SEMI-WEEKLY MINER.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1883.

Local News.

From the Daily of Friday.

The wounded Montello train robber, Nay, has been taken from Salt Lake to Elko, Nev., for trial.

Six bars of bullion from the Silver Bow Company, and five from the Anaconda, were shipped yesterday. Value, $16,576.

The "Third House" has changed Charley Warren's name to Novice Gisx, and appointed him long range local editor of the evening luminary.

Under the caption "Great activity in Montana's great mining center," the Salt Lake *Tribune* republishes in full, the resume of Summit Valley mining news, which appeared in last Sunday's MINER.

The Helena City Council has passed an ordinance taxing skating rinks $25, per month. While our city Council complains of a scant treasury, it is a fact that neither skating rinks ar barber shops pay a city license.

A weather-beaten miner, with grizzled locks and beard, clad in a buckskin suit, white sombrero, the wide brim drawn into scollops at the edge by a buckskin string; and with gold rings in his ears, was taking in "the row" yesterday. He said he had plenty of coin and was going to enjoy himself.

The *Inter Mountain* intimates that Hon. Daniel O'Grady is under leading strings. Few members of the Legislature have manifested more independence than O'Grady, although on party questions he has voted opposite to Lee Mantle every time. Lee is the fellow that's under leading string and they are very bad ones, too.—*Helena Independent*, 28.

Sixteen location notices were recorded in Silver Bow county during February. In view of the extremely cold weather of last month, this is a good showing, and indicates an activity among our prospectors but little effected by the mercury ranging among the twenties. Should the present mild weather continue, a large number of locations will be made during the present month.

Alas for the over-weening confidence of the average man who is anxious to gain rapid riches. A chap hailed our reporter yesterday and innocently exhibited a small box of sawdust, which he had received in return for $10, sent to a New York swindler who advertises "the simile money." He wanted the New York fraud exposed, but concluded to pocket his loss in silence when told that it would be necessary to use his name as authority for the expose.

The hay market was stronger yesterday. We quote prime loose, $23 to $25; baled, $22 to $23.

The Helena Fire Department are to give a grand department supper and ball on the 20th inst.

The Skating Pavilion is now regularly open and was patronized by a large number of ladies and gentlemen yesterday.

Twenty-seven bars of bullion, valued at $40,000, were shipped yesterday, through the office of the Pacific Express Company.

The Kansas Roller mills flour has taken a strong hold upon the affections of housewives in this city since its introduction by J. D. Thomas.

The continued warm weather has a depressing effect upon the wood market. Sales from the wagon were made yesterday at $5.50 and $6 per cord.

Rev. E. J. Stanley, of the M. E. Church South, has arrived in the city, and will hold morning and evening services at the Methodist church tomorrow.

The hard glove contest between Ben Arthur and Tommy Carroll has been postponed until next Saturday night. Arthur will fight with soft and Carroll with hard gloves.

Deputy Sheriff Bodley is just now about the busiest man in town. The service of summons and other process for the approaching term of court is keeping him on the keen jump.

An impromptu crossing, constructed of the tops of dry goods boxes, between the stores of H. Barnett and H. Jacobs, on opposite sides of main street, was a great convenience to pedestrians yesterday.

A smash-up occurred on the southern division of the U. & N. R. R. last week, in which two freight trains were badly wrecked. An unknown woman and a railroad contractor named Duffy were killed.

The New York mining share market has been active during the past week, and there seems to be a genuine demand for genuine securities. Alice and other stocks are creeping back again to old figures.

Teachers desiring schools and schools in need of a teacher will do well to communicate with Judge Hedges, at Helena. He keeps a register of applicants from which vacancies will be filled.

Assessor Mallet has returned from the capital, and has commenced the duties of his office in earnest. He is just now making a specialty of the poor tax, and it won't be safe for a non-property holder to meet him without a two dollar bill in his pocket.

The reports which have been circulated regarding the insecurity of the Pavilion building, are as ridiculous as those effecting the financial solvency of one of the firms interested in that enterprise. The Pavilion, though quickly built, was constructed with special reference to solidity, and the sills and joists are supported by a multitude of heavy upright timbers, which are only four feet apart under the entire structure.

From the Daily of Friday.

THE CARNIVAL.

Brilliant Opening of the Granite Street Skating Pavilion

Butte on Skates.

The *bal masque* carnival with which the Granite street Skating Pavilion was inaugurated last night was a brilliant success, and in point of numbers, elegant costumes and general enjoyment, eclipsed any similar entertainment which has ever taken place in Butte. The large turnout and suit with which, the old and young, the grave and the gay, entered into the joyous spirit of the occasion was a surprise to those unacquainted with the social resources of the Silver City. Through the superb energy of the indefatigible managers of the Pavilion, the lumbersome building was completely finished and in perfect order for the opening, even to the painting of the front and the tasteful arrangement of flags and many colored festoons, medallions and beautiful designs of bunting, paper and evergreens which decorated the interior. By 7 o'clock the throng commenced to arrive, and by eight, every nook and corner of the mammoth room was crowded with gaily costumed participants and expectant spectators. At that hour Cassar's band, uniformed for the occasion, struck up the Grand March; and kings, queens, princesses and princes literally wheeled into line with ladies of rank, courtiers and officers, while blackeyed moks, yankee girls, Gilhooleys, Indian chiefs and oddities began their characteristic comicalities in the line of stately and graceful march on wheels. The throng continued to arrive and depart, surging through the narrow passage by the ticket takers and crowding in the direction of the corridor, boxes and galleries in the vain search for a seat or standing room.

The management had provided 150 pair of skates and thirty masqueraders brought their own rollers. Whenever a skater, wearied with the exercise and excitement of the dance, retired from the floor a score of applicants were ready to don the discarded skates, so that although only 180 skaters were on the floor at one time more than 300 participated in the festivities during the evening; and the spectators who visited the Pavilion numbered about 1,000. At 10 o'clock the masks were removed, and the most amusing episodes of the evening were created by the ludicrous situations and mutual recognitions revealed by the doffing of dominoes. Gilhooley, who had been saying soft things to the Indian princess, found himself *tete-a tete* with his employer's wife; a lady of rank, who had been flirting with Sitting Bull, discovered in that savage courtier her brother-in-law, and the Black Prince discovered that his charming partner was a well-known young man, whom a blonde wig, beef-eater hat and handsome costume had transformed into an ideal girl of the period. The number of masqueraders was so large, and so many of them were strikingly and elegantly costumed, that any attempt at detailed description would be useless. Among the most striking characters personated were Indian princess, Westward the Star of Empire, Yankee girls, Black Prince, Sitting Bull, Brother Jonathan Gilhooley, The Moke, Blonde Belle, Girl of the Period, Fireman Moke, Ivanhoe, Red Prince, Goddess of Liberty, Queen Elizabeth, Daughter of the Regiment and many other characters which were perfectly costumed and impersonated. The festivities continued to a late hour and the universal verdict of all who participated—either as masters or spectators—was that the skating pavilion is the greatest success which this city has ever seen in any similar enterprise.

Mining Locations.

The following notices of location were filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office during the month of February:

SUMMIT VALLEY DISTRICT.

Feb. 3. Highway lode, Rudolph Ruoni, locator.

Feb. 5. Plume lode, Napoleon Collette, locator.

Feb. 5. Mississippi lode, Timothy Harrington, locator.

Feb. 6. Free American lode, Wm. Kane, Edward Kane, John Kane, Patrick Kane, and John A. Herron, locators.

Feb. 6. Meteor quartz lode, Francis Carroll, locator.

Feb. 9. Royal Tiger quartz lode, Brigham Larson, Wm. Pugh, Jos. Kessler and Daniel Jaeger, locators.

Feb. 13. Baden quartz lode, Chas. Schmidt and Louis Lieneman, locators.

Feb. 13. Mono No. 3 lode, John H. Hart, locator.

Feb. 14. Bowling Green quartz lode, J. P. Kennedy and John Moore, locators.

Feb. 24. California quartz lode, Jeremiah Jenkins and Watkin Jenkins, locators.

Feb. 24. North Pole lode, Patrick S. Whalen, Thos. H. Manning and Wm. Thompson, locators.

Feb. 27. Morelle lode, Eli Morelle, Hubert Morelle, John Bancour, R. Y. Fontaine, locators.

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.

Feb. 6. Chicago lode, Michael T. Kelley, locator.

Feb. 13. Shakespere lode, Henry C. Dahl, locator.

Feb. 17. Berkeley quartz lode, John Ducie and Erastus A. Nichols, locators.

The New Fire Company.

The hose trucks for the city fire company have arrived, and the city now has on hand a complete apparatus, including 1,000 feet of hose. It is understood that immediately upon the return of Mayor Owsley from Helena the new company will be organized, which will be under control of the city council and officered by city officers. The Mayor will have an opportunity to distinguish himself as chief fireman, and the City Marshal probably as assistant chief. In addition to the city officers a volunteer company of citizens will probably be organized, who will be expected to run with the "machoen." There seems to be no good reason why the new company and the fire brigade should not work harmoniously together in the extinguishing of fires, but if the history of volunteer fire departments is to be taken as a criterion, we may look for a little shake up now and then, after the new company gets to running, which may lead to a practical demonstration of the veteran proverb: "there's a heap of difference between a regular and a volunteer."

The Alaska Fever.

The report recently published of the discovery of fabulously rich gold diggings on the banks of the Yukon in far off Alaska, has created considerable excitement in this Territory, among that class of pioneer prospectors who are always ready to go to the furthermost parts of the earth, if the prospect is held out of finding good placer diggings. A company is reported to be forming at Benton to make the trip overland, on horseback. Numerous inquiries regarding the plans and purposes of this company have been made at the MINER office. Our information regarding the proposed expedition has been gathered from the Benton papers, and the tone of articles upon the subject, published in those papers, conveys the impression that the organization of such an expedition exists only in the fertile imagination of the Benton reporters.

If this is not the case, the organizers have simply been carried away by the wildest sort of a chimera, and are ignorant of the character of the country proposed to be traversed. If such a party could cross the several forks of the Saccatchawan and reach Athabaska river, they would have consumed the entire summer, and would find themselves in the swamps and lakes of the Peace river country, without feed for animals or hope of progress; as winter would be setting in, and they would not then be one-fourth of the distance to their destination. Even if they should be enabled to proceed down the Mackenzie river nearly to the Arctic ocean, opposite to the head of the Yukon, they would have the Rocky mountains, which are particularly rugged in that latitude, to cross before they could get to the Yukon. The head of this river is on the 60th parallel. If any one has got the fever bad let him go by water to Sitka.

An Escaped Convict.

The latter part of January some Elk Park wood-choppers brought a man to the Miners' Hospital with his feet frozen and in a most pitiable condition. The man gave his name as Charles J. Lounsdale, and said he had become lost in Elk Park on January 20th, which was one of the coldest days of the memorable cold snap, and had wandered about until he had frozen both feet, when the wood-choppers picked him up and cared for him at their cabin. A few days after his arrival at the hospital one of his feet was amputated, and blood poisoning setting in, he was only saved from death by the most careful nursing and skillful medical treatment. Yesterday the man was recognized as Roy Tousley, an escaped convict from the Montana penitentiary, where he was undergoing a seven years sentence for horse stealing, who eluded the vigilance of the guards on January 17th, and was laying out in the Elk Park forest when he froze his feet. He is now guarded by an officer at the hospital, and will be returned to the penitentiary as soon as his physical condition will permit.

Death of Harvey McKinstry.

The death of Harvey McKinstry, which occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was an event of unusual sadness, to a large circle of friends who have known deceased from his boyhood. He came here with other members of his family in 1866 to join their father who was then operating a quartz mill in Pipestone park. Shortly afterwards the family removed to Deer Lodge and afterwards to Oregon, where his father, mother, brother and sister are now living. Mrs. E. S. Stackpole, of Deer Lodge, who was with him in the sickness that resulted in his death, is his sister, and the only relative he had in Montana. All who knew Harvey McKinstry were warmly attached to him on account of his manly and agreeable qualities. A large number of sorrowing friends escorted the remains last night to Deer Lodge, where he is to be buried to-day.

Sub-Marine Railroad Building.

On a fork of the Pen d'Oreille river, where it was proposed to construct a trestle work for the track of the Northern Pacific railroad, the water was found to be 27 feet deep, and the bottom a ragged ledge of hard rock, making it impossible to drive piles. A diving apparatus and an expert were brought into requisition, and the novel scene may now be witnessed through the transparent water, of a man at work 27 feet below the surface; and the steady strokes may be heard from the depths, as the intrepid diver drives home the heavy bolts with his sledge to "away brace" the structure. The diver is encased in a flexible water proof suit, with a helmet of glass and metal, which is supplied with fresh air through a tube, which extends to the surface of the water. He remains under water from two to three hours at a stretch.

The Water Company.

In conversation with a MINER reporter yesterday, an officer and director of the Silver Bow Water Company stated that the storage capacity of the present reservoir was ample for all practical purposes; that an additional reservoir would only be serviceable in case of an emergency, such as a long continued freeze up; that the water company had not been considering the project of building an extensive reservoir, or any other kind of reservoir, and that it was safe to say that no such project would be presented to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Hymenial.

An interesting matrimonial ceremony took place at the Presbyterian church yesterday, Mr. Charles Poltsch, the well known flouring mill man of Sheridan, and Miss Belle Fallis, of this city, being the high contracting parties, and Rev. J. R. Russell the officiating clergyman. After a short bridal tour the happy pair will return to their house in Sheridan. The MINER extends its congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous voyage through the sea of life.

Monday afternoon Amos H. Johnson was picking out a blast near Red Mountain, when the charge exploded, injuring Mr. Johnson quite seriously. His right hand was badly torn and a portion of it will probably have to be amputated. His left eye was also considerably injured.

TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLY.

Silver Bow Boundary Line—Apportionment Bill in Joint Committee—Jefferson to Vote on Removal of County Seat.

Special dispatch to the Miner.

HELENA, M. T. March 2, 1883.

SENATE.

A bill was introduced and passed to provide for the establishment of the boundary line between the counties of Jefferson, Silver Bow and Deer Lodge. The apportionment bill was taken up and referred to a joint committee consisting of Bass, Morris and Chotsman of the Council and Comly, Forbis and Hickman of the House.

HOUSE.

Council bill No. 39, to enable the people of Jefferson county to vote on the question of removing the county seat from Radersburg to Jefferson or Boulder, was read a third time and passed. Bill to prohibit boys from entering saloons and gaming houses, and bill to punish wife or women beaters were also passed. The Governor vetoed the House joint resolution providing for an appropriation to pay for wood cuts used in publishing live stock marks and brands.

United States Attorneyship.

HELENA, M. T., March 2, 1883.

Special to the MINER.

Dispatches have been received here to-day announcing the nomination of W. H. DeWitt, of Butte, for the United States District Attorneyship of Montana. The nomination is approved by Attorney General Brewster, and little doubt is entertained of its being confirmed by the Senate.

THE OLD MAN'S RIDE.

Roughing It in the Valley—The Knights at Deer Lodge.

Elated Prospectors—The Rich Mines of Pioneer and Cable.

Yes, we take a cutter, although everything indicates a thaw, and aim to reach the city of the valley in five and a half hours. At Warm Springs, for five miles, we are entertained by the constant grating of the vehicle passing slowly over gravel. We pause at 1:30 o'clock for refreshments. None can be had at the hotel or hospital. Oats can be had at the Springs, but grub must be taken at regular hours. Upon arriving at the city an unusual commotion was observable. Men in uniform and ladies rustling for knick-knacks at dry goods counters met the eye in all directions. A Knights of Pythias ball was imminent, and Butte had contributed about ninety male and female Knights for the occasion. Suffice it to say the ball rolled off splendidly, and the Butteites were able to do the same next morning, which is saying much for the quality of valley tan sold there. Again on the road, enveloped in an almost impenetrable fog across the hills for Pioneer with a February thaw fairly set in. The inevitable livery dog a few yards in advance looms up at times large as an elephant and again as the distance, lessens, becomes of ordinary size. An occasional capsize, horses floundering through soft drifts and other unpleasant episodes brought us to Pioneer and dinner. Again we seat ourselves and let the Blacks take their gait for Flint Creek, via New Chicago. Arriving at the old road the effects of flooding the valley began to be visible. Great piles of slush filled up the swales coming down from the rolling table lands and below them all depressions over-running with water. We passed New Chicago all right but Flint Creek was a poser. After dragging over bare ground, overturning in a swail five feet deep and getting a good cold bathe, and riding at a snails gait nine miles farther, we arrived in a very wetted condition at Hennessy's and proceed to dry out before the fire. Any one who has had this experience can appreciate one's feelings faintly. Here we learned the news stirring. Rich ore in new locations was shown us from Clear creek, four miles above and continued favorable reports from Black Pine west of us. Another circus performance landed us in Philipsburg. Here great confidence is felt in the Hope Company's mine that produced last season about $400,000, with a ten-stamp mill, the future of which is not dimmed, as two other openings developes the same ore for its continued operation. But the Granite mountain chute of ore undoubtedly exceeds anything of the kind yet found in Montana, and is naturally much talked of by the inhabitants. The morning is utilized in threading our way over the softening snow bank via Cable, the lodge after which it is named, exceeding other gold lodges in Montana in the same ratio that the Granite Mountain bids fair to exceed other silver discoveries. It is estimated that no less than one thousand prospectors will delve in this range the coming season. Gold, silver, copper and iron, offer prospects to the miner that few can withstand who seek wealth in the bowels of the earth. OLD MAN.

HORSE PLAINS.

Weeksville Abandoned, and Quiet Prevails at the Railroad Front.

Special Correspondence of the MINER.

HORSE PLAINS, TERMINUS, N. P. R.R., Feb. 28.

Editor MINER:

Weeksville is now a thing of the past. Like all railroad "front towns" it has sprung into life and activity, had its brief and transitory boom, and then sunk into the oblivion of the past. The place was only a town *pro tempore*, and flourished while graders and railroaders in general were working in the vicinity, its entire business depending upon that class. The last of the town, consisting of two stores conducted by Eddy, Hammond & Co. and Capilce, Smith & Co., one hotel and half a dozen saloons, have been moved to this point. There is nothing in the world here upon which a business man may depend for support. Settlers are very scarce around here. The nearest settlement is on Horse Plains, within 8 miles of Weeksville. There is plenty of fine timber land here, but none suitable for agriculture. Mineral has not yet been discovered in this deserted country.

There is no new town along the road between Missoula and Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, and the whole stretch presents wild, desolate country until Washington Territory is reached. The railroad headquarters is now at the line of the Flathead reservation and the track has reached a point seven miles above Lytle's ranch, on Horse Plains.

Everything is quiet and peaceable along the road and no depredations have been committed since the safety committee cleaned out all the rollers and cut throats. SIRO.

Railroad Racket.

N. P. trains now run through to Portland from Horse Plains, a distance of 570 miles. The end of the track is four miles east of Horse Plains. The grading on the Clark's Fork division is about completed. Five bridges have yet to be built on the division, which will be finished by the end of the month. Superintendent Hallett has 1500 men at work on the Missoula division. At the third crossing a large scow has been built and everything is in readiness to begin driving piles for a temporary bridge at that the last crossing of Clark's Fork river. The three-span Howe truss bridge, 400 feet long, at the second crossing, will be completed inside of two weeks.

The Salt Lake *Chronicle* says matters are taking such a shape that the Union Pacific Railroad Company can hardly avoid the construction of an independent line from Ogden, or some other point in Utah, to the Pacific Coast. In a few months the Denver & Rio Grande Utah line will be completed to Ogden, and the traffic arrangements having been made between this line and Burlington to run the business from the latter road over the new route, the Burlington will have a through line to California, independent of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific will no longer need to depend upon the Union Pacific for an eastern connection, but can use the new Denver & Rio Grande route. This will compel the Union Pacific, if it means to meet the competition of the Central and other new Pacific lines, to extend its line either from Ogden, or some other Utah point, to the Pacific Coast as soon as possible.

Fiendish Attempt to Blow Up a Quartz Mill.

A diabolical plot to demolish the Geddes & Bertrand mill, was discovered yesterday morning. At an early hour the engineer heard some noise on the roof, as if some one was walking over it. He went outside and saw A. P. Hodgman, a miner living near by in the act of getting off. Immediate investigation was made, and it was found that a large quantity of giant powder, saturated with turpentine had been imbedded in the roof around the smoke stack. It was probably placed there during the night in the hope that it would ignite the powder and blow the works to atoms. The consequences, it is claimed, would have been dreadful had the charges gone off. Hodgdon had probably returned to see what was the matter with his plot, when he was discovered. A party went to his cabin, where he was arrested and brought to Eureka and placed in jail. It is alleged that additional evidence of his guilt was found in his cabin. The grand jury will meet to-day and investigate the case.—*Eureka Sentinel, 28th.*

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

A discovery of tin ore is reported in Missoula county.

The *Montana Churchman*, Virginia City's new religious paper, will make its appearance soon.

The Nevada (Alder gulch) sons and daughters of Erin will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a grand ball.

A buffalo hunter who arrived at Bismarck recently, just in from the range, says the hunters have nearly all left on account of the terribly cold weather. The snow has been too deep to do anything. Furthermore the buffalo have left and gone into the Indian reservation. He says there is hardly a man but has been frozen more or less.

Butte Illustrated.

We are in receipt of the proof sheets of some of the Missoula illustrations, to be published in the *West Shore*, accompanied by a letter in which the publisher, Mr. Samuels, says: 'January number mailed; February, containing Missoula and Deer Lodge illustrations nearly ready, (we publish on the last of each calendar month). March will contain "Butte Illustrated.' We are making it much more extensive than at first designed, which involved a little delay."

Personal.

J. D. Phillips came in from Boulder on last nights stage.

Hon. Sam'l. Word arrived from Helena via the Boulder route last night.

John L. Butler, Secretary of the Miners' Union in this city, is visiting Helena.

Mr. L. Hoge, of the banking firm of Hoge, Brownlee & Co., was registered at the Walker House in Salt Lake on the 27th.

Rev. S. C. Blackiston, the new Rector of St. Johns Episcopal Church, arrived from Benton yesterday, and will preach at the usual hours, morning and evening, to-morrow.

Rev. J. Jay Garvin left for Deer Lodge this morning, in the interest of the *Montana Christian Advocate*. He will spend Sunday in the Valley preaching at Warm Springs at 11 a. m., and Willow Creek at 7:30 p. m.

An effort is being made to have the sidewalk on the north side of West Park, from Main to Montana street, graded and planked. The Masonic hall, opera house, school building and several new buildings and business firms now or soon to be located on West Park, would be made much more easy of access by such an improvement, and the large number of citizens who will be benefitted thereby, propose to bring a strong pressure to bear on the City Council.

Perry Beal met with a painful accident at the Pavilion skating rink last night. He had been skating, and turning suddenly about to skate to a seat in an opposite direction, another skater darted in front of him, and in making a quick motion to avoid a collision he gave his right foot a wrench which snapped the bone just above the ankle. He was taken to his room at the Centennial Hotel. The injury is a simple fracture, and he will probably be all right again in a week or ten days.

The weather of the past week has given general satisfaction.

OUR HELENA LETTER.

Helena and Her Enterprising People—Her Admirable Fire Department—Fate of Certain Bills, Etc., Etc.

Special Correspondence of the MINER.

HELENA, Feb. 28, 1883.

A person who visits Helena for the first time is struck with the evidences of prosperity and permanence seen upon every hand and the conviction forces itself upon his mind that its people are wide-awake, enterprising, and have unbounded confidence in the future of their city. In this he would not be mistaken. Helena does nothing by halves. If she feels the necessity of a public improvement it is immediately made. No time is wasted in long winded discussions concerning its practicability. The cost is estimated and her public spirited citizens apply themselves to raising the necessary funds, and it is done. They now propose to build a large hotel here. It will be done. Quite a number of the leading citizens have already subscribed sums ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 each toward the enterprise. The money will be raised.

HELENA'S FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There is probably not a city in the United States of the size of Helena, that has a better fire system, or a more perfectly disciplined fire department. For these she is almost, if not entirely indebted to her efficient chief engineer, Colonel Charles Curtis. This gentleman has introduced all the modern improvements in the fire system here, including electric fire alarm, signals, etc. Through the courtesy of Colonel Curtis, Mayor Owsley, Sheriff Irvin, Colonel C. S. Warren, and several other Butteites including your correspondent, were permitted to witness a "turnout" of the Department at an alarm of fire. The party repaired to the corner of Main and Broadway, where Colonel Curtis sounded an alarm of fire. In just one minute and a half from the time the alarm was sounded the fire engine and hose cart were on the ground ready for action. After their return to the engine house a second alarm brought them to the foot of Broadway in fifty-five seconds. The distance from the engine house to the point named is nearly one-fourth of a mile; so it may be seen the grass was not permitted to grow under the horses' feet. All who witnessed the "turn out" were impressed with the belief that a fire can never gain much headway in Helena as long as the present admirable and efficient fire department shall be maintained.

THE HOUSE

is now doing much of its business in committee of the whole. H. B. 52, introduced by Batton amending the school law was thus considered this morning. After a rather lively discussion of the bill, in which, Batten, Settle, Comly, Forbis, McAdow and the Speaker participated, the committee reported the bill back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with certain specified amendments. The principal objections to the bill were found in the compulsory education clause, the provision permitting women to vote in school matters, and the manner provided for obtaining teachers' certificates. The passage of the bill through both Houses may be regarded as extremely doubtful.

Mr. Witter's bill, concerning Placer Mining locations, and which passed the Council was reported back to the House adversely by the committee of the whole. Mr. Mitchell's bill providing for the punishment of wife or women beaters was also considered in committee of the whole this afternoon, and reported favorably with certain amendments.

THE COUNCIL

killed the House bill providing for the calling of a constitutional convention by a vote of 7 nays to 5 ayes. H. J. R. No. 9, providing for an appropriation of $2,000 for the law division of the Montana library was made special order for Friday at 10 o'clock a. m. H. B. No. 56, in relation to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, was passed. This bill gives Justices Courts jurisdiction in cases involving sums of $300 or less, and only awaits the approval of the Governor to become a law. Mr. Witter's bill, providing for the establishing of the boundary line between Silver Bow and Jefferson counties, still hangs fire in the hands of the Committee on Towns and Counties. The bill provides that the line shall run between ranges 5 and 6, west. This line would throw all the south half of the park in Silver Bow county. It is doubtful, however, whether the bill will pass the Council. H. B. 40, known as the Assessor's bill, was defeated in the Council this afternoon. The Assessors of two or three of our larger counties will breathe somewhat freer after this action of the Council.

H. B. No. 49, providing for the better protection of live stock has the warmest friends and the most bitter enemies of any other bill which has been introduced during the session. It passed the house under a galling fire and if it pass the Council it will be under quite as heavy one. This bill is of more than ordinary interest to the owners of live stock, and concerns those not engaged in that industry. By some it is considered as coming within that legislation called class legislation, and is opposed on that account. But it is far from being a bill in the interest of stock growers altogether. It provides for the appointment by the Governor of five commissioners, known in the bill as live stock commissioners who serve without pay. These commissioners are empowered to appoint six inspectors to whom certain duties are assigned and who shall receive $150 per month each. These inspectors are required among other duties to exercise due care and vigilance in preserving timber from wanton or wasteful distruction, and are invested with full power to arrest parties who wilfully fire timber or grazing grounds. There are several features of the bill which commend themselves to the support of all who are interested in one of the leading industries of the country. It is at least worthy of a fair trial, and may be passed by the Council without endangering or prejudicing other interests of the Territory. House Bill No. 47, to authorize school trustees to issue bonds to build or provide school houses, passed the Council. The Governor's approval makes it a law. The bill is a general one, and districts desiring to issue bonds for the purposes named may do so without calling upon the Legislature for a special law granting them that power.

Special Correspondence of the MINER.

HELENA, M. T., March 1, 1883.

Both houses of the Legislature are now busily engaged in disposing of the work before them. Nearly all bills which have been introduced and not yet passed have been thoroughly considered and digested in committee rooms and their disposition is made with but little argument.

H.B. 13, amending Butte City charter was amended in the Council and passed this forenoon. The amendments were concurred in by the House in the afternoon and the bill ordered enrolled. The amendments consist in striking out the property qualifications of voters and the section providing for the extension of the city limits. It provides for the election of marshal, treasurer and city attorney by the people, leaving all other officers to be appointed by the city council. It also provides that the city council may provide for and order the registration of voters. The debt limit clause in the law organizing Silver Bow county is stricken out in a bill amending that law.

C. B. 24, an act defining the crime of polygamy and providing for the punishment thereof was discussed at length in the Council this afternoon and defeated—the Council holding the ground that no necessity existed for a law of the character named.

On motion of Cardwell the vote by which H. J. R. 2 (the constitutional convention resolution) was lost in the Council yesterday was reconsidered, and will be made special order for to-morrow at 2:30 p. m. Also the vote by which the Assessor's bill was lost was reconsidered, and made the special order for to-morrow at 2 p. m. H. B. 48, for the incorporation of institutions of learning, was passed. The Governor's approval makes it a law. H. B. 75, for an act concerning the letting of the services of convicts confined in the Territorial penitentiary, was passed. If not vetoed it will occupy a place upon our statute books.

Mr. Witter presented the following petition:

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of Montana Territory:

The undersigned, citizens of Montana Territory, pray that you will enact a law providing that after such goes into effect, no saloon or other place where intoxicating liquors are sold as a beverage, shall be opened or maintained within a distance of two miles of any public school, unless the question of permitting the opening or maintenance of such saloon or place shall first have been submitted to a vote concurred in by two-thirds of the qualified voters within two miles of the house within which such public school may be taught. And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

The petition, which is sixteen feet long, was referred to the Committee of Education and Labor.

H. B. 60, concerning the assessments upon the stocks of incorporations, unanimously passed the Council. This is the bill introduced by Mr. Forbis, and has already been published in the MINER.

The following memorial, sent to the House this forenoon by the Governor, explains itself:

The people of the state of Nevada represented in Senate and Assembly do memorialize the Congress of the United States as follows: Your memorialists representing the miners and producers of silver bullion in Nevada earnestly request such change in the coinage laws as will permit the miners and producers of silver bullion to deposit the same at the U. S. mints and to receive full equivient in 412½ grain dollars for the silver bullion deposited, free of charge. The price of silver bullion produced in Nevada is controled and regulated altogether by the London quotations. The discount upon silver bullion at present quotations is 20.79 cents a fine ounce, or over 16 per cent. of the value. The present discount on the silver falls directly and only upon the producers. By a report of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury dated April 23th, 1882, it appears that the profit on the coinage of the standard silver dollar at all the coinage mints from the commencement of the coinage of the dollar in July 1878 to June 30, 1881 aggregated $10,081,466.31. This amount represents during the above period a loss to the above amount. There can be no valid reason given for discriminating against the coinage of silver and in favor of gold and we demand such change as will place the producers of both gold and silver on equal and exact terms. Your memorialists therefore do hereby most respectfully urge such action on your part as will relieve the miners, and thus revive a struggling industry and as in duty bound they will ever pray, etc.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to use all honorable means, to the end that such change be made in the coinage laws as will abate the hardships complained of.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to speedily transmit a copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, and also to the Governor of each State and Territory that is engaged in mining and producing silver bullion, with a request that same be presented to the Legislature for joint appeals to Congress for the relief prayed for. Passed Feb. 10, 1883.

PLEASANTRY.

During call for reports of special committees in the House this forenoon the following was handed in. The pay upon names of honorable members created considerable merriment:

Mr. Speaker:

Your select committee, to which was referred a petition from the citizens of Fort Benton, praying for certain restriction in regard to the sale of spirituous and malt liquors in Fort Benton, beg leave to report that, after a protracted and exhaustive season of parturition, they have given birth to the following, and commend it to your mercy:

In our opinion as Armstrong in the law must be ever ready to draw its sword in defence of the strong against the weak, and in order that it Mayhew its way through the ranks of the oppressors, it should don the Mantle of charity; and thus armed, walk forth with the pride and vigor of a Dean to victory. And should the law thus arranged be found unable to cope with the enemy, we would suggest that there be added to its train a Cooper, who could hie him to his Mills, and there manufacture such implements for the successful invasion as might seem to him Wright and proper. If with these few suggestions you still find yourself unable to put the evil doers to flight, we respectfully recommend that it be referred to a committee composed as follows: The members of Missoula and Dawson counties, and the unanimous member from Silver Bow county, and in our humble opinion such a reference will Settle it.

Signed by the Baker, Chairman.

P. S.—If the matter still appears too high and lofty, Jacob's ladder might be used with good effect.

Among Butteites here at present are Mayor Owsley, Judge C. S. Warren and Sheriff Irvin. To quiet all apprehension upon the part of our Helena friends concerning their presence here, I am authorized to state that our Mayor is simply taking in the sights of the Capital City. Judge Warren is here for his health, and Sheriff Irvin is hunting up a violator of the law. Their presence is not in any manner connected with the removal of the capital to Bozeman or the division of the Territory and the organization of the Territory of Butte.

GEORGE BELL CAPTURED.

The Montana Jesse James Arrested in Livingston in Time to Save His Neck from Stretching Hemp.

The notorious outlaw, George Bell, who for years has infested Eastern Montana and Dakota, has at last been captured at Livingston. He has had a long career of successful crime, which is now believed to have come to an end. Of his exploits and arrest the Miles City *Press* says:

In 1876 the citizens of Fargo served a notice on Bell and compelled him to seek a new field of operations. The age and character of Bismarck and Mandan suited his taste and for a few years he lived and grew fat from his crimes, which were generally of a thieving nature; although he has more than once been accused of murder. At Mandan the citizens two years ago became tired of his presence and ordered him to leave. He then went to Glendive, a detailed account of his career in that town would fill a book. Business becoming dull he has for the past year passed from one town to another, sometimes at Miles City, then at Glendive, and last week reached Livingston. On Sunday of last week he held up two men in broad day light and extracted $175 from them. Sheriff Johnson, of Custer, heard of the affair and on Monday dispatched detective Smith, of Miles City, to Livingston, to capture the bold robber. Smith arrived on Tuesday in time to save the prisoner from being lynched and promptly secured and conveyed him to jail.

Two years ago he hired himself and team to a couple of men from St Paul, with the understanding that he should take them from Glendive to Miles City for $90. The party started at dark; after driving an hour or so, Bell asked the travelers to get out, which they did. He then drove away in the darkness, and did not return until next morning, with one wheel of his buckboard gone, and stated that he intended to return at once to Glendive, to repair his vehicle and have the doctor examine his wounds which he claimed to have received by the horses running away. He finally compromised the matter, found the lost wheel and secured for his services all the cash the badly frightened men had, amounting to $300. This is one of the incidents connected with the history of this dreaded "rounder," "roller" and highwayman. He has openly defied the officers and it is to be hoped that justice will now put him where he belongs.

The Accused Jessrang.

A gentleman just returned from the term of court at Dillon says Jessrang, the alleged murderer, robber and cremator of V. W. Merrill, near Glendale some time ago, was indicted for murder in the first degree. He was not brought to trial on account of the condition of his frozen feet. The report that he had made a confession is a mistake. The evidence upon which he was indicted was that he left Glendale with Merrill, and returned and went into a saloon about 4 o'clock next morning; that his boots and overshoes had to be cut away from his feet, and that blood and ashes were found upon them upon subsequent examination; that he hired a team that morning to take him to the railroad, and in paying for it displayed considerable gold coin; that he was arrested at the house of a railroad employe, to whose daughter he had been paying attention; that in paying a bill at this place he exhibited considerable money; that in passing the spot in returning where poor Merrill was killed and burned, the officers left the sleigh and went to the spot, leaving Jessrang with the driver, and that his talk about the matter was contradictory and apparently guilty; that two shots were out of his revolver; that no money of consequence was found on his person when arrested. The evidence was, that when he saw persons approaching when he was at the house of the railroad employe, he seemed to know they were officers and coming to arrest him; and it is thought he made way with the money at that time. It was not in evidence that he had stated that Merrill had frozen to death, and he had taken any money from his person. Jessrang has confessed nothing, and admitted nothing.

"Sorrel Mike" *alias* "Hickory Jim" the well known Montana race horse won a five-eighths mile race at New Orleans on the 24th of February. The old horse has, since leaving Montana in 1881, scooped up a good many of the noted flyers on the East and South.

Several pieces of tapestry carpet were added yesterday. The styles are very choice and they will probably go quickly.

Produce Market Report

BUTTE, M. T., March 2, 1883

The following are the wholesale prices paid by merchants and hotel keepers for the commodities enumerated, delivered from the wagon. Price list carefully corrected every Saturday:

Flour Ruby Valley, XXXX, $3.50 per cwt.
" Mill Creek, XXXX, $3.50 per cwt.
Kansas XXXX $4.75.
" Bakers, $4.25.
Mill Creek, New Process, $3.60.
Gallatin, $3.40 per cwt.
Union Mills, New Process, Cream of the Valley, $4.00
Ruby Valley, (new process) $3.60
Union Mills XXXX Snow flake, $3.50.
Utah Common, $3.25
Utah Choice, $3.50.
Graham, $4.00.
Wheat per lb., 2¼ cts., fair demand.
Oats, $2.00 at 2.50.
Butter, per lb., 35@ 40 cts.
Eggs, per dozen, 45@ 50 cts.
Corn Meal, 3c.
Beef, carcass, 8 cts.
Beets, 3½ cts. per lb.
Hay per ton, $20@ $25
Balled Hay, per ton, $22@23
Cheese, 18@ 20 cts.
Barley, $2.25@ 2.50 per cwt.
Dried beans, Montana, 7 cts.
Mutton, 10 cts.
Pork, dressed, 14 cts. per lb.
Veal, 12½ cts. per lb.
Chickens, $7