

LOCAL NEWS.

THANKSGIVING.

BY THE GOVERNOR—A PROCLAMATION. In the midst of the abundant evidences of prosperity, health and happiness that surround us on every side, I deem it eminently fitting that the people of Montana should join in a general thanksgiving to the All-wise Being from whose hand cometh every good and perfect gift.

Therefore, in accordance with the established usage, and in conformity with the proclamation of the President of the United States, I, T. H. Roosevelt, Governor of the Territory of Montana, do designate Thursday, the 26th day of November, 1885, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. I invite the people of the Territory to a proper observance of this day. Let us return thanks to the Almighty God for His manifold mercies and blessings, and implore a continuance of His divine favor and protection.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Territory of Montana to be affixed. Done at Helena, the Capital of the Territory of Montana, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

T. H. ROOSEVELT, Governor.

W. B. WEBB, Secretary of Montana.

Chicago Stock Convention.

The following extracts from a letter from E. W. Perry, of Chicago, will be of interest to Montana stockmen:

"The Third National Convention of Stockmen will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Building in Chicago, November 17 and 18, the last two days of the Fat Stock Show, and the regular annual meeting of the National Cattle Growers' Association of America will be held November 19 in the office of this Association, No. 234 La Salle street, Chicago. All stockmen visiting Chicago are invited to use the offices of the Association as headquarters while in the city.

"Governors of other States and Territories who have not yet selected delegates have notified the Association of their intention to make the appointments in time for the convention. State and local live stock and agricultural organizations have done the same, so that it is now settled that the coming meeting will be the largest delegate gathering ever held by stockmen in America. The number of representatives has been carefully limited to two delegates and two alternates from each State, Territory, and society or association, that the convention might not degenerate into a mere mass meeting, but that it may be a business gathering of representative men, for the purpose of considering questions of great importance to the live stock interests of the country as a whole.

"Special arrangements for railroad transportation have been made. All delegates and alternates will be informed as to the nature of those arrangements upon applying to the assistant secretary, E. W. Perry, No. 234 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill."

Seriously Ill.

Soon after the assembling of the District Court in afternoon session to-day a dispatch was handed Judge Wade announcing the dangerous illness of his wife at Andover, Ohio, where she has been some time visiting. Without suspecting the cause and in the midst of the hearing of a case on trial, Judge Wade announced a recess of ten minutes. After reassembling the Judge, addressing the Bar, said:

"Gentlemen: I have a dispatch saying my wife is dangerously sick in Ohio and she wants to see me at once. I will go to her without delay and will adjourn court until the 20th of this month, at which time I hope that Judge Galbraith will be here. My adjournment need not interfere with your work; you can go on and report on the 20th to Judge Galbraith, if he comes here and holds out the term."

Judge Galbraith, if he comes at the time stated, can stay and conduct the term until the 15th of December, by which time Judge Wade hopes to return and complete the work of the docket.

Montana Exhibit.

The following additions have lately been made by Butte mining men to Montana's exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition: Patrick Clark, superintendent of the Union Consolidated, sent 300 pounds of ore from the company's mine. C. X. Larabee sent 300 pounds of copper glance from Mountain View.

George W. Irwin, of the Amy Silver-smith, has contributed 250 pounds of high grade quartz.

George Tong sent a 50-pound piece of silver sulphates assaying \$15,000 per ton. The Colusa sent a huge block of fine ore at the instance of Superintendent Max Meyer.

The Parrot sent two pigs of black copper assaying 89 per cent and weighing together 400 pounds.

Mr. Fleming, of the Blue Bird, sent 500 pounds of ore from that great property.

W. A. Clark has sent a 200-pound block of pink manganese silver-bearing ore from the Moulton.

The Governor's Staff.

Governor Hauser has completed the appointment of his staff with the exception of the Quartermaster General's position, which still remains unfilled. Following are the names and positions of the gentlemen composing his staff, with the above noted exception:

W. E. Cullen, Adjutant General, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Joseph A. Browne, Inspector General, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Charles S. Warren, Commissary General, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Charles P. Hough, Surgeon General, with the rank of Colonel.

James Sullivan, Mustering Officer, with the rank of Colonel.

Edmund W. Bach, Ordnance Officer, with the rank of Major.

Down with Diphtheria.

The family of Mr. E. J. Harris, of the valley, are sorely afflicted by the dread diphtheria. The death of one son was noted last week in the HERALD, and we are informed to-day that the remaining three children are lying ill with the disease, one of whom is in a very precarious condition.

Friday night last, at Garrison, a Chinaman, working in O'Neill's hotel, was stabbed in the back by some unknown villain, just after having left the hotel. His wound was dressed, himself taken care of, and at last accounts his injuries were not considered serious.

HEARD FROM AGAIN.

The Fire Bug Looms up Once More and Sets Fire to the Government Stable.

Last night at half past eight the fire bell changed out its tones of alarm and brought out a crowd of citizens in a short time. Our reporter starting out when the alarm sounded found a crowd of excited citizens collected at the government corral, corner of Warren street and sixth avenue. The engine arrived at the same time but the fire had been put out and it was not needed. A few enquiries elicited the information that an attempt had been made to fire the stable in the government corral by igniting the hay in the loft. The stable has one end opening on the alley, and it was from here the fire was started. A few boards had for some time been taken off the left, leaving the hay exposed to view. This hole is out of reach from the ground but is not too high to prevent a person from standing beneath and throwing a match or torch into it. This had evidently been done, and when discovered the fire was burning briskly. Vigorous work with a few buckets of water smothered the flames and prevented a big fire.

The stable is situated across the alley in the rear of T. H. Kleinschmidt's premises, and it was by his family that the fire was discovered and extinguished. Shortly after 8 o'clock one of his children ran into the room saying he smelled hay burning in the yard. Mr. Kleinschmidt and his oldest son, Theo., ran out immediately, the latter taking a revolver with him. On gaining the yard they saw the fire in the government stable, and Theo. fired three shots to attract attention. Mr. Kleinschmidt then took the revolver, ran down the alley to Warren street, where he fired three more shots, and then ran direct to the engine house. Meantime Theo. and one of the corral men ran up in the loft of the stable and tried to keep the fire from the large body of hay. Succeeding in this, water soon arrived and the flames were extinguished.

The fire was no doubt the result of an incendiary attempt. The occurrences of the last week justify the conclusion that Helena harbors another fire bug, if not a gang of them, and it now behooves property owners to exercise unusual vigilance over their premises. No one saw the perpetrator of the act last night, and his identity is as yet unestablished. He is working in the dark, and for that very reason his attacks should be the more carefully guarded.

MURDER AT BOULDER.

William Pitts Shot and Killed by Jack Hart.

On Saturday morning the court house at Boulder City was the scene of a crime unsurpassed in modern annals for cold blooded treachery and dastardly cowardice. William Pitts, a resident of Ekhorn, had come down to Boulder to consult an attorney, and at the time of the murder was seated in the court house talking to Mr. Wells, the clerk of the court. Rev. L. L. Wood, of Helena, was also in the room, and had just gone out into the street, when a man named Jack Hart opened the door and fired two shots at Pitts, who was sitting in a chair not eight feet distant. Hart pulled the trigger a third time, but the pistol did not go off. Both of his shots took effect in Pitts' body, one just over his heart.

The wounded man was still alive and conscious when Mr. Wood left, but he was expected to die at any moment. He made his will and gave a statement of the facts in regard to the difficulty. Hart gave himself up after the shooting. It is said that he followed his victim to Boulder for the express purpose of killing him, and it is supposed that the unfortunate Pitts is dead by this time. Hart hunted all over town for Pitts, and when he found him he commenced to shoot without a moment's warning, holding the door with his left hand and shooting with his right. Domestic troubles fomented by Hart are said to have led to the fatal result.

CARP.

Distribution by the U. S. Fish Commission Through the Northwest.

The car of the United States Fish Commission, some days ago announced as en route to the Northwestern States and Territories, side-tracked at Helena Saturday evening, remaining at this point twenty-four hours. Yesterday a HERALD representative and a considerable number of citizens visited and inspected the car. Mr. J. Frank Ellis, of the Smithsonian Institute, in charge, extended all due courtesies and gave ready and intelligent answers to the innumerable questions with which he was pelted. The car left Washington with 20,000 carp, housed in 1,000 tin buckets holding twenty fish each. These carp were hatched in the Government lakes or ponds, fed by Potomac river water, in that part of the Capital reserve grounds near the Washington monument. They are of the "leather" skin species, (*cyprinus carpio*), and that they will grow in waters suitable to their habits and life in this latitude, and attain a weight of from four to five pounds in two years, is the belief of Mr. Ellis.

The fish apartment of the car is the basement, opening from traps in the floor, where the tin pails, with perforated covers, containing about eight quarts of water and the twenty fishes each, are arranged in rows. In other respects this model of a moving aquarium has many of the appointments of a private palace car—an office for the gentleman in charge, sleeping sections for himself and four assistants, kitchen, dining hall, and all the rest for convenience and comfort.

About two-thirds of the cargo found distribution east of Helena— Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota each getting a generous share, while Billings and Townsend, in the Yellowstone and Missouri valleys, got a small portion. At this point Mr. Prentiss secured a quantity of the two inch fishes, and 300 others were left off for dispatch to contiguous points in response to timely applications for supplies.

Sunday evening's express took the car west on its further destination, with about 7,000 of the carp cargo left for distribution in Washington Territory and Oregon.

TAKEN IN.

A Washington Man Works One of Helena's Livestock Stable Keepers to the Tune of \$5.

One of the popular lively men of Helena was taken in the other day to the extent of \$5 and his credulity. It happened thuswise:

The night before last a stranger came in and, after passing the compliments of the afternoon, said:

"I just brought a herd of horses into town to-day for sale, and intended to have them put up here; but the men made a mistake and drove them into Blank's corral. Sorry for that because I wanted you to have charge of them over night."

After the lively man had expressed his coincidence in his friend's sorrowful ideas, the stranger went on:

"I expect to realize a handsome sum from those horses to-morrow, and—but, I forgot. One of my men has been taken sick and I want to send him back home, to Missoula. I've only got \$4 in my pocket and the fare is nine; if you lend me \$5 to make up the amount I'd take it as a great favor and will return it to you to-morrow when I sell my horses."

Willing to oblige a customer, especially as he promised to have the horses driven over to his corral in the morning, the stable man shelved out the cash and the stranger departed with many protestations of gratitude.

Had the kind hearted lively man watched the stranger after he left, he would not have been so easy in his mind over the loan. The fellow immediately went to another stable, took the same story and asked for the same loan. Here, however, he was denied his request, as well as at one or two other stables where he tried the same game. Livery man No. 1, having begun to "smell a mice," conferred with the others and they agreed to look out for the fellow and have him arrested. Last evening they got on his trail at the depot and followed him thence to the Merchants Hotel. Here he was finally arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and taken to jail. He gave his name as Culbertson, and when his trial came up it transpired that he was the son of a federal official in Washington. His fine was paid by a friend here, and he was released from custody.

Montana Mutton.

This year's business, says the Wool Grower, shows that Montana wool is as great a favorite in the Eastern markets as Montana beef—if not relatively greater. With the exception of a few small sales of grain fed stock, the figures realized by our mutton have been head and shoulders above all others throughout the season. While these figures have by no means been high, they are a surprise in the light of the enormous receipts from all quarters during the season. On a single day in October 10,500 sheep were received at Chicago—the largest number received, we are informed, with one exception, in the history of the Union Stock Yards.

With receipts varying from 1,000 to 10,000 head per day, the price received for exactly similar stock would vary from day to day. With over a dozen roads entering the yards from the North, South and West, it is impossible to tell beforehand what the receipts are likely to be upon any day; you may strike a market flooded or comparatively bare—you must simply chance it. In one shipment, all owned by the same party and thrown on the market a part at a time for several days, the prices received ranged from \$3.70 down to \$3 per 100 pounds. These are about the limits of the prices received this season for our sheep, though a small number have sold for over \$3.70.

Winter Rates.

The following Schedule of winter freight rates in cents per hundred pounds, lately established between St. Paul and Chicago, goes into effect Nov. 16th:

Class rates—First-class, 60; second-class, 45; third-class, 30; fourth-class, 22. Carload lots—Fifth-class, 17; class A, 22; class B, 20; class C, 17; class D, 15. Special commodities—Rails and pig iron, car loads of twelve gross tons, \$2.50 per ton; railroad chains, nutlocks, splices, spikes and bolts, in car loads of 24,000 or over, 12¢ cents per 100 lbs.; soft lumber, shingles and laths, 15 cents; salt, cement, stucco and land plaster, \$1.02; wheat and flour, 17¢ cents; other grain, 15 cents; horses and mules, \$50 per car; cattle and hogs, \$40; calves, \$50; sheep, in single-deck cars, \$30; coal oil, carbon or lubricating naphtha, benzine, gasoline, in tanks—actual weight in barrels, fifty or over, in cases of 20,000 pounds or over, 17¢ cents per 100; ore, copper and pig iron, carloads of 12 gross tons, 12¢ cents per 100. Bullion—C. L. 24,000 lbs, 17¢ per cwt.

Special rates, under carload classes all expire December 31, 1885.

We are indebted for the above official figures to Mr. Chas. Howard, the general agent of the Royal Route, now in our city, to whose exertions in behalf of shippers is greatly due their establishment.

Canadian Pacific to Benton.

At a citizens meeting last week in Benton Mr. Barclay, engineer of the Canadian Pacific, stated, with reference to the proposed branch to that place, that the money was ready to build this road if there was business to warrant it, and that the decisive step would be taken upon the receipt of his report. The matter of local aid was discussed, and Mr. Barclay stated that with a proper bonus the road would be completed to Benton by next August. He thought it would be built anyhow, but a little encouragement of this kind usually hurries railroad matters along. While nothing definite was agreed upon, the meeting was entirely satisfactory, and the feeling among the people there is one of assurance that the road will be built next season.

Car Cultivation.

Dr. Cole was among those who secured from the Fish Commission agent a school of carp, the larger part of which he intends to deposit in a pond on his Prickly Pear ranch. Several he proposes to experiment with at his home on Grand street, believing he can grow them in a tank provided for that purpose.

SHOCKED.

An Earthquake or What?—Seeking the Cause of Disturbance.

Helena was mysteriously shaken up at about 10:15 o'clock this morning, heavy buildings in various parts of town being for a moment or two more or less jarred and rocked to and fro. Some assigned one cause and others another for the unusual disturbance.

One citizen believed Major General Cullen had slipped and fallen in coming down the steep grade of Ming's hill. Inquiry, however, showed that no mishap had befallen the Major General.

"May be a quake of conscience," suggested a wagish auctioneer, pointing his dexter thumb over his shoulder in the direction of the old St. Louis pile. This theory also failed to materialize. A call at the Independent office found Editor Swallow as unrepentant as ever.

"He's a liar if he says so and everybody is a liar," the reporter heard as he withdrew from the Professor's presence and nimbly skipped down the street stairway.

As it turned out, the shake-up was construed by the majority as a sample of the genuine quake—the earth movement, accompanied by a muffled rumbling noise, being east and west and lasting about two seconds.

The only damage reported inside the city gates, as far as ascertained, was the upsetting of the Independent bulletin board and the shaking of a quantity of chestnuts off a barrel head in front of Morris Bros' next door store. The board was replaced in position and most of the chestnuts picked up by the Independent chief, who is showing them to-day as the first nuts of the kind harvested in his neighborhood this season.

Enters Upon His Duties.

A pleasant interview with Mr. Braice, the new chief of the Helena U. S. Assay Office, who took charge and entered formally upon his duties this morning, left the impression upon the HERALD's mind that he is a well chosen appointee for the position. He is a young man of excellent address, and fitted by education and experience for the place so long and creditably filled by Mr. Harrison. The office in every department is in admirable shape, and the drilled staff of clerks and employes are probably highly acceptable to Mr. Braden. We judge he feels no particular embarrassment from the numerous applications for places, for the reason that he is under obligations to no political strikers who had nothing to do with his appointment. His position is a very responsible one, and it is pretty certain that he intends to thoroughly protect himself and the government by the employment about the office of only the most capable and trustworthy men.

Married.

Last Sunday, in Butte, the wedding bells rang out over a young couple whose fortunes were then joined together, who are well known in Helena. We refer to Mr. J. B. Morford and Miss Nellie McGavran. Mr. Morford will be remembered as the proprietor of a grocery house in Helena, which business he left only a short time ago and went to Butte to try his fortunes. We understand he now holds a prominent position in a large firm's branch store in Walkerville. Miss McGavran, the niece of Mrs. J. P. Woolman and Mrs. John Kinna, of Helena, during her visit last spring and summer, became well acquainted in society circles here. The couple were married at the residence of Wm. Jack, uncle of the bride, by the Rev. C. S. Blackiston. The HERALD extends congratulations.

Purchase of Gold.

Helena is the great central point for the exportation of all kinds of products in the Territory, and correspondent with the importance and extensiveness of the mining industry in Montana and adjoining Territories is the amount of precious metals monthly received here either for treatment in the U. S. Assay Office or for shipment East. As an illustration take the large amount of gold purchased by one of our National Banks this week. Up to last night (Tuesday) the Merchants National Bank, of this city, had this week purchased gold dust to the amount of \$30,000, and a purchase made by them this morning of 600 ounces of Cœur d'Alene gold, which will average \$17 per ounce, swells that sum to the enormous total of \$40,000 for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This is a pretty good showing for one institution, considering the fact that there are three other banks, besides the U. S. and numerous private assay offices, to share the amount of gold and silver brought into Helena. At that rate for three days, the figures for a month's transactions in the precious metals at Helena would be almost appalling in their enormity.

The Record Benton.

The following in regard to a well known army officer of Montana appeared in the Washington Critic a few days ago: First Lieutenant Philip Reade, Third Infantry, arrived here last night with his uncle, Gen. B. F. Butler, but will probably leave this afternoon for his home at Lowell, Mass., where he and Mrs. Reade are spending his leave. Lieutenant Reade is well known here from his long services in the Signal Corps. It was while at Fort Whipple (now Fort Meyer) that he beat the record on going up and down a pole—drilling in practical telegraph line building. A spirit of emulation existed as to who could go up and down a pole (using the flagstaff for practice) in the quickest time. Phil went up in good time and then fell down. He was ahead of the record about five seconds.

Assinaboie Mining Company.

A company has recently been incorporated under the name of the Assinaboie Mining Company, to develop the Assinaboie and Wickiup mines, near Lump gulch. The company is capitalized for \$500,000, divided into 100,000 shares at a par value of \$5 each. The officers are as follows:

President—W. E. Cullen. Vice President—Moses Morris. Secretary—L. V. Styles. Trustees—W. E. Cullen, Moses Morris, Henry Klein, W. E. Cox, A. J. Steele, L. V. Styles, R. F. Wilkinson.

TOWN AND TERRITORY.

The first snow of the season, about two inches, fell here last night.

Large water pipes, connected with the new reservoir, are being laid on south Main street.

It is reported that a stock company has been formed to develop mines near Marysville.

Specimens from the new strike in the Drum Lumman assay way up in the thousands per ton.

Highway robberies are frequent in Butte. Another one occurred the other day, when a poor negro was held up and robbed of \$7.

Rev. F. Flawith will preach on Sunday, the 34th inst., at Willow Creek at 10:30 a. m., and at Madison Hall the same evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Alice Flick, the woman shot by John Foley in Butte, is lying at the point of death at the hospital there. Chances are against her recovery.

Montana's famous old flyer, Hickory Jim, scored his last triumph for the season at Brighton Beach, November 7th, winning in a field of four—mile heat. Time, 1:37.

A fire last week at Livingston destroyed about \$3,000 worth of property, consisting of Stillman's saloon and three or four other buildings, owned by S. H. Baker. The origin of the fire is unknown.

On the first of the month 200 head of horses were stolen from Harris' horse ranch on Tongue river by white thieves and run off into Northern Wyoming. Cowboys started in pursuit, but at last accounts they had not come up with the thieves.

Mrs. Hyde, a woman residing on Nevada creek, Deer Lodge county, was brought into town yesterday and placed in the hospital for treatment. An examination disclosed the fact that she was insane, and it was decided to send her to the Warm Springs asylum. She was sent over yesterday in charge of an officer.

We have received a blue print map of the south side of Red Mountain, showing the locations on that slope and the line of the Consolidated Red Mountain tunnel. It was compiled by Mr. Robert J. Walker, surveyor for the Consolidated Company, from the official records in the Surveyor General's office.

The annual meeting of the Silver Bow Stockgrowers Association was held at Butte Saturday and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, S. H. Orr; Vice President, P. A. Largey; Secretary, J. W. Chapman; Treasurer, T. B. Gardner; Governing committee, Bullas Parrott, David Daniels, T. O. Mills, and John Ulrich.

In correction of the rumor of having endorsed the Independent's alphabetical employ for chief pusher of the government lawn mower, the jovial George Booker took extra pains, when waited upon, to impress upon the employ that it was a mistake; that any one thus reporting him "lied—under a misapprehension of the facts." George says, positively, that he never made any such recommendation.

On the 29th of October last Box Miller, J. M. Pearson, David Gard, R. W. White and John F. Hoskins were arrested in the Park and convicted of killing one elk and five deer within its confines. Gard and White pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each and costs, and the others were convicted and fined \$50 and costs. Their game must have been deer meet to them in both senses.

Says the Stockgrower's Assn.: The shipping season is now about over, and it may be said that never has the same amount of stock been handled by a railway, with the same universal success and satisfaction that the Northern Pacific has rendered to the stockmen this year. Nothing has been allowed to stand in the way of rushing cattle on to their destination when once loaded.

Says the Benton River Press: Nearly all the troops belonging to Fort Assinaboie which have been on detached duty during the summer have been called in. Capt. Wheaton's company of infantry, which has been stationed in the Sweet Grass Hills, and Capt. Hunter's troop of cavalry, which has been scouting on the Missouri river, returned last week. Only a small detachment is now stationed at Rocky Point.

The Choteau County Commissioners have cancelled the assessment of \$2,000 on the Conrad-Price herd of 6,000 head of cattle, lately driven into that county. The owners claim they were assessed and the assessment paid in Washington Territory this year. The Choteau Assessor thinks either the money invested or the cattle ought to be assessed. It is probable the question will be taken into court for settlement.

SILVER BOW LICENSES.

The \$44,000 left uncollected by the ex-Treasurer to be collected by the District Attorney.

The County Commissioners of Silver Bow county met on Friday last, and among other business passed an order directing District Attorney Pemberton to collect the licenses which the report of the experts upon the books of D. J. Welch, ex-Treasurer of the county, shows to have been left uncollected by him. The District Attorney is empowered to demand such amounts of the delinquent parties, and if they are not paid within thirty days after such demand has been made, to institute legal proceedings against the delinquents and compel them to pay up.

Central Pacific Lands.

The Central Pacific has inaugurated a new policy regarding the disposal of grazing lands in Utah and Nevada. Heretofore such lands have only been sold in such lots as the purchaser might select. In future the stock raiser will find lands divided into natural grazing ranges, the boundary being determined by the topographical features of the country, and each range having an ample supply of water. Some of the ranges are as small as 10,000 acres, some as large as 250,000, while one is 500,000 acres in extent. They will have natural boundaries, and their relation to water is such as to render it improbable that stock will stray to other ranges than those upon which they are placed. These ranges will either be sold or leased on long time and easy terms. The determination to allow such lands to be leased is due to many inquiries by stock raisers for lands to lease which they have hitherto been unable to secure. Many have been unable to purchase to stock one, with nothing left to purchase the range, and it is to put ranges within the reach of such men that it has been determined to adopt the policy of leasing them.

PERSONAL.

J. K. Pardee came in this morning from Phillipsburg.

S. A. Robinson, editor of the Boulder Sentinel, is at the Merchants.

P. W. McAdow, of Billings, arrived in the city Sunday evening last.

Andy Martin, brother of the well known Thomas L., is in the city.

A. P. Samples and family, of Calgary, N. W. T., are registered at the Grand Central.

F. W. Ellis, Jefferson, and W. N. Ten Eyck, Boulder, are registered at the Grand Central.

J. B. Hitchcock, representing Frazer, Chalmers & Co., of Chicago, is at the Cosmopolitan.

Charles H. Hood, proprietor of extensive flouring mills at Mandan, is at the Cosmopolitan.

S. W. Langborne, the new appointee as Register of the Helena Land Office, arrived from Bozeman last night.

Milo Clark, lately interested in a sheep ranch at Sun River, left for San Francisco this morning via the Union Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clarke, accompanied by their niece, Miss King, started for St. Joe, Mo., this morning via the Union Pacific route.

Messrs. C. T. Hobart and H. J. Hoppe are registered at the Cosmopolitan to-day. They are respectively the past and present proprietors of the Park Hotel at Mammoth Hot Springs.

George McDonald, of Diamond, and C. T. Collier, of Springfield, came in yesterday laden with the product of their placers, which they disposed of in the Helena market.

Among late arrivals at the Cosmopolitan are: P. J. Harrigan, Marysville; R. B. Wallace, Butte; Sam'l Goldstone, San Francisco; L. E. Lebolt, Chicago; M. J. McCutcheon, Thompson's Falls.

At the Merchants to-day are W. Harbo, Elkhorn; J. Dawson, Townsend; C. Buckingham and wife, M. O'Connor, Myrtle, I.; J. McCabe, Mrs. G. Zeigler, Gloster; J. Schinnick, Canton; G. D. Flesher, Lincoln.

Messrs. B. F. White and Howard Sebree, of the firm of Sebree, Ferris & White, arrived from Dillon last night to attend a law suit now pending in the court here. They are quartered at the Cosmopolitan.

Enoch Hodson, one of the pioneers of Helena, and for some years past a resident of Bozeman, is paying a brief visit to the Capital. Mr. Hodson reports the Gallatin county metropolis very lively and the fall trade exceptionally good.

Mr. F. E. Rice, accompanied by his wife and two other ladies of St. Paul, is at the Grand Central hotel in this city to-day. Mr. Rice is chief of the Pullman service in the Northwest and is on a tour of inspection of his department.

Helena Choral Union.

It is with pleasure we chronicle the permanent organization of the Choral Union, which was perfected last night. This association has been organized for the purpose of affording its members the opportunity to study and cultivate classical music. The musical talent in Helena is extensive and of the best quality, as seen from the occasional amateur performances in which it has been exhibited. This being so, an organization in which our musicians can join and have their taste cultivated and talent improved collectively cannot fail to be of great advantage to each member and a great improvement upon the individual mode of instruction. Membership in the association, however, should not operate to discontinue the individual study of its members, but on the contrary should stimulate each in endeavors to become more perfect in the art and thus conduce to the greater excellence of the society at large.

Last night the constitution was signed by fifteen persons, ladies and gentlemen, which number will be speedily augmented by the many others who were not in attendance last night. Indeed, the indications are that the society will soon number forty or fifty members. The officers of the Choral Union are as follows:

President—A. M. Thornburgh. Treasurer—Dr. Thomas Eckles. Secretary—Mrs. Henry W. Foote.

The society is under the direction of Prof. Joseph Borra, a former instructor in European conservatories, and a gentleman in every way capable of conducting and teaching it successfully. He has a fine selection of opera choruses, which the society are now studying, and new music of the best composers has been ordered from the East. Should the advancement of the members progress in the manner expected the society will give a few concerts during the coming winter and in future seasons. It is to be hoped that all our vocalists will join the Choral Union. Its meetings are held every Tuesday evening in the Professor's room, Horsky's building, on lower Main street.

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