The Semi-Weekly Miner

Local News.

From the Daily of Friday.

The choicest cuts of beef, veal, mutton and pork in the market may be always had at the Eureka market.

The ladies of the Episcopal church are busy preparing for a fair and Kate Greenaway party the time and place of holding which will be hereafter announced.

S. H. H. Wynne, oculist and aurist, of Helena, will see cases of diseases of the eye, ear and throat at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Saturday and Sunday December 1st and 2d. 11-25tf

X. Beidler says the signs indicate a mild winter. In a hard winter the men wear the overcoats, but this winter he notices that the dummies in front of the clothing stores are wearing them.

In the Police Court yesterday Edward Burd was convicted of stealing a pair of shoes from Ira Mann's store on West Park street. He was assessed $20 and costs or thirty days in the county bastile.

The Granite Street Pavilion management announce a grand mask carnival on next Wednesday evening. Masks will be removed at half past ten after which the floor will be open to those who do not wish to attend incognito.

The chicken thief is abroad in the land, and complaints are made of numerous depredations in the West Quartz street neighborhood, which are as usual credited to John Chinaman, though no burned charm paper has been found in the coops. Two cows are also missing in the same neighborhood.

The ladies of the M. E. Church, after considering the matter, have decided to postpone their Thanksgiving dinner in favor of the Baptist Society. They would announce, however, that they will take plenty of time to get one ready for Christmas, and shall exert themselves to make it a grand success.

Now is the time when the head of the house is seized with the conviction that he needs exercise, and buying a bucksaw tackles his ten-cord woodpile, saws half a dozen sticks, puffs and blows awhile, then goes in search of a Chinaman, with whom he makes a contract at "one dollah hap" a cord.

D. H. Cohen will reopen Billy Mathers' old saloon to-morrow night as a winter garden. The large room has been entirely refitted and will be furnished with all the appointments of a winter garden where lovers of the amber may drink their beer midst the foliage of evergreens while they listen to strains of music by a first class band.

An east-bound passenger on the Northern Pacific train, named Alexander Anderson, made a desperate attempt last Tuesday to take his own life by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. He missed the carotid artery, and a doctor sewed him up as good as new. The cause assigned for the act was that he "didn't get rich in California."

A. J. Pattison, who has for many years been manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Ogden, has resigned. The company will find it difficult to fill Mr. Pattison's position with so efficient an officer, and the employes of Ogden office will wish him the most ample and permanent success in whatever business he may select for his future avocation.

Montanian in New York: "Gentlemen, you may hang the ocean on a grapevine to dry, lasso an avalanche, pin a napkin to the mouth of a volcano, skim the clouds from the sky with a teaspoon, paste "To Let" on the moon and stars, but never for a moment delude yourselves with the idea that Montana ain't the finest country on God's green footstool!"

The handsome cuts which adorn Goldsmith & Co's new ad. in this morning's MINER, mean that the firm keep as fine a stock of men and boys' clothing as can be found west of Chicago and that "a boy can buy as cheap as a man." They are just now opening an elegant line of Gent's furnishing goods and underwear for the holiday and winter trade.

Leon Cohen, of unsavory reputation in Butte, and who figured in this city last winter as a roller skater, is in trouble at Livingston. The *Enterprise* says: "Leon Cohen came before Judge Budlong yesterday afternoon charged with the larceny of the money from Draper's saloon on Saturday last. The chief witness against him was his brother. Sufficient evidence of his guilt was adduced to justify his commitment for trial at the next term of court, and bail was fixed in the sum of $1,000. The brother was held in the sum of $500 to appear as a witness."

Montana Ore Shipments.

Salt Lake *Tribune*: At Pocatello, Idaho, there is daily transferred from the Utah and Northern to the Oregon Short Line about 25 cars of ore going East from Montana and Northern Idaho. The Viola Company ship two cars of carbonates per day from their mines on Birch Creek, 60 miles west of Camas station, to which place it is hauled. The Montana ores go to Kansas City, Buffalo, and to Liverpool, England. Twenty-five men are employed at Pocatello in making transfers of goods between the two railways, and 45 cars per day is about the average work done.

Northern Pacific Officials.

John Muir, Superintendent of Traffic, of St. Paul; F. A. Miller, Milwaukee; John H. Ames, St. Paul; and S. G. Fullerton, Helena, of the Northern Pacific Railroad, arrived in Butte yesterday. They are a portion of the party who, with Vice-President T. F. Oakes, are making a tour of inspection over the road, and have switched off from the main line to visit Butte and inspect our mines and resources. They will continue on their journey this evening.

From the Daily of Friday.

Prepare to Patronize.

The season is upon us when the ladies are wont to set before the public those delightful fairs, festivals, suppers, and dinners which, between the choice viands and the smiles of the ladies themselves, are sure to attract the patronage of their friends and improve the finances of the church society in the interest of which it is gotten up. Among the affairs of this character to come off in the near future, the Thanksgiving dinner by the ladies of the Baptist church will be the first to call for the patronage which a liberal public always accords to so good a cause, and the excellence of their last supper given in Sands & Boyce's building so thoroughly established the culinary reputation of the Baptist ladies that the success of their Thanksgiving turkey dinner is already assured.

The ladies of the Mountain View M. E. church had designed giving a Thanksgiving dinner, but have very courteously deferred their spread until Christmas in favor of the Baptist society.

The Episcopal ladies are preparing for an exceedingly unique and attractive entertainment, which will probably come off during the holidays, though the exact date is as yet unannounced. They propose holding a fair in connection with a "Kate Greenway" party and supper, at which we can "see our grandmothers" without overloading our peptics in order to dream of them, as the ladies in attendance will be dressed in the costumes of one hundred years ago. The bill of fare will also embrace all of those delicacies which cumbered the tables of our forefathers and which are cherished in fond recollection by every son of New England, who will now indulge in visions of roast turkey and cranberry sauce, mince and pumpkin pie and plum pudding until the ladies of St. John's give their Kate Greenway spread.

Blown Up by Gunpowder.

Missoula *Times*: Three men on their way from the Canadian Pacific to Washington Territory, camped about twenty miles up the river last Saturday evening. One of the men, whose name was Gallagher, got into the wagon to look for something and lit a match, which was carelessly dropped into the bottom of the wagon. A keg of powder was stored in the vehicle, and some of the powder had leaked out. This was ignited by the match, causing an explosion, and Gallagher was seriously burned. His clothing caught fire, and he sprang from the wagon, ran down the bank and jumped into the river. He was rescued by his companions, but not until his face and hands were burned to a frightful extent. His heavy beard was entirely gone, and the flesh almost peeled from his face. The man was brought to town on Sunday and placed in the hospital. Dr. Bryant expressed doubts of the patient's recovery.

A New Bullion Producer.

A notable event occurred last week in the production of the first bullion ever turned out in Missoula county, at the Bitter Root smelter recently erected by Bass Bros. There were six bars each weighing 110 pounds of what was said to be the finest silver bullion of the territory and estimated to be worth in gold and silver 50 cents per pound.

The Missoula *Times* says: The trial smelter recently erected near the Stevensville bridge is pronounced a big success. The capacity of the works is about twenty bars per twenty-four hours. Six men are required to operate the smelter. The ore worked was a mixture of the second and third class grades from the Elizabeth, Curlew and Pleasant View mines. Contrary to expectations the ore was found to be easily worked, and it appears the success of the venture is already established beyond a doubt.

Yellowstone Gold.

Montana has given the world at least $200,000,000 of gold since its discovery in 1862. The silver production is now exceeding the gold, and the silver yield must be immensely increased when smelters shall have been erected to work the rich argentiferous galena ores on the head of the Clarke's Fork—one of the upper tributaries of the Yellowstone, but the gold yield will not be largely increased in the future. There are on the Yellowstone hundreds of acres of rich gravel deposits of gold which have heretofore been worked by the most primitive methods. There are also in that section rich gold quartz veins of great extent. Not a single hydraulic has been brought to bear on the former; not a mill has been put in operation on the latter. But capitalists are now organizing to work these rich gold mines, quartz and placer, in a scientific way.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

A Fiendish Murder.

On Saturday, November 10th, a man named Edward Smith, while walking on the road near Walla Walla, W. T., was joined by a stranger, who proposed that they take a rest in a straw-stack near the road side. He had no sooner stretched himself on the straw than the stranger attacked him with a bludgeon, knocking him senseless, and then set fire to the straw stack. The heat brought him to semi-consciousness, and he rushed from the flames to a neighboring farm house, almost naked and fearfully burned, and with three gashes in his throat, which showed that the murderous fiend had tried to finish his deadly work with a knife. After reviving sufficiently to tell his story and describe the murderer, the terribly wounded man died. Two men have been arrested on suspicion, but neither were identified, and the murderer is still at large.

County Commissioners.

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held yesterday, the assessment of H. C. Dahl was reduced $500 Mrs. E. Westlake $360, and Charles T. Reader $1,000.

A supplemental list filed by the Assessor covering an additional valuation of property subject to taxation, amounting to $117,500, was presented and approved.

A resolution was adopted calling the attention of the county treasurer to the provision of the revised statutes which requires a written or printed notice to be sent to all taxpayers within twenty days after receiving the assessment roll, which notice shall set forth the amount of taxes and when due and that failure to pay on or before December 1st will subject the taxpayer to an addition of ten per cent. to his tax bill.

An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday morning to rob the property keeper's desk at the Police Court. The desk contained valuables and money taken from prisoners in the city jail.

The Bullion Club will give their regular semi-monthly hop at Caplice Hall this evening.

GENEROUS DONORS.

The Substantial Manner in Which Mr. and Mrs. McKevitt Were Remembered on Their Wedding Day.

The marriage of M. E. McKevitt to Miss Bridget Curran, both of Walkerville, at St. Patrick's Church, on Thursday, the 15th instant, created quite a ripple in the social life of the burg on the hill. Each of the happy pair were deservedly popular, and their many friends determined to show their good wishes in a substantial manner. As a result, their newly established home was overwhelmed with wedding presents, and the pleased recipients have handed the MINER the following acknowledgment for publication.

WALKERVILLE, M. T.,
November 23d, 1883.

Mr. and Mrs. McKevitt desire to acknowledge the receipt of the following list of presents upon their wedding day and to sincerely thank the donors for their kind remembrance:

LIST OF PRESENTS.

Silver tea set, Mrs. M. B. Gleason and Miss Josie Gleason; silver castor, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan; silver berry dish, John Breenahan, silver butter dish, Miss Ella Stack; silver cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Clark; silver butter dish, Misses N. and M. Gilchrist; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNamee; silver fruit dish, J. McAuliffe and sister; silver mounted perfume stand, Thomas Nans; silver mounted castor, Louis Nadle; silver mounted pickle castor, F. W. Clark; silver mounted perfume stand, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray; silver mounted perfume stand, James O'Leary; toilet set, Misses Julia and Blanche Morris; set vases, Parry, Leo, Rosa, and Jennie Morris; china cups and saucers, Baby Gleason; two cups and saucers and table linen, Mr. and Mrs. Owen McNulty; china cup and saucer and set of vases, Miss Sarah O'Neil; nickle plated clock, Mr. and Mrs. D. H Cohen; decorated wash set, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morris; fruit stand and wash set, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Curtis; glass tea set, Mr. and Mrs. McNamee; wash set and lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Driscoll, handsome eight day clock, Mr. Patrick O'Neil; spread and linen towel, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hale; set of table linen, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. P. Kennedy; linen table cloth and spread, Misses O'Leary; pair of fine blankets, Mr. and Mrs. Con. T. Harrington; rocking chair, Mr. and Mrs. Con Murphy; set rugs, D. J. Hennessey. A handsome bed-room set, center table and patent rocking chair, bore a card conveying the compliments of the following gentlemen: E. D. Sullivan, J. D. Murphy, Dennis Driscoll, Jerry F. Mullen, Owen McNulty, John Cadigan, Frank Golden, Scott McDonald, Jerry D. O'Neil, Henry Waismar, John Stack, John Moore, Thomas Malone, Hugh O'Donnell, Michael McNamee, Thos. Warren, Pat Sidley, John O'Leary, Pat O'Donnell.

A Railroad for Benton.

In a short interview with Mr. C. E. Conrad yesterday, says the *River Press*, we were informed that the influential citizens of Helena have by no means given up the idea of rail connection with the river metropolis. Indeed it seemed the general impression that when the Northern Pacific straightened out their financial difficulties with their new loan this coming winter that they would be ready to take hold of the Benton branch in good earnest by next summer. Samuel Hauser, the noted banker, who is connected with the railroad, was quite positive that such would be the case. Samuel Word, attorney in Montana for the Utah & Northern was of the opinion that another summer would see the road built to Helena and on its way to our thriving town. The live population of the capital city are alive to the fact that a rail road from there to the head of navigation on the Missouri will be a great benefit to them. They will then have the two ways of reaching the east and shipping their goods. As competition is the life of trade, so in railroading it is the life of the cities they run through. Corporations have no souls, and therefore cannot be expected to look after the interest of any community. Like bull team freighters, they take all they can get, and if they cannot get two cents a pound, because some one else is carrying cheaper, they will take one cent.

Houses for the Nation's Wards.

George R. Milburn, Special United States Indian Agent, who is superintending the work of erecting "Mas-chee-la-teepes" for the Crows, has already erected thirty-four buildings on the Little Horn river, and will build 18 more on the Big Horn, between now and the first of January. The buildings are built of hewn logs, covered with shingle roofs, contain panel doors and several windows and cost the government about $135 each. The lumber for this purpose was bought at Miles City and Billings and was shipped by rail to Custer station, thence hauled by government teams to that favorite locality, which will be the future home of the Crows, and where they intend to engage in agricultural pursuits.

Among the Follies of the Age

which the introduction of Sozodont long since exploded, was the use of abrasive and corrosive tooth preparations, which either contained minerals which scratched their enamel, or acids which dissolved it. Sozodont, a health promoting substitute for these empirical articles, is a botanic, skilfully prepared, highly sanctioned preparation, which not only beautifies, cleanses and invigorates saffron-colored and defective teeth, but divests the breath of an objectionable odor and restores to it that of health.

Reliable (?) Mining News.

"All the Eastern and Western mining journals now take their mining news from the *Inter Mountain*.—*Inter Mountain, Nov. 23.*"

We do not object to the evening boomerang tooting its own horn occasionally, and a tottering institution can scarcely be blamed as it approaches its jounalistic grave, for whistling to keep its courage up; but accepting the above statement as correct, it is the duty of the MINER as a reliable journal, in the interest of "all the Eastern and Western journals," to expose the exceedingly gauzy character of the mining news published by our boastful cotem.

In the same issue of the *Inter Mountain* appears the following bit of fresh and reliable (?) information relative to an important Montana mining property:

"John Longmaid, formerly of Butte, has charge of the mines formerly controlled by the Alta Montana company at Wickes and is taking out and shipping at a good profit a considerable amount of silver-lead ore. *S. T. Hauser and others are figuring for the control of the property and we hope they will succeed in obtaining it.* They will make it pay handsomely. The former management was grossly incompetent."

If the very intelligent and reliable (?) mining sharp of the *Inter Mountain* will refer to the daily MINER of August 28th, 1883, he will find therein full and reliable information relative to the sale of the Alta Montana properties to S. T. Hauser and his associates and the organization of the Helena Mining and Reduction Company, which has since operated the property. The information is conveyed in an interview with S. T. Hauser who was at that time and still is president of the new company. The next time the *Inter Mountain* is disposed to bloviate about its mining news it would be well to select an issue which contains no alleged mining information.

Literary Notices.

The Biographical Magazine, published monthly by the New York Pictorial Associated Press, is a novel venture in the literary world. No. 1, vol. 1., is on our table and contains a score or more of portraits of prominent men and women of all nations, with a brief biography of each. In this age of progress there seems to be a place for this novel periodical in the literary field, and its price, $1 per year, places it within the reach of all.

Dio Lewis' Monthly, published by Frank Seaman, 71 Bible House, New York, is at hand, embellished by a portrait of George T. Angell, President of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and containing an unusual amount of choice literature, scientific data and practical information.

Lippincott's Magazine, always bright, newsy, original and polished, excels itself in its December number, which contains, besides other short stories, poems and articles of interest upon current topics, contributions from the pens of such *literateurs* as Marie L. Thompson, M. H. Catherwood, C. H. Fitch, Henry A. Beers, Arlo Bates, O. M. E. Rowe and other well known writers. Among the standard periodicals of the day, none are more welcome in the family circle than *Lippincott's Magazine*.

The Pansy is a joyous monthly visitor to the little folks, published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. The November number is replete with realistic illustrations and literature of an elevated tone, adapted to the tastes of the young people.

The *Pacific Coast*, a monthly magazine published by W. B. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, is devoted to the resources, history, and industries of the Pacific slope. Vol. 1, No. 1, is before us and gives evidence of being ably edited and will no doubt fill a sphere of future usefulness in the literature of the coast.

The New York Copper Market.

Engineering and Mining Journal, Nov. 17: The condition of the market is, on the whole, healthy. From the West, come evidences of a forced restoration of the production, one of the leading concerns, it is stated, being unable to promptly meet its engagements for the delivery of raw material to refiners and exporters. It is certain that our refiners are getting less of the mattes and ore than for some time past, so that the quantity of outside brands in our market is less. Lake is dull at nominally 15 cents, transactions being on a limited scale.

The English market has again shown symptoms of weakness, the last cable being £59 15s.@£60 for Chili bars and £66@66 10s. for Best Selected.

Penitentiary Recruits.

Hector McLean, the peculating postoffice clerk of Woodville, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, at Helena on Thursday. The following sentences were also pronounced:

Charles Mayo, twenty years old, James Clark, twenty-two years old, and John Ryan, nineteen years old, were each sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

William G. Smith, twenty-six years old, was found guilty of horse stealing, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

An explosion of powder in the Geneva shaft house, situated southwest of the old Travonia mine, yesterday morning, demolished the frail structure covering the windlass and stunned John Beck who with Frank Dewey was working the mine. Neither of the men were injured though they had a narrow escape.

The interest in Ben Hogan's meetings is unabated. A remarkable feature of the temperance revival is the large number of prominent and influential citizens who sign the pledge. To-night's meeting will be held in the Mountain View M. E. Church.

BOLD ROBBERY.

Foot-Pads in Benton Floor a Cashier and Rifle the Cash Drawer.

HELENA, Nov. 23.

The *Herald's* Fort Benton special says: A daring robbery occurred last night at T. C. Power & Bro.'s store. About 11 p. m. while Mr. Stark was clearing up the work of a heavy day's business, he was asked by two strangers, who called at the rear door, the price of a ticket to St. Paul. On being informed the price, one of the men said: "I'll take a first-class ticket," pulling out a hundred dollar bill and giving it to Stark. The latter opened the drawer to make the change, exposing a number of bills. Just as he did so, with his back to the stranger, he was dealt a blow back of the ear and knocked partly down, and followed quickly by another that sent him to the floor unconscious. The robbers took about $700 from the drawer, and made their escape before Stark revived. Stark is pretty severely injured, and has been confined to his room all day.

Personal.

W. J. Dovenspeck came in from Ross Hole yesterday.

M. R. Hurley, of Chicago, is among yesterday's arrivals.

C. F. Webber of Salt Lake is registered at the Centennial.

Superintendent W. P. P. St. Clair came up the road yesterday.

S. E. Strickland, the well known insurance man, of San Francisco, arrived from the East Side last evening.

Samuel De Bow, the veteran captain of the upper Missouri, but now a resident of New York, is paying Butte a visit.

L. F. Roberts the rustling traveling man of the Benton *Record* left for Anaconda this morning. From there he will proceed to Missoula in the interest of the river metropolis journal.

John Muir, superintendent of traffic of the N. P. R. R., F. A. Miller, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R'y, John H. Ames, general purchasing agent N. P. R. R., and S. G. Fulton, of the freight department of the N. P. R. R., who have been inspecting the mines and resources of Butte, left this morning for Anaconda. After they have examined the works of the new Swansea, they will proceed on their journey, joining Vice Preident Oakes's party at Garrison and thence to Portland.

The Bullion Club.

Notwithstanding the Storm King came down from the North, like a wolf upon the fold, and filled the air with a fleecy whiteness and crowned the earth with a diadem of frosty pearls many of the beautiful belles and gay gallants of the Silver City, responded in the very poetry of motion to the soft, seductive strains of entrancing music at Caplice hall last evening. In other words the Bullion Club had a most delightful hop last night.

Local News.

The Eureka market is the place to get your Thanksgiving roast.

The Lexington Company shipped thirteen bars of bullion yesterday, valued at $22,268.

Wood dealers are wearing smiling countenances in consequence of the boom in the wood trade.

The County Commissioners advertise in this issue of the MINER for proposals to paint the new court house.

The report that surveyors are at work on a proposed line of railroad between Butte and Helena is denied by those who should be well informed.

The bullion output of the Hecla company for October was valued at $77,000. Their regular payday occurs to-day, when $50,000 will be disbursed to employees.

Now the thrifty tramp casts a longing eye upon the hallway hat rack and bethinks himself of the chill blasts of winter. Double lock your front door or wear your overcoat to the dinner table.

Madame C. Seltier will on Monday next oven to the public her bathing parlors, on upper Main street, with all the appliances for administering Turkish, Russian, medicated and electric baths.

In the Probate Court yesterday Malcom McCash was up for a hearing on the charge of lunacy. The investigation not being satisfactory to the commission he was remanded until Monday for further hearing.

The *Inter Mountain* finds fault with the MINER's report of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners because we had no petty spite to vent in making the resolution of the board regarding notices to taxpayers, appear as a vote of censure directed to one of our most efficient county officers.

A hardened old benedict who don't reside a thousand miles from Butte, tells the story on his absent-minded wife that having recently moved, she forgot the topography of the new house and in a fit of abstraction opened the wrong door and threw a pan of dishwater on the new Axminster carpet on the parlor floor.

Pinkham, the auctioneer, announces in this morning's MINER his great holiday art sale to begin this afternoon at the old Palace restaurant on West Park steeet. The articles to be sold embrace oil paintings, chromos, ornaments and *bric-a-brac* and the sale presents a fine opportunity for the ladies to ornament their parlors or purchase holiday presents at a minimum cost. The afternoon sales are for ladies especially.

Juvenile Aeronauts.

Independent: The report comes from the West that a few days ago a track-walker on the Northern Pacific, about half-way between Helena and Missoula, saw a balloon over the mountains north of the track, and flying in a northwesterly direction. The only stray balloon that is supposed to be in this section of country at the present time is one on which two boys named Gray and Wilson, from Devil's Lake, Dakota, started a week or two ago for a trip to Portland, and it is quite probable that the balloon which was seen west of here is the one in which the boos are traveling. As nothing has been seen of the balloon since the time above mentioned, it is thought that it has lodged somewhere in the mountains. If the boys should make the trip successfully they will rank with the great aeronauts of the age.

ABOUT CREMATION.

Its Method Explained and its Adoption Urged—Growing in Favor.

In view of the interest that is felt at the present time in relation to the subject of cremation, an *Enquirer* reporter sought an interview with Mr. Ben Pitman, of this city, whose wife, it will be remembered was cremated a few years ago, and was, it is believed, the first female whose remains were thus disposed of in this country. Mr. Pitman received the reporter, when his mission was known, in the friendliest spirit. "You will," said he, "be doing a real public service if you aid in ridding people's minds of misapprehension with respect to cremation, and putting in its place some of the many reasons in favor of this method of disposing of the dead."

Mr. Pitman here reached from a desk a large bundle of letters, and went on to say:

"There is nothing connected with cremation that is not reasonable, and, in its way, beautiful, as compared with the method of hiding away dead bodies, and allowing them to slowly rot away in the damp earth. I wish you would, in your own way, disabuse people's minds of the supposition that the bodies of our friends when cremated are actually thrust into a blazing furnace. The body when cremated does not in fact touch the fire. The fire has been used to heat the small horizontal chamber built above the fire, made of fire-clay, and sometimes called a retort, and this chamber by means of a fire below and around it is heated to an almost incandescent glow, until it becomes a glory like the sun when seen through a veil of mist. The body to be cremated is laid on a light iron frame work or crib, which rests on a thin iron plate; it is covered with a sheet that has been saturated with alum water, the friends look a last adieu and the body is noiselessly slid into this glowing spectacle; the lid is closed, and in a few minutes all that was of the earth save the lime of the bones, has ascended in invisible vapor to the skies. In an hour there is nothing left but a few handfuls of calcined ashes and irregular chips, white and pure to the eye and touch. There is not a single thing offensive to any sense in this method of disposing of our dead friends, and when people say it is shocking as compared with our present method, it is clear they speak without any knowledge or thought."

"There is one thing I would much like you to say," Mr. Pitman continued, "and that is that there is far more sympathy accorded to cremation than is generally believed. Women, especially those of a sensitive nature are supposed to be dreadfully averse to this revival of incineration. It is the greatest mistake. I have here in this great bundle of letters an expression of sympathy that really surprised me. When my wife died, and I complied with her request that her body should be taken to Dr. Le Moyne's and disposed of in his crematory, I received a great many letters: those from women I preserved, and were it not violating the confidence of friendship I could give you a great many extracts showing how wide-spread is the sentiment in favor of cremation. I have letters here from the wives of United States senators, authors, artists, clergymen, women of distinction in literature, art and science, and some from souls noted only for their gentleness, and one and all thank me for complying with my wife's desires, and in almost every case saying how much preferable it seemed to avoid the lugubrious and doleful customs incidental to burial, and how great seemed the load removed from the mind when the dead were transported to the skies instead of allowing them to rot and fester in the earth, only to haunt us at those times when we were least able to endure the dreadful thought. Many of these letters," Mr. Pitman said, "are from ladies personally unknown to me, but they make a remarkable show of testimony from those who are generally supposed to be the most averse to a change in our methods of sepulture. If people wish to escape the possible horrors of grave desecration, if they wish to avoid the almost equally dreadful thought that our loved ones are slowly becoming a mass of loathsome corruption; if they wish to avoid the nerve-racking association of the customary burial, they will be willing to think without prejudice of cremation, its simplicity, its naturalness, and its economy."

"Another reform," continued Mr. Pitman, "will grow out of the disuse of the old method and go hand in hand with the adoption of the more seasonable method of disposing of our dead. People will simplify and beautify our funeral trips; they will get rid of the customary undertaker and his dolorous devices, his ugly black, his sentimental white, his absurd plumes and ostentatious show. The wearing of the regulation mourning is always ignored by many intelligent families, and it will be more and more the custom to avoid so senseless and costly a tradition. The whole thing is wretchedly inconsistent with professedly Christian people."

—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Thomas' Skating Amphitheatre will be formally opened on New Year's eve' with a grand affair of some kind, the exact nature of which has not yet been fully determined. The Amphitheatre is designed to be a popular institution, and the character of the opening entertainment will be determined by the wishes of its patrons. Preferences have already been expressed for a dress ball, bal masque, carnival and a phantom dance, the latter seeming to be most generally desired by the young folks. A sheet and pillow case revel would be a novelty in Butte.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23.—At the close of the third night's billiard play Garnier was 1,800, Daly 1,777.

AMALGAM.

As Found in Our Clean-Up of the Territorial Exchanges.

Bozeman's $12,000 school house has been completed.

A new town called Williamsville has been started on Powder river.

The Northern Pacific will get about $500,000 a year for the new mail contracts awarded it.

Bozeman is agitating the question of building a street railway to connect the city with the railway depot.

Work on the new court house at Benton has been stopped until next spring.

The tax levy in Custer county is 22 mills on the dollar. Total assessment valuation, $4,317,345.91.

The Hecla mines are furnishing the Glendale smelter daily between 50 and 60 tons of silver ore.

The Hecla smelter at Glendale is to have another furnace, increasing the capacity to 150 tons per day.

The Fargo foundry company offer to remove their works to Livingston, if land for sites and a cash bonus is given.

The National Park Hotel will be kept open all winter for the accommodation of those travelers who may come to visit the springs.

Desertion has been very prevalent at Fort Lincoln recently. None of the deserters have so far been apprehended.

In the district court at Missoula Wm. H. King was convicted of murder and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

A new land office ruling requires the publication of notices of final entry for six consecutive weeks, instead of five, as heretofore.

A team driven recklessly down a Miles City street knocked down and ran over two school children, who sustained serious injuries.

The National Park Improvement Company are busy getting out lumber for the buildings which they expect to erect next year.

White Sulphur Springs is getting to be a pretty lively place. They had a prize fight and horse race there one day last week.

The Territorial Secretary has already secured quarters for the constitutional convention which will assemble in January.

A large party of English tourists are coming over next season to spend a few weeks among the "twees, wocks and geysahs" of the Yellowstone.

Maiden complains of condensed milk and sighs for a dairy. When she gets it, like the dairy maid of poesy and song she will sigh for something else.

A long-eared young man in Benton drank a bottle of mucilage, being told it would keep out cold. He don't feel very well now, but his beefsteak sticks to his ribs.

On Thursday 85 bars of bullion were run out at the Barker smelter during one 8-hour shift, the best record ever made, and probably the richest bullion yet produced.

On the voyage from Portland to San Francisco, Mrs. Neel's son Sam, a lad of nine years, tumbled overboard, and was rescued by a sailor. Mrs. Neel was en route from Helena.

A herd of about 75,000 buffalo are reported in the vicinity of Belle Fourche, and about forty lodges of Gros Ventres, besides a large number of Milk half-breeds, are hunting them.

The McKenzie Cattle Company, with headquarters at Bismarck and range in Dawson county, Montana, have filed articles of incorporation in the Territorial Secretary's office. The capital is placed at $150,000.

It is estimated that over 4,000 hunters are engaged in slaughtering deer and buffalo along the line of the Northern Pacific, between Mandan and Livingston, Montana, and the game is fast disappearing.

It is stated that the running expenses have been cut down 65 per cent. on the Pacific division of the Northern Pacific, in order to make a good showing in the net profit of the road for the last months of the year.

It has been discovered that the Chinese murderer who escaped from Missoula was harbored for a week by a brother mongolian in Bozeman, from whence he skipped to some other locality.

Officers of Choteau county are again after the notorious Indian Antelope Shirt, who recently served a term in the penitentiary for a murderous assault on a white man. This time it is for carving a squaw with his skalping knife.

Montanians are letter writers from away back, the average number of letters a citizen of this Territory mails annually being forty, as shown by postoffice statistics. For New York State the number is forty-one, and for Minnesota twenty-one.

A man named Sleighton is supposed to have been lost in the Crazy Mountains during the storms of last week. On moving camp he left his companions and went hunting on the range, since which time no trace of him has been found, although searching parties are out.

Prof. Lillienskyolett, a wealthy mine-owner, was held up at the muzzles of two revolvers in a saloon at Cooke City, and compelled to give up $100, all he had with him, except his name, and the foot-pads wouldn't take that. The robbers have been arrested.

The Dunton Bros., in reducing some of the ore from the Baron by means of a blowpipe obtained from a half-ounce of pulp a button of bullion as large as a five-cent piece, bearing 25 per cent silver. The ore from this vein averages 20 cents to the pound in silver, or four hundred dollars to the ton.—*Mineral Argus.*

Captain Owens has tendered his resignation as a member of the police force. His successor has not yet been named,

The ladies sociable at the Presbyterian church last night was well attended and enjoyable as are all of the socials given under their auspices.

The supplemental list returned by Assessor Maillet to the Board of County Commissioners yesterday, increases the valuation of taxable property in Silver Bow county $117,542, and makes the grand total $6,065,101.

There was no lack of entertainments in Butte last night. Besides the two theatres and two skating rinks, the Presbyterian ladies gave their sociable at the church and Ben Hogan held an interesting temperance meeting at Mountain View church. They were all well attended, and the wonder is where all the people came from.

The opening of Thomas' amphitheatre last night was a grand success. The mammoth hall was tastefully decorated and brilliantly lighted, while the spacious floor was crowded with skaters and the balconies and corridors with spectators. The opening night gives promise of a most successful season for the new rink.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Her Majesty's gunboat, Coquette, is ordered to the Red Sea.

SANDS & BOYCE.

Wall Paper Styles That Are Captivating and Where They May Be Seen.

A Pile of Baggage Having a Bargain History.

Unique Holiday Gifts.

A sample line of our new wall papers and art decorations has been arranged on the north side of our dry goods room in such manner that you may quickly, conveniently, and satisfactorily see the various effects, and they are well worth looking at by all who admire the beautiful. If you are a prospective purchaser you will be particularly interested in this exhibit, for the styles are captivating. They were selected from the best sample books of the largest eastern manufacturers.

Our corner window appears to-day in a new dress of

TRUNKS, VALISES, ETC.,

which came to hand yesterday. We struck a bargain of 20 per cent. in this lot of baggage and we are willing to make this difference in your favor compared with previous lots. You will probably find our prices for these goods about that much cheaper than anywhere else in town.

In the same window you will notice two French plate mirrors that will perhaps strike you as the most unique and original in shape that you've ever seen. One represents a harp and the other a violin. They were not placed there to tempt you, but to relieve the huge pile of leather that clusters about them. They are for sale, however, and as holiday gifts they would prove both useful and ornamental.

We've been having a big run on

OVERSHOES—

all kinds—ladies', men's, misses' and children's. It must have leaked out that we sell superior makes at the same prices at which inferior makes are sold by some other houses. It is proper for us to mention in this connection that we have a full line of ladies', misses' and children's gum boots.

While we have about converted our entire establishment into a

BARGAIN BAZAAR,

still we haven't abolished bargain tables. There's one in the front of our dry goods room that is remarkable not for the quantity of goods it contains, but for their cheapness. Children's hoods at 50 cents; shoes at about half-price; children's white dresses at 50 cents each, and a few odds and ends are among the very cheap things on that cheap table. Very pretty handkerchiefs — with fancy bords— two for a quarter—are close by.

Very respectfully,

SANDS & BOYCE.

Knew Him Well.

When the stranger remarked that he was from Arkansas one of the passengers suddenly turned and asked:

"You are, eh? May be you are from Crittenden county?"

"I am that."

"Perhaps from James' landing?"

"That's it, exactly."

"Then, maybe, you know my brother William Henry Jones, from Penn Yan, this state?"

"Stranger, put it thar!" exclaimed the Arkansas traveler, as he extended his hand and smiled all over. "Bust my buttons if I didn't hang your brother for cattle stealing jist before I left home.—*Wall Street News.*

On Sunday morning about thirty men discharged from railroad work at Muir, and who had been refused passes to their homes by the company, boarded the east bound passenger at Livingston without money or tickets. With the aid of local officers they were ejected from the cars.

Produce Market Report.

BUTTE, M. T., Nov. 24, 1883

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

Flour Ruby Valley, XXXX, $4.00 per cwt.
" Mill Creek, XXXX, $4.00 per cwt.
Kansas XXXX $4.50.
" Bakers, $3.50.
Mill Creek, New Process, $4.00.
Gallatin, $3.40 per cwt.
Union Mills, New Process, Cream of the Valley, $4.00
Ruby Valley, (new process) $4.00.
Union Mills XXXX Snow flake, $3.50.
Utah Common, $3.25
Utah Choice, $3.60.
Graham, $4.00.
Wheat per lb., 2 cts.
Oats, $1.75@1.80.
Butter, per lb., 35@40 cts.
Eggs, per case, $12.50@11.00
Corn Meal, 5c.
Beef, carcass, 8c.
Hay per ton, $24@$26
Baled Hay, per ton, $22 @24.00
Cheese, 20@22 cts.
Barley, $2.35@2.50 per cwt.
Dried beans, Montana, 7 cts.
Mutton, 8 cts.
Pork, dressed, $8@10cts. per lb.
Veal, 12½cts. per lb.
Sausage, 15 cts. per lb.
Venison carcass 8c@10c
Chickens, live, $9 at $10 per dozen.
Wood, $6.00@$7.
Potatoes, $1.50 ⅌cwt.

MARRIED.

HUSSEY—PENWELL.—In this city, Thursday, Nov 22d, 1883, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. G. S. Lewis, by Rev. J. R. Russell, Mr. John Oates Hussey and Mrs. Annie Lewis Penwell, both of White Sulphur Springs, Montana.