

LOCAL NEWS.

From the Daily Herald of March 12.

North and South Railroad. General Brislin has this to say regarding the proposed North and South Railroad: "It will take \$10,000,000 to lift the Northern Pacific out of its trouble and you as well as I, know it would be madness and folly for a Territory to assume such a debt. Go to Congress for these \$10,000,000, and I am with you heart and soul, and any assistance I can render shall not be lacking. As to your Territory, its future is assured, and all we have to do is to wait a little longer. The North and South road once built, a branch will put off into the National Park, and I venture to predict the road will not be completed to its terminus before the branch is built, and thousands of visitors be pouring into Montana to see the most wonderful scenery in the known world. Our net-work of railroads will be North and South across the Territory, with two termini—one at high water and one at low water navigation points along the Missouri. Then the Northern Pacific running lengthwise through the Territory, a branch will probably be built to the Park as soon it reaches the Upper Yellowstone. A road will very soon be built from Cheyenne or the Black Hills to the National Park, and if Mr. Gould constructs the projected narrow gauge road from Sidney to Deadwood, it is very probable it will ultimately terminate at the National Park. You are mistaken, I think, about the usefulness of narrow gauge roads. I have seen them operated in Colorado for the last six years, and they have done excellently well.

Personal.

C. T. Rader, of Camp Baker, has been stopping in town for several days. Mr. J. Blackwell, one of the old settlers of Deep Creek, was in the city yesterday. James H. Lemmon and Robt. Vaughn, of Sun River, left for home on the coach this morning. Rev. F. Asbury Riggin, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church, left for Virginia city this morning. W. G. Preuit and Jno. R. Drew were among the outward bound overland passengers this morning. Bartholomew Gehring, of Silver City, was in the city to-day, attending to business before the U. S. Land Office. E. L. Bonner and family have been for some time past visiting relatives in Silver City, Nevada. They intend making a permanent home in San Francisco. Col. J. A. Johnston arrived on the overland coach this evening. The Colonel looks hale and hearty as ever, and much improved in his personal appearance. We are glad to welcome Colonel Johnston back to his old Montana home. Major John E. Blaine and his clerk, E. Blaine Walker, started this morning by coach to pay the troops at Fort Ellis and the two companies of cavalry dispatched a few days ago to the relief of the Crow Agency. The Major will take with him a strong escort from Ellis to the Agency, and will be absent about two weeks.

Territorial Salaries.

A Washington dispatch, dated the 4th inst. gives the following: "The salaries of Territorial officers is reduced to \$2,600 per annum for Governors and Judges, and \$1,800 for Secretaries. Salaries of Surveyor Generals is fixed at \$2,750 for California, and \$2,500 for other Pacific States and Territories.

Guilty.

Ex-Constable Pasco, whose case came up to-day in the Territorial Court, on an indictment charging him with extorting money under threats of violence, plead guilty to the charge, and the prisoner was remanded to jail to await the sentence of the court.

BREVITIES.

T. J. Farrell has leased the Crescent Hotel, Virginia city. The overland coach comes in on runners now and makes good time. Thomas Duncan has purchased Richard Jones' mining claim in Nevada, Madison county. The Postmaster General has ordered a daily mail from Virginia city to Bozeman. Also a daily service to Pony. Senator Hamlin is said to hate a newspaper man so much that when he can't make a bad enough face at him, he puts on a mustard plaster and eats alum. The appropriations for the Surveyor General's clerk hire are: California, \$10,000; Oregon and Washington \$4,000, and each of the other Territories \$3,000. Commodore Vanderbilt's income was about 55 cents every time he breathed," says an exchange. It is now easy enough to figure how much a sneeze brought him in. Paynter, Brown & Weisenborn are manufacturing ordered three handsome, substantial-carriages, suited for the diversity of roads in the Territory. They are for Gans & Klein, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Glick. The many friends of Mrs. Bowen will be glad to know that she has so far recovered from her late severe accident as to be about again. Thanks to the kind attention of the ladies of Bozeman, and to the surgical skill of Dr. Monroe.—Bozeman Times. The Bozeman Times has a column article on the massacre of Randall, Muggins Taylor, Irvine and others, while the Courier has nothing whatever to say about it. We are still inclined to believe, as we have from the first, that it is a huge sensation—a canard.

A New Wholesale Liquor and Cigar Store

The enterprising firm of Kleinschmidt & Bros. will open out to-morrow on the east side of Maine street, two doors from the Cosmopolitan, a large and well selected stock of liquors, wines, champagnes, and imported and domestic cigars. The building is the one lately purchased by James M. Ryan, and has been furnished and refitted by the Kleinschmidt Bros., and is one of the large salerooms. The wholesale department includes a large and well stored fireproof, forming just one-half of the entire building. The stock of liquors and cigars will always be large, and purchasers by the wholesale will no doubt find a stock to suit their wants. After to-morrow the stock will be arranged and offered for sale to suit purchasers, at railroad prices.

From the Daily Herald of March 13.

Personal.

Thomas Gray and J. C. Drinkwater, of French Bar, were in the city to-day. Dr. A. H. Mitchell arrived on the coach from Deer Lodge last night. The Doctor is registered at the Cosmopolitan. Ed DeLane, of Silver City, is having a good time with his fair friends in Helena, and we notice he takes a daily sleigh-ride. Lieut. C. B. Schofield, 2d cavalry, U. S. A., arrived from the West Side last night en route to Fort Ellis. He will join the expedition against the hostiles. W. H. Bortel, who came in from Trapper yesterday, says that camp is O. K., and that as many men are now employed as at any time during the past summer. Samuel Harper, of Boulder valley, gave us a pleasant call last evening at our office. Mr. Harper, with other Boulderites, is attending to business before the U. S. Land Office. Jno. A. Keating, the well-known and successful quartz miner, arrived from Radersburg, accompanied by Miss Hattie Clark, who will remain and visit her friends in Helena for several weeks, and while here will be the guest of Mrs. R. C. Walker. From Mr. Keating we learn that mining operations will be commenced on the Keating & Blacker mine during the spring, and that the ore, heretofore so difficult to work, will be reduced by a new process, which he thinks will be successful.

A Good Camp.

W. H. Bortel, of Glendale, is over to Helena, on a visit to his old friends in this section of Montana. From him we learn that Atkins, Armstrong & Co., owners of the "Hecla Consolidated Co.," have recently made some large purchases of silver property at Trapper City. Of Major Pease, of Bannack, they purchased a three-fourths interest in the Cleopatra, paying therefor \$75,000; also a three-fourths interest in the Franklin, from F. Gilge and Thos. Low, for \$7,500. The Hecla Company, already owning a smelter of a capacity of 30 tons per day, are now at work constructing one of 50 tons capacity. Mr. Armstrong has just returned from the East, where he purchased all necessary machinery, including a water jacket. The new smelter will be running inside of ninety days, if no unlooked for delays occur. Trapper City is in one of the best silver districts of the Territory, and it will be a lively camp this year.

Missoula Fair Association.

At a recent meeting of the Missoula Fair Association, the following named persons were elected trustees for the ensuing year: "F. L. Worden, Joseph Pardee, James Kennedy, C. P. Higgins, John Rankin, R. A. Eddy, W. E. Bass, A. G. England and W. J. McCormick. At a meeting of the trustees, held on the 7th, R. A. Eddy was elected President, W. J. McCormick, Vice President; Ferd Kennett, Treasurer; Alvin Lent, Secretary."

Patents.

Mineral patents have been received at the Helena Land Office for the following persons:

- N. Grommesh, placer claim. R. O. Hickman et al., placer claim. J. G. Vawter, Hawkeye lode. J. A. Brown, Grey Jockey lode. W. A. Clark, et al., Gambetta lode. Philip Constans, Peerless lode. A. J. Davis, Allie Brown lode. J. H. Russell, North Pacific lode.

BREVITIES.

A party of twenty-five ladies and gentlemen from the city last evening participated in a surprise party at Cold Spring Ranch, the house of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilcox. It was an "awfully jolly" crowd, and if the "going" was not first-class, the vocal music was. The "surprised" made an ineffectual attempt to hold the fort, but the "surprisers" were too well armed with the material comforts of life to be successfully combated. It might have been one o'clock this morning before the party returned to the city, and we are quite sure it was fully two o'clock before the supper was sufficiently digested to permit of sleep. The squad of cavalry which has been stationed at the agency during the winter has been ordered to rejoin their regiment to take part in the summer campaign against the Sioux, and a company of infantry will shortly be sent to garrison the post ordered to be established at this place.—Missoulian. Dr. Redfield says half the young men in Government positions have made a mistake on two mistakes, in fact. The first was in taking the place, and the second in not saving their earnings, instead of spending all they could get for kid-gloves and swallow-tailed coats.

Helena to Butte.

John Green and Wm. Warfield are each contemplating putting on a line of coaches from Helena to Butte, via the Rumley, as soon as the weather will permit. By this arrangement we would have daily communication with the leading quartz camp in the Territory. Going by way of the Rumley mine, it is estimated that a few hundred dollars would put the road in good shape for coach travel, and it is an enterprise that should by all means be encouraged by the merchants of Helena. "Through from Helena to Butte City in ten hours" is a probability, as well as a necessity, in the near future.

From the Daily Herald of March 14.

Sentenced.

J. F. Pasco, convicted of extorting money under false pretences, was brought into court this morning and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Territorial Penitentiary. Chas. Brooks, the colored man convicted of assault with intent to kill, was sentenced to serve the Territory for a term of eighteen months in the Penitentiary.

Personal.

Col. McLeod left Thursday for Pelly to attend a meeting of the Council of the North-West Territories, of which he is a member. The Colonel drives to Westbourne, whence he will proceed to his destination by dog-train. It is expected that he will return in about three weeks, and go to Ottawa to obtain recruits for the Mounted Police, to replace about a hundred men whose time of service shortly expires.—Manitoba Free Press.

BREVITIES.

On Saturday next the District Court will adjourn until the 21st, day of May. "It isn't 'Will you take a smile?' now, but 'Will you look through a blue glass?'" The next soiree of the Pioneer Club will be on the 6th of next month. It will be a Masquerade. There are said to be fewer bald-headed men in the United States Senate than in the past, which is well. Who wants to see the ships of State always scudding under bare poles. A man in Springfield succeeded in borrowing enough laudanum of a drug clerk to suicide with. The man perished by violent means, and nobody should laudanumskull like that clerk. John B. Gough in his recent address on "Temperance" at St. Louis, said he had spoken on the subject 5780 times. He remarked in conclusion that this was his last appearance in that city. The General Government has appropriated \$25,000 towards destroying the grasshoppers in the Western States and Territories. The grasshoppers smile at the absurdity of getting rid of them with a paltry \$25,000 funeral.—Ogden Freeman. John D. Lee, the pet lamb of the Mountain Meadows Church was taken to Beaver by Marshal Nelson, on Monday morning, to have the Second District Court fix the day for shutting off his precious breath. His Rachel followed after him yesterday morning.—Salt Lake Tribune. Mr. Springer's revolutionary proceedings in the House awoke the muse of a contributor as follows: It was SPRINGER, the small but officious, Who to carve at the feast was ambitious; But they ordered him down, With a hiss and a frown, And set him to washing the dishes. The prospectus of "Coming Events," a new London daily paper promises "exclusive information upon everything that is of interest to the general public of London and suburbs of the occurrence of which previous information is to be obtained." The contents will be arranged under three heads; "To-day," "To-morrow," and "After To-morrow." The new journal will take no account of past events, with the exception of births, marriages and deaths, English stocks and funds. This must be the journalism of the future. The Boston Bulletin says they had a tough subject in the inquiry-room the other week. Moody wrestled with him and Sankey sang with him, but the man seemed to despair of forgiveness. Finally, Moody asked him what heavy sin burdened his mind, and he confessed to having beat a newspaper publisher out of three years' subscription. The evangelist informed him that they did not profess to perform miracles, but if he would settle up his dues, with compound interest, and pay for three years more in advance, although they could not open the doors of the church to him, perhaps he might be snaked in under the canvas. An inexperienced old fellow picked up a journal the other day containing a chess department. He had never seen anything like the problems before, and after reading a half of "Kt. fr. Kt. 3 to Q. 2—B. to Kt. ch.—B. x P. ch.—K. x P. drawn," and so forth, he threw down the paper with an air of disgust and the remark, "I never see such darned queer poetry as that—must be written by a crazy man!"—Norristown Herald.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office uncalled for at Helena, Lewis and Clarke County, Montana, on the 14th day of March, 1877. When called for please say, "advertised." Brown Frank McDonald Scott Collier E. V. McKinley B. Davis Mrs. W. H. Matson J. A. Dosier Mrs Sarah A. McKay Wm. 2 Friday Francis Nelson P. S. Hall Gray Rose Jas. Heine H. A. Sunstrom E. Hunt John Sweeney Ed. Jones Wm. Sweeney Mrs. Eliza Jones Wm. 2 Yeager Geo. C. Lynch A. S. H. CROUNSE P. M.

CARD ETIQUETTE.

The Changing Fashions—The Rules for Cards and Invitations.

In no particular of the social reigne does fashion rule with more capricious fancy than in card etiquette—the magic bits of Bristol-board or note paper, "open sashes" to so much that is brilliant, delightful, ambitious, or wearisome! The taste of the day, gorgeous and luxurious where upholstery is concerned, becomes severely simple in matters of the *carte-de-visite*. The plainest stationery, most unostentatious of cards, whether for visiting or invitation, are prescribed, and even the embellishment of a monogram, so lavishly indulged in three years ago, is modified now to the last degree. Picturesque fancy can only be exercised in the cards placed at the covers of a dinner party. There the arbitrary rule relaxes her severity, and in the daintily designed and painted cards, with trails of meadow and garden flowers, birds' nests, and bits of landscape, our repressed enthusiasm may find a vent. But who can say that the progress of 1878 or 1879 may not vulgarize and discard this pretty fashion? Beginning with the formalities of visiting-cards, let us say that for both sexes the simplest script is most elegant. Small old English can be used, but the unornamental script is certainly preferable. For ladies, a medium-sized rather finethin Bristol; for gentlemen, a size smaller is used. In the first case, an unmarried lady should always use a prefix of Miss, whether the Christian name be used or not. In case there is only one unmarried lady in the family, or it be the eldest daughter, the Christian name is never used. A young lady during her first season may have her name engraved below that of her mother, as, Mrs. John Jones, Miss Jones.

but it is not advisable after the opening, or, as it is called, *debut* winter. Two sisters may use the same card, as the "Misses Jones." According to the strictest fashion, husband and wife should use separate cards, although in many cases the older fashion, of one plate is adhered to. A gentleman's should be with the prefix Mr., and the name of his club or address of his private residence in one corner; never that of his place of business, unless the card be simply for business use. In invitation cards fashion is no less strictly defined, but, with some exceptions, their formulas do not need to be given, since any person conducting wedding or ball festivities can easily obtain all the information necessary from any first-class engraver or stationer. Knowledge of the minor matters of etiquette in cards cannot, however, be so easily obtained. Kettle-drum invitations should be very simple. Use the visiting card, with the date of your affair. "Thursday, Feb. 9," and underneath it, "Tea at four o'clock."

Invitations to a very small social or evening company should be written, which, while it does not preclude full dress, gives a certain idiosyncrasy desirable where numbers are limited. And the engraved formula may be used as well. In sending written invitations, however, care should be given to the style of stationery used. The large square notes now in vogue for notes are fashionable for this purpose, or a small sheet of note-paper, unglazed, with a very simple initial, is, however, preferable, as being less individual. The "R. S. V. P.," signifying that a reply is requested, can be written opposite the note of "Dancing," etc., the address invariably below the invitation. The envelope or envelopes containing the card should be enclosed in a larger one, whether sent by post or private hand. The post is frequently employed, since distances have become so magnificent in New York. Dinner invitations cannot be too carefully worded, as the matter of dress is so entirely regulated by them. Invitations to a very formal dinner, whether the number be great or small, should be engraved; and if a special guest is to be honored, mention should be made of him. Less formal dinner invitations may be written in the third person, while a sociable invitation to intimate friends should always be sent in a friendly note.—Harper's Bazaar.

Washington Matrimonial Market.

[Letter to the Globe-Democrat.] Washington is a poor matrimonial market, and anxious chaperons are forever on their guard against army and navy officers and department clerks, anxious to win an heiress and retrieve their fortunes. Attaches of Foreign Legations are generally the degenerate sons of noble families, and seldom ever carry off an American wife when they return home from their travels. At one time, some few years ago, Washington was a regular Botany Bay for foreign scapegraces, but now the diplomatic corps contains worthy representatives of youths of other lands, who are not all here waiting for something to blow over or die out before they can return to their families. Recently an engagement has been announced between Mr. Bakmeteff, Secretary of the Russian Legation, and Miss Beale, a society belle. The marriage will occur soon after Lent, and will be celebrated with great splendor. Mr. Bodisco, formerly Russian Minister to this country, and his son, both married Washington brides. The elder Bodisco was one day escorted through the Georgetown Convent, and among the pupils was a beautiful girl, whose blonde charms went straight to his Moscowite heart. "That lady shall be my wife," said Mr. Bodisco after an admiring gaze, and in less than two years the young lady took him for better or worse, and from her home in St. Petersburg came glowing accounts of her life at the Russian Legation. The son, Bodisco, Jr., wooed and won in the usual way, without any striking incidents to embellish the course of true love.

GIACOMO SPOROGAMBI fills the trump of sounding fame with 2,160 mortal and immortal yards of maccaroni, consumed in pursuance of a wager that he could engulf more of that Italian paste than a rival hog, M. Bevere. It was served in dishes, each containing thirty-five yards of maccaroni, details of accessories and cooking being left to the discretion of the contestants. At the end of the first mile (time, 23 minutes) Signor Sporogambi was 214 yards ahead, whereon he reared on his fork till his rival was within fifty yards of him, then started off again with a magnificent spurt of 400 yards, at the end of which Signor Bevere gasped appreciatively that he was used—and filled—up.

The New Twenty Dollar Dies Defective.

The Sacramento Record-Union of January 31st, gives the following: The dies for the new \$20 gold pieces recently received at San Francisco from the Philadelphia Mint have been found not to answer the purpose for which they were intended, either through some extra thickness in the milling, or through the figures being too convex. Nineteen of the new pieces make as tall a pile as twenty of the old ones, which renders it utterly impossible for bankers, brokers, etc., to measure the coin after their usual practice. The admixture of the old and new coins would necessitate an absolute count of deposits made in gold coin, and lead to endless confusion. The dies have been sent back East, and for some time longer we must remain without the new and improved \$20 gold pieces.

THE Water Witch, the only English man-of-war not propelled by paddle or screw, but by means of the recoil of two water jets projected at high velocity from nozzles at the ship's side, made seven knots an hour at her last trial trip. The system has important advantages over the old ones, and the promoters are sanguine of ultimate success.

MARRIED.

At Blackfeet Agency, February 28th, 1877, by Rev. Hugh Duncan, Mr. James Gibson to Miss Mahalene Guadalupe. In Butte city, on Monday, March 5th, 1877, by the Rev. J. R. Russell, Frank J. Beck to Mrs. Amelia Burson, both of Butte. In Helena, at the residence of Hon. D. S. Wade, March 4th, 1877, by Chief Justice Wm. Benjamin Malben, Park City, to Miss Mary Carlin, of Helena. At Diamond City, March 6, 1877, by Judge G. A. Hampton, Francis McCaffery, U. S. A., to Miss Hester Logan, all of Camp Baker, Meagher county, Montana.

BORN.

At Adobetown, Montana, March 3d, 1877, to the wife of David O'Brien. In Bozeman, March 6th, 1877, to the wife of Louis Strasburger, a son. In Helena, March 9th, 1877, to the wife of Thomas B. Weller, a daughter.

DIED.

Near Frenchtown, M. T., February 1, 1877, John Fillion, aged about 45 years. In Missoula, March 2d, 1877, Willie Collins, aged 17 years. In Helena, March 11th, 1877, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Esler.

HELENA MARKET REPORT.

Wholesale Quotations.

HELENA, M. T., March 15, 1877. SUGAR.—A, \$21 50; Extra C, \$21; Granulated, \$22. SYRUP.—5s, \$7; 10s, \$13. COFFEES—Old Government Java, 45¢@47¢; Costa Rica, 37¢@38¢; Rio, 39¢@40¢; Chartres, 45¢. CAN FRUITS.—Cal. Peaches, 2 1/2 lbs, \$11 00; States Peaches, 2 lbs \$8; Cal. Peas, 2 1/2 lbs, \$11 00; do Flums, 2 1/2 lbs, \$11 00; Apricots, 2 1/2 lbs, \$11 00; Damsons, 2 1/2 lbs, \$11 00; Quinces, 2 1/2 lbs, \$11 00; States Blackberries, \$8; do. Gooseberries, \$8; Pine-apple, \$9 50; do. Strawberries, \$9; Green Gages, \$9; Cherries, \$9; Cranberry Sauce, \$18; Can Honey, Comb, 2 lbs, \$15; Strained, 2 lbs, \$11 per quart; glass, \$12. CAN VEGETABLES.—Winslow's Corn, \$7 25; California Tomatoes, \$5 50; States do., \$6; String Beans \$6; Lima Beans, \$7 50; Green Peas, \$7 50. P. & M.—Mess Mackerel, 1/2 bbl, \$12; No. 1 in kits 20 lbs net, \$4 25; 15 lb. kits, \$3 50; Codfish, 15¢@18¢; Salmon, case, \$9 50@10 50; Oysters, \$6 50; Lobsters, \$10; Sardines, 1/2, \$20. CANDLES.—Werk's, full weight, \$10 50 per box; Steric Acid, \$14 per box 40 lbs. net. Soap.—Castile, \$9 50; White Russian (75 lb box) \$10 50; Schaeffer's, \$7@7 25 per box. TOBACCO.—Chewing, fine cut \$85¢@1; Cable Twist, \$85¢@90¢; Gold Block, L. P. \$7 1/2¢@80¢; Black Navy, \$60¢@65¢; Bright, do., 15¢@17 1/2¢. Smoking.—Virginia \$1 10; Game Cock, 60¢; Com-mowalsh, 65¢; Fruit & Flower, 85¢. Rubber Boots, per case, \$70¢@75¢. DRIED FRUITS.—N. Y. Apples, 20¢; Cal. Peaches, 21¢; Salt Lake, 18¢; Blackberries, 22¢; Cherries, 32¢; Raspberries, 50¢; Currants, scarce, 16¢@18¢; Cal. Grapes, 19¢; Peas, 25¢; Raisins, whole boxes, \$5; half do., \$2 75; quarter do., \$1 75. TEA.—Imperial, 85¢@1 25; Young Hyson, 75¢@1 00; Gun Powder, \$1 01 50; Japan, 50¢@60¢. SPICES.—Pepper, 35¢; Cloves, 75¢; Nutmegs, \$1 70; Cinnamon, 50¢; Allspice, 35¢; Mustard, 50¢; Bernard's seasoned ground, per case, \$60 00. CALIFORNIA WINES.—Angelica, gallon, \$3 00; Port, do., \$3 00; White, do., \$3 00; Sherry, do., \$3 00; El Dorado, \$3 00; Wine Bitters, \$3 00; Oregon Cham-pagne Cider, \$3; Brandy, according to age, \$3 50@4 50; Missouri Imperial, pints, \$2; Heister's Bitters, (name), per case, \$5; Whisky, \$2@2 50. SUNDRIES.—Salt, 6¢@7¢; Brooms, \$6@7; Soda, 15¢; Saleratus, 17¢; Cooking Extracts, \$2@3; China, Rice, 25¢ per mat; Carolina Rice, 15¢@18¢; Hominy, 9¢; Dooley's Yeast, 15¢; Flour, subject to \$3; 2¢ Yeast Powders, \$9 50; Concentrated Lye, \$1 50@1 11; Corn Starch, none; Pepper Sauce, pints, \$4@4; Tomato Catsup, pints, \$4@5; Matches, telegraph, \$7 50; Bar Lead, 16¢; Nails, \$7 25 "on the card"; for 10 and larger sizes, \$25 additional for each size smaller; Kops, 15¢; Bacon, 23¢; for each size smaller; Hops, 15¢; States Hams in market, 23¢; St. Louis crackers, 14¢@16¢; Starch, 15¢; Quicksilver, \$1; Green Apples, 16¢@20¢; Coal Oil, "Living-stone," 70¢; "Royal Day Light," 76¢; Corn Meal, 74¢; Wrapping Paper, 11¢@12¢; Heister's Bitters, (name); State's Pickles, 5 gal. \$3; do., 10 gal. \$4; Cal. pickles, 5-gallon, \$4 25; 10-gal. do., \$3; Helena Crackers 13¢. PNEUMATIC MARKET.—Flour continues to come in freely, and several lots of 100 sacks to 250 sacks XXX freely on the market. Mills brand, subject to \$3; Flour, mostly of Gallatin Mills brand, subject to \$3 on the market, but views of buyers and sellers being too far apart we learn of no sales being effected, sellers asking \$7 25 and buyers offering \$6 75@7. Several small lots of choice brands of XXX flour have found ready sale at \$7 25, retail price being about the same—\$7 50@8, according to brand. Oats continue to arrive freely, and quotations are unchanged. Selling from wagon at \$2 50@2 75 per 100 lbs. Retailing at 30¢@32¢ from store. Wheat scarce, and selling readily at \$3 1/2@3 1/4. Butter, 25¢@30¢, buying; selling from store at 35¢@40¢. Potatoes, 75¢ per 100 lbs; selling from store at \$1 per 100 lbs. Eggs, very scarce, and in good demand at 70¢@75¢ per dozen.

PROPOSALS FOR FUEL, FORAGE AND STRAW.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA, OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMAS-TER, ST. PAUL, MINN., March 1st, 1877. SEALED PROPOSALS, in triplicate, subject to the conditions, will be received at this office, and at the offices of the Quartermasters at the following named posts, on the 26th day of April 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 26th day of April 1877, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of bidders, for furnishing and delivery of Wood, Coal, Grain, Hay and Straw, required during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1877, and ending June 30, 1878, at the following posts and stations, viz: Forts Abercrombie, Abraham Lincoln, Buford, Pennington, Randall, Rice, Seward, Stevenson, Sully, Sisseton, and Totten; Camp Hancock, and military stations at Cheyenne, Lower Brule, and Standing Rock Agencies, D. T. at Fort Snelling, Minn., at Fort Benson, Ellis and Shaw, and Camp Baker, M. T., and also at posts on or near Big Horn River, M. T. Separate bids should be made for each post and for each class of supplies. A copy of this advertisement should be attached to each bid. Bids for any portion of the specified supplies will be received and preference given to articles of domestic production. Each bid must be accompanied by a guaranty that in case the contract is awarded to the person proposing, it will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished by him immediately. The guaranty must be signed by two responsible guarantors by a U. S. District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the U. S. Government or responsible person known to the officer receiving the bid. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids. In bidding for grain, bidders will state the rate per 100 pounds and not per bushel. Blank proposals and printed circulars stating the kind and estimated quantities required at each post, and giving full instructions as to the manner of bidding, conditions to be observed by bidders, and terms of contract and payment, will be furnished on application to this office or to the Quartermasters at the various posts and stations named. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for _____, at _____," and addressed to the undersigned, or the respective post or depot Quartermasters. Wm. H. BENT, Chief Quartermaster.