The Semi-Weekly Miner

BUTTE, FEBRUARY 7, 1885.

Local News.

From the Daily of Friday.

The days are perceptibly lengthening.

Poker and faro games are well patronized.

Fred Ritche has sent east for new people to appear at the Arion.

Johnny Steward has lost his fine thoroughbred liver-and-white setter, "Cap." The party who borrowed him has only got $350 worth of canine, anyway.

A portion of the steam saw mill of Ira Lee & Co., situated near Grace post office on the Little Pipestone, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, causing a loss of about $1000.

James W. Murray, who had his foot smashed under a car wheel, is out again with a pair of crutches to assist him. Dr. J. M. Morgan, of Spokane Falls, where the accident occurred, gathered up the fragments of the crushed member, and readjusted them in such shape that the foot will be better than it was originally. Considering the fact that nearly every bone was broken, and the flesh crushed nearly to a pulp, the cure is more remarkable.

To Cleveland.

Capt. J. C. Shepherd, always engaged in some good cause, has now tackled a new racket, viz: the building of a beautiful horseshoe from gold, silver and copper produced in Butte. The design is unique. A solid silver shoe is wreathed with copper, in which is engraved "The Democracy of Montana Territory send greeting," and in a beautiful gold plate pendant from the heel corks "To Grover Cleveland." Pendant from the centre in a rich frame of gold is a base relief picture of the President, in copper.

The design will cost over five hundred dollars, and is subscribed to in sums ranging from $5.00 to $25 00 by the representative citizens. The great difficulty Captain Shepherd experiences is in refusing contributions for the laudible undertaking It is well known that Grover Cleveland will not accept individual presents, but as this is designed as a testimonial from the people at large of the greatest Territory in the world, he will undoubtedly appreciate the silent expression and cherish the gift as a dear memento.

A Great Surprise.

The Eastern Star held a meeting last night which was well attended. At the previous meeting Mrs. Ragan was appointed a committee of one to furnish some sort of an entertainment for the succeeding one. She concluded to give a charade; the word was "Marriage." When the time arrived for the fun, the fair lady stepped out in queenly style and immediately the Rev. Mr. Blackiston confronted her with the proposition that a third party was absolutely necessary to make the charade a success, whereupon he called upon Mr. Wm. M. Hartupee to come forward. That gentleman obeyed the summons, and to the astonishment of all present, the Rev. gentleman performed the "last sad rites" in the most impressive manner. It was a great surprise to everybody, but the principals to the affair evidently had the job put up in advance. When the matter began to assume a serious shape, all the old bachelors present, including Messrs. O. P. Blaine, T. C. Porter, J. Bordeaux, and others, stood like statues, with great beads of sweat standing upon their seemingly crestfallen brows. They could not realize what was being done, and only upon the announcement being made that the two high contracting parties were "man and wife" did they conclude that the charade was not altogether a farce. After the ceremony the whole party repaired to Woodworth's restaurant, where an oyster supper was served. It is needless to say that the affair passed off nicely, and although the MINER reporter was not present, he takes pleasure on behalf of this journal to wish the happy pair a long and happy life.

Sold.

One-half of the Belcher mine, owned by Roach, Lavelle, Stevens and Boardman, was sold yesterday to an Eastern company. The Eastern representative wanted the entire property, and had Messrs. Lavelle and Boardman been here would probably have taken their interest. As it is, Messsr. Roach and Stevens disposed of their one-half ownership for $9,000. The Belcher lies west of and adjoining the Rising Star lode. So far the property is undeveloped. The veins are wide but not rich. They yield a quantity of good ore, but the prospect shows a future increase of improvement as the development goes on.

Bad Behavior.

A wild, untamable and self-made animal of the bay window style, drew a crowd of 300 or 400 people to the Park and Main street square yesterday. The animal hauled a sleigh, driver, city marshal and four policemen about the corners for half an hour, made a violent break for the Arion Halle, met Foster of the Red Men and partially raised his scalp, broke for H. Jacobs' clothing store on an opposite corner, knocked down two of the police force and several unoffending citizens and was at last held down at Owsley & Carr's stable.

Art.

My classs in Portrait Painting will open Feb. 10. Orders for portraits will be received at any time.

Very respectfully,
T. L. CRUM, box 1,073 Butte,
2-3-d1w Montana.

A SUMMER IDYL.

(Written for the MINER.)

A hazy, olden-gold bespangled sky
At even tide.
Gay, blooming, flower-studded fields did lie
On every side.
All round us floated the delicious scent
Of new mown hay,
While the happy wood-thrush trilled in sweet content
His evening lay.

When sombre twilight deepened fair and still
And day had died,
The robin and the pensive whippoorwill
To each replied.
Bright, twinkling stars their radiance cast afar
On mound and tree.
And not a single shadow seemed to mar
Night's harmony,

As arm in arm from lanes where peaches grow,
Thro' gathering gloaming,
With happy hearts, and lips and eyes aglow,
We sauntered home.
Oh, darling girl! that blissful, happy night
In memory dear,
Will long remain, regardless of the flight
Of many a year.

T. H. C.

Butte City.

A writer in the *Catholic Sentinel*, published at Portland, Oregon, of date Jan. 29th, has this to say of the metropolis of Montana. The writer had visited Helena before coming to this city:

Butte City, which is situated on the west side of the main dividing range of the Rockies, near the headwaters of Clark's Fork of the Columbia, is the largest city in the Territory and the most important mining camp in the world, with a fluctuating population of 10,000 inhabitants. Here all is life, all excitement, all activity, all expectation. Of the thousands of men who a few years ago came hither, braving the inclemency of the rigid cold, the dangers of a long and weary trip over frightful mountains, the deprivations always connected with a miner's life, some have succeeded in obtaining the object and aim of their feverish ambition the "auri sacra fames," the accursed hankering after gold, as the poet calls it; others, less fortunate, are still standing at the foot of the scale leading to wealth, dreaming nightly of the untold treasure hidden in the bosom of mother earth, whilst others again have let the bird fly which they held in their hands, by spending their hard-earned money wastefully, and often dissolutely and are now awaiting the opportunity, which perhaps will never arrive, of catching one or the other of the ten birds flying in the bush. Such is generally the history of the miner's life. It has its ups and downs often following each other in rapid succession.

Butte is the largest city north of Salt Lake and between St. Paul and Portland—a section of country nearly 2000 miles long and 600 wide. It is situated in Silver Bow county, a name suggested to the legislature by Rev. R. DeRyckre, one of Montana's pioneer priests, about five years ago when the new county was formed of Deer Lodge county. Butte City is at present one of the most active and lively places on the whole Pacific coast. Her main and only wealth exists in the mines which constitute in the aggregate the greatest silver and copper producers ever discovered, the assessment of which amount to more than $7,000,000. The Butte district counts about 700 locations, of which 100 are fairly developed. It contains eight quartz mills with a crushing capacity of 328 tons per day, four smelters with a combined daily capacity of over 500 tons, and four concentrators with 600 tons capacity. In 1875 the first mill was constructed for working the silver ores; then the population did not exceed 200.

Little Dick.

He was planted yesterday in the silent grave. The concourse which followed his remains was quite large. The coffin supplied by his friends of the gambling fraternity was elegant, and real grief was manifested when the man of God pronounced his words of consolation. No loving mother, devoted sister or dear relative was present to drop a tear upon the cold earth which covered his remains, but many a heart yielded a throb of sorrow for Little Dick Sims, remembering his genial, gentlemanly, generous ways. He never quarreled and never gave offence intentionally. He was known as a "square" gambler and although aware that he could live but a short time, never complained. His jokes were sprung to the last turn out of Life's box. He bet, even with Death as dealer, and went into the presence of his Maker with a smile upon his lips, satisfied the final dealer in the game had double shot the turn and played him out.

DRAMATIC.

The Standard Will Visit Butte.

On Monday evening the Standard Dramatic Company will make their appearance at Renshaw Hall, in Augustin Daly's great play of "Under the Gaslight," which was originally produced at the old Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, and held the boards there for upwards of a year More money was made by stars and managers from this play than from any other ever written. It is a graphic stage picture of New York life and is spiced with considerable sensation. One of the special features is a great railroad scene where a regulation sized locomotive and passenger cars attached sweeps across the stage at full speed. So great is the enthusiasm of the audience that at every performance the curtain has to be rung up several times. As it is some time since we have had any dramatic company here, the business is bound to be big.

The troupe is so highly spoken of that our theatre-going public will be delighted to witness their representations. The town will be thoroughly billed to-day. Reserved seats will be in order.

At a meeting in Helena recently, at the Catholic parochial school house, the following officers were chosen for the Catholic Benevolent and Total Abstinence Society for the year 1885: Spiritual Director, Right Rev. J. B. Brondel; President, Thos. L. Martin; Vice President, Thos. Cassidy; Secretary, C. F. Cameron; Treasurer, John A. Quirk; Marshal, Archie McLeod; Sergeant-at-Arms, P. Lafontaine.

Eye and Ear—Dr. Bacon.

OUR HELENA LETTER.

Forbis and Potts Have a Fight Over the Gambling Bill.

Forbis Scores a Point in Favor of the Poor Sons of Toil Who Can't Buy Petticoats.

HELENA, Feb. 4, 1885.

The most interesting event of the session was the discussion over Forbis' bill to suppress gambling, in the House this afternoon. A large audience, including many ladies, was present. I send as full a report as the space allowed me will permit:

At 2:15 the House went into committee of the whole, with Robinson, of Gallatin, in the chair.

Fisk asked that the bill be read at length.

After the reading of the bill, Wells moved that when the committe rise, it report the bill to the House, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Seligman—I desire to offer the following substitute:

As the chairman seemed to find the substitute difficult reading, Callaway suggested that it should be read by the gentleman offering it.

Forbis—I think he is the only gentleman in the House who can read it.

Mr Seligman then read his substitute, which provided for a high license, and that all rooms for games must be on the second floor, and at least ten feet above the street, and prohibited percentage games.

Fisk—I move that the substitute be laid on the table.

Forbis—I can see only one object in the substitute, and that is to show the gentleman's knowledge of these games.

Seligman—I got all my information from the gentleman from Silver Bow.

On the motion to lay the substitute on the table, all voted in the affirmative.

The original bill was then read by sections.

Callaway—I move the adoption of section 1 as read.

Potts—This bill appears to be a new departure in Montana legislation, and I should like very much to hear from the author of the bill some reasons why this departure should take place at this time. So far as I am concerned, there has been no complaint made to me by my constituents that they have lost any money by any game, and my attention has not been called to it by any of them, and I should like to hear from the gentleman, why such a bill should become a law. Heretofore these games have not been prohibited by law, but have been the subject of revenue, and it is very necessary, before we pass a law of this kind, to know the necessity of it, and to consider whether we can safely dispense with the revenue that arises from them at this time.

Forbis—I think I might inquire very properly of the gentleman for some reason why this bill should not become a law. If there is any question as to whether this is a good or a bad step for this legislature, I think that there ought really to be some objection shown why it should not be placed on our statute books, not an inquiry as to why we should put such an act as this among the laws of Montana. It is so self-evident, not as a religious measure, but as a moral measure, that I am surprised at the gentleman's question,

The gentleman says he has not heard any complaints from his constituents. If the gentleman will go to the desk of the clerk and look at the numerous petitions that are lying there, he will find that there is one from his good wife, asking that the measure be adopted. [Laughter and applause.] I don't know who the gentleman's constituents are. Possibly she is not one of them. But it seems to me, if there were no other reason for the passage of this act, if I had a wife—I have not, I am sorry say—and she should petition me to cast my vote for what I must know, what every man who has been raised in a civilized land must know, is a measure of public necessity, I would not ask for some reason why a bill of this character should be enacted.

Is there any question as to whether this is right or wrong? Is there any question as to whether this is a moral or immoral measure. I dare say that the gentleman has not a friend in the world he would like to see a gambler, a friend whom he would advise that there was room yet at the top in this profession.

This measure is one that appeals to the heart and sentiment and brain of Montana Territory. I feel that every member of this house, who votes for this bill, votes to protect the homes of wives and of children and of families in this Territory. He votes upon this as a measure that comes not of prejudice, but as a measures that is full of good sense and judgment, and I believe that the members of this floor who support this measure, support the sovereignty of Montana in its best character,

But the gentleman asks, is it reasonable that we should take away the revenues of the Territory? Is it reasonable to believe that such a law can be enforced? Those are the only two objection which have been suggested or which can be presented here. I must say I do not like to see a gentleman on this floor show what character of political economy reigns in Montana. Why should we stop for a moment to consider as to whether it brings us revenue or not? Do we come here to impoverish the people? Is that our object? Let the gentleman go a step further. Are we able to draw the line? If it is wrong at all, it is only a matter of degree between that and murder. If we are going to say that one wrong shall be licensed, let us license the others. Let us fill up these blanks. Who bids for murder? How much for arson? How much for any crime?

Let not the reporters' notes here show that the proposition has come from Montana's Legislature and Montana's statesmen to license crime. I say that it is a disgrace to any Territory and to any State. It is a disgrace to Montana to have upon her statute books a law which says it is lawful to gamble—to accept a bribe and say, "For this you may carry on a crime, simply that we may fill our coffers!" The idea of saying that the people shall be drained in this way, and that the laboring classes must contribute their money through the gambling rooms of the Territory to support the Territory!

I say that it is a disgrace to the Territory of Montana for any citizen of it to stand up and say, "We need to prostitute ourselves in order that we may live upon our shame."

But where does all this revenue come from? Does the gentleman say for a moment that the gamblers produce it? They might live for centuries, and yet never would produce one dollar. They would not be worth a cent to all the world in all the ages that might come. They do not produce. They simply drain from the poorer classes of the Territory their hard-earned money and then turn over a part to the Territory, and this is what the gentleman says we must recognize and encourage in order that Montana may administer her government!

There is another objection, and that is that it cannot be enforced. I desire to say in the name of Montana that it is not true. She can enforce any law that any people on the face of the globe can enforce. The Territory of Montana is as far advanced as any people on the face of the earth, and the people of this Territory can and will enforce this law to its letter, and they will compel these parties to desist from this business which has almost ruined the reputation of Montana.

The gentleman is willing and anxious to see citizens flock here of a good moral character, and yet he would have the people of other states believe that we cannot enforce a law that is manifestly just. The people of Montana can enforce it. The moral sentiment is with it, as is shown by the numerous petitions that have come up here from all over the Territory.

I received a letter this morning from a man in Butte that I believe nearly every one in sound of my voice is acquainted with. It is from a man who, himself, has felt the degredation of the very vice this bill seeks to prohibit. He makes a suggestion. which I will rerd. [Reads extract from letter.] "I see a member objects that it will take away a great revenue from the Territory. Tell him I can suggest a way to save that revenue to the Territory. The miners who gamble—all the revenue to gamblers come from laboring men—lose the money they should spend for the comfort of their families and homes. I know of women and children in Butte who have suffered from sickness and cold because they have not sufficient underclothing, the husband and father losing his money every month trying to get even. Now tell him to introduce a bill to tax the undershirts and petticoats that are worn by all females over five years of age, and he may derive the same revenue and from exactly the same source and at the same time cause the tax for that revenue to be more equally distributed."

There is some truth when we come to think about it in the suggestion.

I don't care how much men gamble who are wealthy, but what I do object to is that these gambling dens, such as exist in Helena and particularly in Butte, rob not only the men who go there, but their families also. I know that it will close these dens and allow the laboring classes to pay their debts and suport their families, and when it has done that it has done an incalculable good.

Governor Potts in reply said: The gentleman from Silver Bow is very sensitive upon the question, unduly so, I think. When a pertinent inquiry was made for a reason for the change in the law, it certainly would have been courteous for him to have replied to it without assuming what a member was going to do on this floor.

The fact that the Territory has derived between sixty and seventy thousand dollars per annum as a tax from this practice, certainly made it proper that this House should know the reason of the change.

The gentleman in discussing his bill, it appears to me, has given away the whole question. He denounces the practice of gambling as a crime against everything, yet he says he does not care how much the wealthy gamble.

but he proposes to keep the laboring classes from gambling. I am not on this floor for the purpose of allowing the rich to gamble and the poor to be punished for gambling, and if it appears to be necessary to pass a bill to prohibit gambling, I insist that all gambling, rich or poor, high or low, shall be prohibited. [Applause.]

Col. Callaway then made an eloquent speech in favor of the bill, but his remarks were too long for publication and no synopsis would do them justice.

The motion to recommend the first section as read passed by a unanimous vote.

Forbis then moved that the committee recommend that the whole bill pass as read.

Potts offered an amendment so as to include betting on horse racing and on elections, and said that common gambling was decent and respectable compared with the jobs put up on the race course. He said that he knew something about it, for he had run horses on the race course and been beaten, and had found out since how it was done. But the amendment was defeated and Forbis' motion to report in favor of the whole bill as read, was carried.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

He Justly Compliments the Brigade Upon Efficient Service.

He Suggests Changes in the Matter of Officers and Asks for More Hydrants.

At the regular yearly meeting Mr. McMurphy is again unanimously chosen to fill the position of Chief Engineer.

BUTTE CITY, M. T, Feb. 4. 1885.

To the members of the Butte Fire Brigade:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my second annual report as Chief Engineer of the Butte Fire Brigade No. 1, for the year ending February 4, 1885:

In this, my second report, I shall respectfully submit suggestions and recommendations for such action as is in my opinion necessary to further increase the facilities for fighting fire in the outer limits of the city.

The apparatus belonging to this department is all in first-class order, and has at all times received close attention.

During the year our department has responded to thirteen alarms, and at all times have the fires been confined strictly to the buildings in which they have originated. Our members have generally responded to the calls, and have manfully stood at their post of duty.

It affords me much pleasure to say to you, gentlemen, that at last we have good comfortable quarters in which to place our apparatus, the city government having provided this room as a general hose house for the use of all. The hose carts of this brigade are at present distributed as follows: Jumper No. 1, in alley in rear of Hamilton's lodging house, to be run out on Utah street.

Jumper No. 2, at Pavilion on West Granite.

Carriage No. 3 will at all times be in this room, and at all times after active service the jumpers will be kept in this room for drying and cleaning the hose and for such repairs as are necessary.

On August 30th, 1884, I issued an order dividing our brigade into three separate companies, with the apparatus located as stated, and commanded as follows: Jumper No. 1, Foreman, Simon Hauswirth, Jumper No. 2, Captain, C. S. Knowles, Carriage No. 3, Captain, Wm. Newman. Since Mr. Newman has left the town, I have placed Carriage No. 3 under the direction of Captain A. B. Grace, and I would recommend, for the coming year, that, instead of electing three sets of officers, that you will elect one Foreman, one Assistant Foreman and one Second Assistant Foreman, one Secretary and one Treasurer, designating your Assistant foremen and Captains of certain carts or jumpers relative to location, and all to be under the direction of the foreman in time of service. I would further suggest that efforts be used by the Fire Department to secure, through the City Government, the placing of four more hydrants as follows: One on the corner of Wyoming and Broadway, one on the corner of Wyoming and Park, and one on the corner of Montana and Silver streets, and one on the corner of Main and Silver streets. These hydrants are an absolute necessity, as the increase of our population, and the extention of the settled or built up portion of the city, render additional protection absolutely essential. This is particularly so as to the east and south ends of the city. Either these hydrants must be placed in the near future, or one thousand feet of hose must be added to our apparatus. As these portions of our city have increased very rapidly during the past year, and many buildings have been erected to the extreme boundary thereof.

The losses by fire for the past year have been $34,000, the bulk of which was occasioned by the burning of Boyce's planing mill, just beyond the city limits. I here append a list of fires for the year, showing their location, date, building, by whom occupied, by whom owned, cause of fire, and approximated loss. I have not attempted to compile the insurance, as it was not essential, and not at all times obtainable. At all the fires stated, both departments have performed service, and have worked together harmoniously:

Date.	Location.	Style of Building.	Occupied as	By whom occupied.	Owned by	Cause of Fire.	Loss.
May 19.	Main Street.	Frame.	Saloon.	Moreheuse & Irwin.	Morris Bros.	Pallins chandelier.	$50.00
July 27.	East Park Street.	"	Residence.	Richmond.	Lavell & Birbour.	Not known.	
" 2.	Main Street.	"	Boarding house.	Morris Bros.	"	Fire works.	
" 31.	South Idaho Street.	Brick.	Tenement house.	Demo n & Co.	John Noyes.	"	$8,000.00
August 5.	South Main Street.	Frame.	Planing Mill.	Three Families.	Jere Roach.	Defective flue.	1,500.00
" 13.	East Broadway.	"	Residence.	W. A. Boyce.	"	"	
September 20.	Wyoming Street.	False alarm.		Jere Roach.	"	Burning flue.	None.
" 21.	East Park Street.	Log.	Sleeping rooms.		H. Goodchaux.	Bonfire.	
" 28.	West Quartz Street.	Frame.	Residence.	Not known.	Mike Grimsch.	Unknown.	$250.00
November 15.	South Wyoming.	"	Tudor's Bijou.	Mike Grimsch.	Explosion.	Explosion.	650.00
January 6.		"	Smith Shop.	S. Hauswirth.	Kirsendal & Co.	Defective flue.	150.00
				Kirsendal & Co.	Unknown.	"	300.00
						Unknown.	
					Total		$34,000.00

During the past year our Brigade has lost one of its most useful members through the death of John Hauswirth, who died Dec. 27th, 2884, of congestion of the brain. He was among the first who organized the Brigade in November, 1876, and was one of our most active members, always at his post, ever ready to perform his work. In his death we have lost an efficient and useful member, our community a good citizen and his family a kind and indulgent husband and father. He is the first member taken from our ranks by death since our organization.

Gentlemen, in conclusion, I most respectfully tender my acknowledgment for the cordial encouragement I have received from you, in my efforts to maintain and increase the efficiency of this branch of the Butte Fire Department. I also take this opportunity of expressing the renewed obligations under which I have been placed by the valuable cooperation of the different attaches of the department.

I cannot close without returning thanks to the press of the city for the many kind notices extended to us during the year, and I can say they have been fully appreciated by every officer and member of the department. Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, by twice electing me to this position, and promising you my hearty support in whatever position I may be placed by you in the future,

I am most respectfully,
H. MCMURPHEY,
Chief Engineer, B. F. B., No. 1.

In a supplemental document Mr. McMurphey suggests that a reading room and library be established for the fire department and that an entertainment be given by the brigade on the evening of Feb. 27th.

He Refused.

The Butte Fire Brigade officers met Col. Chas. D. Curtis at the depot yesterday and escorted him to the residence of his brother, John H. Curtis. The Brigade was ready in force and uniform to do the honors, but the horrible condition of the streets prevented their walking to the depot.

Mr. Curtis was tendered the hospitality of the Brigade, who wished to take him to the hotel and make him their guest while in Butte, but he positively declined the honor, stating he was on a visit to friends only while en route to the East and South.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the appointment of John Tyal postmaster at Dillon.

The weather still continues to interfere with the regular business of the thermometer.

Tom Irvine, of Deer Lodge valley, has been out counting robin redbreasts. He's got it bad,

New departures in the present school system will soon be inaugurated. A full report will be given.

The Red Men of Butte met again last evening and initiated a dozen new members. Their conspiring and plottings against the whites is well known, and will be given away upon the trail.

Mention is called to the advertisement "Assignee's sale of bankrupt stock of W. E. Williams & Co.," consisting of general merchandise and provisions. Call early on the assignee and secure great bargains.

The B. K. H. S. Society met last evening for the election of officers and the transaction of general business. The B. K.'s are identified with leading business houses, and will soon spring upon the public a —— something which will not only please but astonish. The credulous will take warning.

Next Tuesday the Montana Press Association is called to meet at Helena. It is to be hoped that the press of the Territory will be fully represented. A meeting of the newspaper men of the Territory, once a year, to swap lies, if nothing else, will prove a great benefit to the craft.

The weather is certainly delightful. Yesterday was more like spring than winter, and the streets were unusually crowded with ladies taking advantage of the sunshiny day to do their shopping and calling. While it is true we have experienced a few days of severe weather, no one has reason to complain thus far of Montana's climate during the past two winter months. The ground is free from snow, and during the days water ripples down the streets from the melting snow above, *a la* warmth of April.

Sale.

Yesterday the Cripple mine owned by Noonan, Oaty, Cary and others was prominently noticed on the stock board. One half of the mine was sold by Patsy Clark and wife to Pat O'Donnell, for $5,000 and the cash paid down. The cripple is but a comparative prospect, laying west of the Lexington. Mr. O'Donnell will at once erect a whim and begin active work of development.

Rates.

The Mardi Gras committee on arrangements were yesterday notified that the Northern Pacific R. R. Co. will give rates at half fare and one fifth for round tickets from Livingston and Missoula to Garrison for those who wish to visit the Silver City on the 16th to attend the great Mardi Gras fertival. The N. P. company will sell tickets on the 14th, 15th and 16th which hold good to the night of the 18th.

Happy, Youthful Days.

Miss Lulu Ornstein entertained about forty young lady and gentlemen friends at the residence of her mother last evening. The occasion of this gathering of young people was caused by a new birthday in the record of time placed opposite the name of Miss Lulu. While her assembled friends pledged undying devotion and unceasing friendship in all time to come, the young lady accepted their homage with true and womanly courtesy. The presents bestowed were numerous and some of them costly Among her many admirers the MINER may be counted as not the least.

OUR HELENA LETTER.

Committee of the Whole Report on the Forbis Bill.

Saturday, the 21st Day of February, Fixed for the Final Adjournment of the Assembly.

HELENA, M. T., Feb. 5, 1885.

The gambling bill came up again, when the chairman of the committee of the whole reported the bill back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

Baldwin, who returned from Butte last evening, took a leading part in the discussion of the bill to-day. When the report of the committee was presented. Baldwin questioned the constitutionality of the bill and argued that sections 3 and 4 were in conflict with the organic act of the Territory, and moved that the bill be recommitted to the judiciary committee for amendment.

Forbis and Tingle replied, and upon a call of the yeas and nays, the motion was lost—ayes 5, nays 18.

Baldwin then moved that the bill be referred to a select committee to examine into its constitutionality, and report next Saturday morning. Motion lost.

Baldwin moved that the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole be postponed until Saturday morning. Motion lost.

The report of the committee of the whole was then adopted — ayes 18, nays 2.

Potts offered an amendment similar to the amendment he proposed yesterday, prohibiting betting on any horse race or election, under penalty of a fine of not more than $100 or imprisonment of not less than ten days nor more than six months.

The amendment was defeated, ayes 8, nays 15.

Forbis moved that the rules be suspended and the bill passed on its third reading.

Baldwin asked leave to present a substitute, and Potts moved an adjournment, but was ruled out of order.

Forbis' motion was put and carried. ayes 18, nays 5.

The bill will be placed on its final passage in the house to-morrow.

Speer arrived to-night and is liable to be heard from in the debate to-morrow.

The five who voted against the acceptance of the report of the committee were Baldwin, Potts, Kohrs, Taylor and Seligman.

NOTICES OF COUNCIL BILLS.

By Kennedy—An act to incorporate the city of Missoula, amending the present act incorporating it as a town so as to provide for its incorporation as a city.

By Armstrong—A bill to amend sections 374, 378 and 399, third division of the revised statutes, in relation to appeals in cases of capital offenses.

Also of a bill for the relief of Josephus P. Martin, for money expended as probate judge for the year 1883.

Also of an act to amend an act concerning the fees of jurors in civil cases.

COUNCIL BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Buck—To amend section 253 of the code of civil procedure, relating to instructions to juries.

By DeWolfe—To amend section 428 of the first division of the revised statutes, relating to appellate courts.

DeWolfe also introduced the following joint resolution:

Resolved, By the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives concurring, that Saturday, February 21, 1885, be and the same is hereby fixed as the day of final adjournment of the present session of the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mitchel, the rules were suspended and the resolution read the third time, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Members of the House say that they cannot finish the business already before them by that time, and that the session will last the full term of sixty days.

The House bill relating to toll roads, ferries and bridges, introduced by Emigh and passed in the House, was to-day defeated in the Council by a unanimous vote.

On the other hand, DeWolfe's bill in regard to oaths of office which received but one opposing vote in the council was to-day returned from the house, having been defeated there by a unanimous vote.

In committee of the whole, the council voted to recommend the passage of the resolution appropriating $111.72 to Geo. P. Reeves & Co., for wood cuts of marks and brands. This bill passed both houses at the last session but was vetoed by Governor Crosby.

THE JUMBO COMMITTEE.

The joint committee on ways and means, or the Jumbo Committee, as it is irreverently styled, consisting of thirteen members from both houses, has been in session all the afternoon. The subject discussed by them at this meeting was the proposition to pay all county officers except county commissioners by salary instead of fees, to cut down the present rates of fees, and provide for their being paid into the county treasury, as embodied in Potts' bill to limit the compensation of certain officers.

The members of the committee in general expressed themselves in favor of the measure, but were not agreed as to whether it should take effect at once or not until the expiration of the term of office of the present county officers. The members were requested to prepare lists of salaries for the officers of their respective counties and present them at the next meeting. The committee then adjourned until to-morrow evening for further consideration of the same subject.

Potts reported back from this committee to the House this morning the bill regulating the fees of sheriff for boarding prisoners and recommended its passage. As amended by the committee it allows sheriffs sixty cents a day for the board of a prisoner.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Hartupee are Overwhelmed with Presents.

The surprise sprung upon the members of the Eastern Star Lodge a few evenings since by Mrs. Hartupee, nee Ragan, and the Rev. Mr. Blackiston has born its fruit. Mrs. Geo. F. Marsh, not appreciating the spontaniety of the serious surprise, immediately organized a committee of one to carry out a scheme of revenge upon the bride and groom.

Accordingly, last evening this lady and many other prominent members of the lodge called at the residence of Mr. Hartupee on Twin avenue and there overwhelmed the newly married people with bridal gifts and choicely worded expressions of congratulation. The cottage at once became a scene of pleasure wherein every one of the fifty couple Present put forth their best endeavors to make the occasion enjoyable. Outside the many valuable and endurable presents, confections, cakes and every imaginable edible were profusely noticeable.

The party assembled were equally jubilant with the bride and groom and vied with each other to make the surprise a surprise indeed. Following is a partial list of the presents:

Majolica tea set, Mrs. Robt. McMinn; glass pitcher and glass, T. W. Shoemaker; napkins, table spread etc, Mrs. Robt Renshaw; card stand, Nettie and Rosa Whitford; glass rolling pin and potato masher, for domestic use, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Aiken; one dozen cut glass goblets, John R. Bordeaux; cuspidor, Mrs. Shodair; glass preserve dish and sauce plate, Mrs. G. C. Vineyard; silver syrup cup, Mrs. Geo. Marsh; clock, T. C. Porter and O. P. Blaine; table cloths, napkins and towels, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sinsel; satin pin cushion, Miss Gracie Porter; silver spoon holder and table cloth, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porter; towels and bedspread, Mrs. Geo. Woodworth; castor, silver, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marsh; chair tidy, Mrs. J. M. Fish; crochet stocking, for twins, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Clark; cigars, Mr. Morgan James; pair canvass back ducks, Old Bachelor.

THE SECOND ALARM.

Duffy's Boarding House Consumed.

The building owned by Buck and Kemper and known as Duffy's boarding house was consumed by fire last evening. The alarm was sounded at 11 o'clock, shortly after the alarm caused by the burning of a flue at Bogk's hotel. The brigade and department were promptly on hand but discovered at once that the aparatus of the department could not be utilized. Sending the carriages back to their rooms, the individual members of the department and brigade visited the scene of the conflagration and rendered what assistance they could. The house was frame, 3 stories in height, and was occupied by Mrs. John Duffy as a boarding house for men working at the Parrot mill. Perhaps not one hundred dollars worth of furniture was saved. No known cause of the origin of fire is given. It was probably accidental. The loss is about $6,000.

MARRIED.

HARTUPEE.—RAGAN.—At the close of a regular communication of Ruth Chapter No. 2. O. E. S., Wednesday evening, February 4, 1885, by the chaplain, Rev. C. Blackiston, Wm. M. Hartupee and Mrs. Mary E. Ragan, both of Butte City.

Strayed or Stolen.

On or about October 4, 1884, from my premises in Walkerville, two three year old heifers, branded B on left hip; one is a dark red and has part of both horns broken; the other is a light red. Also at the same time, one six year old dark red cow, both horns broken partly off and branded Diamond J. on the right side. These animals were formerly owned by Mr. John Bell, on the Pipestone. A reward of $20 will be paid by the undersigned for the return of said stock. MRS. P. HOSTY,
2-7-2m-w Walkerville, M. T.

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MONDAY, MARCH 2d, 1885,

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2-7-sw-3w Administrator.

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An old physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of, Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, asthma and all Throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for general debility and allnervous complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. The recipe will be sent free of charge to all who desire it, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Address, with stamp, naming this paper, Dr. J. C. Raymond, 164 Washing on street. Brooklyn. N. Y. 2-16-w1v.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of William Frazer, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of William Frazer, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased. to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, at the town of Centreville, in the County of Silver Bow.

Dated December 30th, 1884.

JAMES STIRLING.
Administrator of the estate of William Frazer, deceased. 1—7—sw—4w
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Furnace Work.

The undersigned would respectfully call attention to the following specimens of his hot air furnace work, as recommendations of the work turned out at his establishment this season: Residence of Col. J. C. C. Thornton; residence of Hon. Stephen De Wolfe; dry goods store of Sands & Boyce; Mint saloon; Kruger's Hotel and the City Hall J. H. BLUME,
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for the last seven days were 228, as compared with 206 last week.

property in Vermont has been attached for four times its value.

ing all the afternoon, part of the time with a razor, and again by hanging. He has been lodged in jail.

urged her absurd demands if she had believed that England was in earnest in resisting them.

system has been completed as far as Merv, and is now being extended to Saraha, on the confines of Afghanistan.

nicely. He has so far recovered that he expects to be able to leave in a few days for Yellowstone county, where he has a ranch.

causing the impure vaccine the children died from malice.