learned, were given of a case of alleged grand larceny, in which Evander McLeod and M. C. Dillon were parties concerned. Yesterday morning the preliminary hearing was had in the case of M. C. Dillon. It is with pleasure that we state that Mr. Dillon was discharged, no probable cause appearing to warrant the belief that he had committed the crime charged. The evidence tended to show that Dillon had become the owner of the order in question at the time of the alleged offence, and that in using the proceeds of that order he was simply using his own property.

The hearing in the case of Edward Mathews, of Glendale, charged with having committed grand larceny in making away with a livery horse belonging to J. B. Reynolds, of Glendale. Mathews was represented by W. O. Speer Esq., who made out an ingenious case for his defense. The father of the accused, a miner from Walkerville, was present also. Mr. John T. Baldwin represented the Territory. It appeared that Mr. Reynolds had become alarmed at Mathews' absence, because he understood that the blankets of the accused had been shipped from Glendale to Melrose, as if in pursuance of an attempt to get away. The arrest followed accordingly, as soon as Mathews was found in Butte. There was evidence in the meantime that Mathews had been offered fifty dollars for the horse and had refused the offer, stating that if the animal belonged to him he might sell him. Altogether it was evident that the young man had no criminal object in view, but had been thoughtless, to put it mildly. He was discharged.

Notice.

The people of Butte who are in favor of forming themselves into a Congregational parish or society for the purpose of co-operating with the Congregational Church in diffusing the principles of Christ and in promoting the upbuilding of good character, are requested to assemble at Renshaw Hall May 17th, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. All who are in sympathy with such a movement are cordially invited to be present.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

H. S. Clark was in Deer Lodge last Friday.

Hon. C. L. Dahler was in town yesterday.

A. J. Seligman, of New York, was in town Sunday.

The genial and fat George E. Tarbell was in town yesterday.

Mr. Washington Dunn went down the road Sunday morning.

Miss Leonore Pearson, the accomplished singer, will be in Butte several months.

Mr. Palmateer has tie and grade contracts on the U. & N. between Silver Bow Junction and Deer Lodge.

Father Camp, whose return to Helena was delayed by sickness in the St. James' Home, has gone back to his home in the Capital City.

Mr. John S. Mills and Miss Sallie Batterson went down to Deer Lodge to attend the funeral of little Floy Mahan, the niece of Mr. Mills, last Friday.

Mr. Jinks, building contractor, is about to remove his family from Butte to Deer Lodge having rented a dwelling on First street from Mr. O'Bannon.

Mrs. Thomas L. Napton, of Deer Lodge, died Saturday evening, of inflammation of the stomach. She was buried Sunday afternoon. Saturday morning her sister, Mrs. L. J. Sharp, of Salt Lake, arrived at her bedside. All the resources of loving care and medical skill were brought to minister to her but in vain. Mrs. Napton was about thirty-five years of age and leaves a grief-stricken husband and two children.

A SAD OCCURRENCE.

A Gentleman Becomes Suddenly Insane.

Saturday night on the north-bound U. & N. train among many other passengers were a Mr. Miller and his son. The father has been a well-to-do merchant, it is said, near Cincinnati, and closing out his business not long ago he started West with his boy to visit his brother, who lives on the Benton road, the other side of Helena.

During his passage on the U. P. Mr. Miller happened to be seated near several men who talked in rather a wild and extravagant strain of life in the West, and the formidable preparations they had made for its perils. They frequently displayed revolvers, knives and other arms. Soon after hearing a conversation of this kind Friday night last Mr. Miller retired. During the night he awoke his son and told him he had been troubled with distressing dreams, about robbers, etc. Saturday morning he seemed dazed and during the day it became evident his mind had become unbalanced. He raved about armed men attacking him, and called violently for the police. It was finally found necessary by Mr. Jones, the gentlemanly and obliging conductor, to secure Mr. Miller's hands to the arm of the seat, as he made a very nearly successful attempt to jump out of the car window. He got off at Silver Bow Junction and got on the Helena coach with proper attendance.

MINING REVIEW.

The Morning Star and Fraction.

The second level in the Morning Star is being run west, towards the Porter & Farady Fraction. The Morning Star stopes are being worked vigorously. At the Colorado smelter and now on the dump are some two hundred tons of ore, averaging from sixty to eighty ounces, and it is expected that by June 1st this quantity will be increased to 300 tons. No report on this ore from the smelter can be expected before June.

The Porter & Farady Fraction is a geological claim, 200x60 feet, lying west of the Morning Star. A shaft has, by means of a windlass simply, been sunk to the depth of 110 feet. Nothing but ore is hoisted, the waste being all left in the levels. The 110-foot level of the Morning Star has been run west to the Fraction shaft, and east of the latter shaft stoping is going on, about two and a half tons per day being taken out from the Fraction, averaging from \$7 to 128 ounces silver and from \$25 to \$30 in gold. This ore is worth \$119 on the dump. The only expenses attending the output are the wages of five men at \$3.50 per day.

Committed.

Yesterday Justice O'Meara rendered his decision in the case of Thomas Moffitt, of Centreville, whose trial on the charge of illegal voting was had Saturday. He committed the accused in the sum of \$1,500 bail.

Renshaw Opera House.

Another Mastodon Entertainment by the Comique Company, Friday evening, 19th. A brilliant pot-pouri of exquisite specialties. Laughable acts, beautiful ballads, etc. Reserved seats at Parchen & D'Acheul's drug store. Two new stars and an entire change of programme.

There are still some sporadic cases of pneumonia among children in and about the city.

TERRIBLE DEATH

Of an Escaped Convict.

Last Friday night in Dillon, while Deputy Sheriff Charley Mikus was at supper, four or five prisoners in the jail, which was under his charge, succeeded in breaking from behind the bars. Among them was young Kemper, the Italian horse thief who was arrested some time ago at Silver Star for the theft of Joe Browne's horses, and he secured Mikus' forty calibre revolver. As they were walking away Mikus returning met them and ordered them to return, which all except Kemper did. The latter drew his pistol and shot at Mikus, who was also armed. Mikus returned the shot, and put a ball in Kemper's left side, which passed through the vitals and emerged on the other side. Kemper instantly cried out that he was shot and started to run away. He was soon lost sight of in the sage brush. Among those who got out was Sullivan, whose sentence would have expired yesterday.

In the morning another search was made which brought a horrible discovery. Kemper had evidently lain hid in the sage brush until the agony of his wound and his desperate condition drove him to curse God and die. Placing the muzzle of Mikus' pistol, which he had carried with him, to his breast, he ended his life. The flash ignited his clothing, and when his body was found it was absolutely nude and blackened by the flames, the clothes having been all burned away. A more ghastly and horrible end cannot easily be imagined than this lonely death of a fugitive from justice, frenzied by a gun-shot wound, not daring to go to his fellow man for shelter, alone in the cold mountain night air, in the dark sage brush, with conscience and his God.

A coroner's inquest was held Saturday morning, and a verdict returned that Kemper came to his death by suicide.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

And Mixed Pupils.

At the school election held last Saturday in Helena, the total votes cast were 311, of which 291 votes were for an additional school levy and 110 against it. At the same election the subject of race division in the public schools was voted on. It seems that while there are some colored children in the Butte public schools, there are a good many more in the Helena schools, and there is, as is only natural, a well defined sentiment among the better classes of people in both cities that there ought to be a separation of white and colored pupils. At the recent election in Helena, the colored voters turned out to a man, the whites being negligent and allowing the question to go by default. The consequence was that 195 votes were cast against separate schools and only 115 in favor of them. The white votes which went to make up the negative total, were largely influenced by the apprehension of an increased expenditure. The Independent says: "Many of these voters, we regret to state, contemplate withdrawing their children from the public school altogether. While regretting that such an issue should have been forced upon the voters, an issue that revives memories and awakens animosities that should be allowed to slumber, yet, when forced upon us, we choose what we considered as the least of the threatened evils—separation. In Chicago, as well as several other cities, where the policy of mixed schools has been tried, it resulted so badly as to lead to its abandonment. Animosities were thus engendered toward the colored population, as well as to the public school system, which could only be quieted by a return to separate schools. We have no doubt that this will be the case in Helena, should the number of colored pupils increase to any considerable extent."

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

One of the first boats to leave Benton this year was the Butte which, on her down trip, was loaded with 100,000 pounds of potatoes for Bismarck and other points east—the first instance on record of shipping potatoes from Montana to the States. Until within the last few years it was hardly believed that potatoes or anything else would grow at Benton or vicinity, and what few vegetables of any kind were used here were imported and always brought an enormous price. A test, however, soon demonstrated the fact that no country, not even the Emerald Isle, could produce such potatoes, and now the tables are turned—Benton is exporting instead of importing this palatable tuber.

There is no reason why with proper effort and skill many different varieties of vegetables and fruits could not be raised about Butte. An old rancher down the valley said a few days ago that he had never failed to raise any vegetables yet—when he tried.

Friday Night.

The new stars, Ed. Banker and Florence Wells, will appear Friday night in addition to the entire Theatre Comique Company, in an unexceptionable and mirth-provoking entertainment at Renshaw Hall. Reserved seats at Parchen & D'Acheul's.

BARKER DISTRICT

And a Butte Man's Views Thereon.

The New Montana Mining Camps.

The following are extracts from a private letter received in this city from an old Butte man now in the camp of Northeastern Montana. From time to time the MINER has published what seemed to be the most reliable statements about the Barker, Maginnis and Clarke's Fork districts, towards which special attention has been so much directed of late. Col. Nesbitt, who was in Butte a few weeks ago, has gone to the Barker district to start a newspaper. He has personal acquaintance with many of the leading men in that part of the Territory, and seems to have confidence in the present and future of the camp. The view expressed by the writer of the letter from which the following extracts are taken is rather unfavorable. It should be taken with a grain of salt, yet such views as a rule do not need salting nearly as much as do the fairy-like and more encouraging tales which generally come from new mining districts.

The letter is written from Gold Run, Barker District, M. T., dated April 3d, 1882.

"Of course, you want to know what kind of a camp this is. In the first place, it is like all camps in which 'pilgrim' capital takes hold. The pilgrim must see \$5.00 in sight before he will expend \$1.00.

The smelter was put up to prospect with. The deepest shaft in the camp is 71 feet, with a level run each way on the vein 58 feet west and 30 feet east. I was down when the contractors quit, and if the camp depends on what is in sight it will be poorly off, sure; although it is more than probable there is a good mine there—yet to be found.

As for the Wright and Edwards, that is as yet to be proven. Still, it is a good mine as far as it goes. Everything that was done up to January last is dead work—nearly all open cuts, and most of the ore vein is very narrow.

On the first of January I started a shaft by order of the Superintendent. We sunk forty odd feet. The ore at the start was *non est*, but at eight feet in depth we began to get feeders; at twenty-five feet the vein came in good and strong, and at thirty feet we had a four-foot vein of ore, but none of it running very high. I believe the average is 47 ounces, and that is about the average of the mines all the way through, so you can see there is nothing to get excited about. Well, these are the two mainstays of the camp, and that which has caused all the stir and excitement in this country.

Of course there are lots of other leads or locations, but none are developed, nor will they be until they change hands, for the parties owning them are too poor.

The great trouble is that the mines are so cut up into shares, and owned by Tom, Dick and the Devil, that the owners can never do anything with the ledges or make a sale of them either.

The best place just now is the new District of Montana. There is no doubt in my mind it will be one of the big camps of the country, and if it was clear of snow, I should be there before the rising of the sun.

"Tuck" Lambert came in yesterday and showed me five or six buttons from rock in that district, the least of which went 73 ounces and the greatest 300 ounces, and all of it you might call float, as the deepest shaft in the camp is but 13 feet. Some of the veins show a width of seven or eight feet. These were struck last fall. Lots of people have gone over there, but can do nothing for three or more weeks.

Two years ago I was there, but was prevented from working owing to the depth of the snow, and the boys have informed me that the snow is still worse this year. The men who went in last fall knew the trail and went in on foot.

Regarding the Warm Springs District "Sookum Joe" and George Lenhardt have got some placers there, and Joe and Jones have several good lodes. Dexter recently bought out one of the partners for \$1,000.

Jean Irvine, Frank McParthin, Snow and some of the old-time boys, have lodes. I hear that Jean and Frank have a good lode, but unopened. Britt Peck and myself have two locations that may prove good, but they don't show up very good on top.

The Buchanan boys have some good diggings over in the north Moccasin mountain, but what they will amount to no one can tell, as they have no water and that will kill any camp.

My very kindest regards to old Butte friends.

A Boom.

Dr. O. B. Whitford, of the Miners' Hospital, was kind enough to furnish to the MINER last evening the following births which have occurred in this city within the past few days, under his care:
May 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph La-cuff, a girl; May 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen, a boy; May 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, a boy; May 14th, to M. and Mme. Alfonso Porier, twin girls; May 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Driscoll, a boy; May 14th, to Mrs. John McAuley, a boy.

Municipal News.

It is a question whether the \$1.00 per day a head that the city pays to the county for the keeping by the Sheriff of the city prisoners, includes a charge for rent also, or whether the city is liable in an additional amount for jail room.

It is the opinion of those who know best that the very first and most important matter to deserve the attention of the Council is the question of the erection of a substantial fire-proof jail of stone or brick. There is no reason why the city and county could not unite in this expense, and put up at once a structure which would be a credit to both, as well as an important factor in the repression and punishment of crime in the community. Confinement in such a jail would be more in the nature of punishment than in a structure like the one now in use.

The report of the City Treasurer received at the last regular Council meeting showed a balance on hand of \$1,031.41. There are outstanding now obligations to meet amounting to nearly \$250. If the fire fund had been kept intact and had been used for no other purposes than those for which it was created, the financial situation would be quite different. As it is the fire fund is now \$565.40 short, and the loss and engine house is not built. This use of the fire fund for other purposes does not by any means imply that a dollar of this or any other fund was misused by the late Council or officers, but should be an argument in favor of keeping all funds strictly separate.

There is considerable discussion as to the propriety of the various cellar stairways leading down from the sidewalks along frequented streets, and seriously interfering with the safety of passers-by.

Residents of Upper Main street and East Quartz street are making complaints about the condition of Quartz street, just east of Main. They say the Water Company tore it up, and left a regular windrow of rocks and boulders all along it.

Mayor Owsley will call a meeting of Council as soon as the Finance Committee are ready to make their report. The Committee was at work last night, and will be ready to report some time this week. Their task was by no means an easy one, and requires time.

New Machinery.

Since mining has become a recognized business, to be conducted like any other on business principles, time, talent and money are being directed all over the country, in Butte as elsewhere, to the devising of new and cheaper processes of reduction.

The MINER some time since gave a description of Lamb's new concentrator.

The Silver State, Nev., says that L. F. Dunn has invented a concentrator, one of which is now running at the Eagle mine, Spring Valley. A concentrator of this capacity can be built for \$50 and it is said to work well on all the gold and sulphurets.

Mr. Cornelius Driscoll, of Butte, Nevada, has recently obtained a patent for saving amalgam, quicksilver and gold. The invention is very simple and requires but a small amount of money to be put on a working basis. It consists of a system of sluices six inches wide at the bottom and ten feet in length. The principles of the sluices differ from that of the Hungarian, in as much as the metals to be concentrated accumulate at the upper and lower side of the riffles, as described in the patent issued to Mr. Driscoll as follows: "An improved sluice-box, composed of a series of platforms arranged one above the other of the same horizontal plane, and each provided with a riffle near its edge and a quicksilver bath above and a copper plate below the said riffle."

Small-Pox in Montana.

The committee of safety last week reported "that at present there are but ten cases of small-pox in Miles City."

The Journal of May 6th, complained "that for the past ten days there have been numerous telegrams sent east by irresponsible parties in this city, representing the number of small-pox cases in the city. The lying villain who sent these reports abroad did not pressly to injure our prospects, and keep trade away for their own selfish purposes."

No very late telegraphic news has been received. On the other hand, the Black Hills Times of the 9th says:

"The little pilgrim camp on the Northern Pacific designated as Miles City is having plenty of trouble. In addition to being a dull place, with no chance for laboring men, it is further afflicted with that dread scourge among residents—scores of cases existing among residents and those attracted there by the annual attack of stampeding. John A. Nye, formerly of this city, writes to John Coleman, under date of April 28, that fifteen cases of small-pox are known to exist within the town, and that the disease was spreading," etc., etc.

Such strong statements about a probable rival would seem to be largely the result of jealousy.