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OUR HELENA LETTER.

HELENA, Feb. 8th, 1884.

EDITORS MINERAL ARGUS:

The Constitutional Convention will close its labors to-morrow evening, (Saturday). On some subjects there has been a great diversity of opinion, notably on that of prohibiting railroads and other common carriers from giving passes, and state, county and other public officers from receiving them. One party claiming that it was a matter for the Legislature to deal with, the other that it was good enough to put into the fundamental law, and after a long struggle the latter party prevailed. Another subject of contention was taxing mines; one party advocating taxing the net proceeds only—which is the law at present—the other claiming that all property ought to be assessed at its true value, and the mining interests, after another long struggle, prevailed. There was also a contention about putting God, or rather acknowledging the goodness of some unseen being, in the preamble. One party claiming that the United States had grown to be a great nation through the efforts of her own citizens, without help from the gods or any recognition of their existence, in the constitution or in the Declaration of Independence; the other party setting mum. Only three delegates, viz. Col. Calaway, of Madison and the two from your county, had the independence to vote according to their own convictions.

On the whole it has been a hard-working body, but whether the Constitution, the result of their labors, will be adopted by the people, remains to be seen. It is still a marvel to your correspondent where all the money comes from that is spent here. There appears to be extravagance everywhere, in dress, in living, in homes, etc., and nothing is more noticeable than the forwardness of the young. Fifty years ago, we sat and listened to our elders, now we sit and listen to our children. Our forefathers ruled the household. Now our children perform the same onerous duty and leave us out in the cold. Why this great change should have taken place in our day and generation, your correspondent knoweth not.

The social event of the week was the reception at Mings, a notice of which you will have seen in the Helena papers.

Weather cold, stock thin. Leave for the Pacific coast on the 12th. Will write you from there.

F.

SADDLE BAGS.

FT. MAGINNIS, Feb. 12th, 1884.

EDITORS ARGUS:—The Post has been very quiet since K Troop's ball, and nothing of any note has occurred to break the monotony.

Col. Broadwater made the post a visit last week. His stay was brief.

Col. Baker is again in command here, and Cap't McAdams has returned to his duties with K Troop. While we all regret to lose Cap't McA., as our Post Commander, still we welcome the gallant Colonel back with open arms.

Lieut. Brett, our genial Adjutant, has gone over to Junction with Dr. Stone. The latter gentleman has been in the Post but a short time, during which, everyone who has come in contact with him has learnt to recognize his high merits, both social and professional. We were surprised and shocked to hear that his wife, to whom he had been wedded but a few months, had died. Her death is the sad cause of the Dr's sudden journey east.

Lieut. Rucker has gone over to Assinaboine on a visit.

The telegraph line is still down in spite of the indefatigable efforts of the operator in charge, who has just returned from a futile endeavor to locate the trouble.

There are rumors of the approaching marriage of one of our local belles with a promising young N. C. O., whose fame still shines brightly in the histrionic annals of the garrison.

Through the kindness of Col. Baker and Cap't MacAdams, the employes of the Collar Co. have been rendered such aid as will enable them to tide over the hard times for a while.

It is with pleasure we announce the return of Mrs. Gurnsey, our old time resident of the Post.

We understand that cards are out for the approaching nuptials of our tonsorial artist and embryo millionaire, Mr. E. G. DeFrute, but as this is merely a rumor, we do not like to give publicity to the lady's name. We will content ourselves with saying she is a nice (grass) widow of from 19 to 90 or thereabouts.

Capt. MacAdams and the members of his Troop regret the loss of 22 of the old horses which have aided him to gain for the Troop the fame it now possesses. They will be sold at auction on the 22d inst. We hope they will find kind purchasers, as their long and faithful services entitles them to good treatment.

C. C.

Wool-Growers' Meeting.

A Call for the Wool-Growers in the Vicinity of Maiden to Meet at the Office of the Argus, on March 1st, 1884, at 2 P. M.

GENTLEMEN:—You are respectfully requested to attend this meeting, the object being to discuss and act upon matters relating to the coming season—as to the arrangement for shearing; what price to pay for such; the disposition of our wool; what points upon the river or railroad, will be most desirable to ship; to protect ourselves against the importation of "scab" or other infectious diseases; to designate as to what shall constitute a "sheared sheep," and in fact to discuss any subject pertaining to the management of sheep, for our mutual protection and general information. All are requested to attend.

H. P. BROOKS.
DAVID HILGER.
W. T. SWOPE.
C. W. COOK.
G. W. SAMPLE.
And many others.

Compulsory School Law.

It is a well authenticated fact, that there are parents in every school district, who do not seem to use thought or judgement, whether their children should attend school, or whether they should be allowed to remain at home and grow up in ignorance. It is a solemn fact that there are parents in this school district who can expend money for various luxuries and indulgences, but who can not spare the meagre sum of fifty cents to purchase books for their children. If parents do not deem it necessary that their children should attend school, or allow their children to dictate to them, whether they shall or shall not attend, when for some nonsensical reason they had taken a dislike to their teacher, then a law compelling parents to send their children to school should be enforced. Such a law would be beneficial to the school population of Maiden.

OBSERVER.

LOCAL NEWS.

Wo war sie versteckt?

Law business was good last week.

Is the backbone of winter busted?

Keep little better order in the courtroom, gentlemen!

Remember the dance at Clegg's on the 22d inst—to-morrow night.

David Innes returned to Maiden on Tuesday last, from Colorado.

We were not aware that Denny had been admitted to the bar, but we have often seen him practice before it.

Geo. Hume has opened a lunch house opposite the ARGUS office. Geo. is a rustler in his line and deserves success.

A lodge of the A.O.U.W. was organized Monday evening, 18th inst, at Reedsfort, by Max Waterman, Dep. G. M.

R. W. Robinson of Grape Range, representing Erwin Bros., was in town the first of the week. He expects to visit Billings, shortly.

The Mohammedan theory is that no women are admitted into heaven.—Ex. That settles it. Check our baggage for the other place.

The advertisement of the Louisville Courier-Journal will be found in this issue. It was unavoidably crowded out last week. Read it.

The wool-growers will meet at the ARGUS office on Saturday, March 1st, to consider questions of interest pertaining to that industry. See call elsewhere in our columns.

Imitation babies are now made so natural that it is difficult for any but experts to distinguish them from the genuine. Beware of counterfeits.—Bismarck Tribune.

Louis Brown, while descending the Collar hill on snow shoes, one day last week, struck a snag and went headlong into a stone pile, sustaining several bad bruises. It was a narrow escape.

We hope Col. Baker, post commander, will make it compulsory on some of his gallant lieutenants or majors to furnish the ARGUS with a communication once a week. We should hate to be obliged to order the troops off from the "mineral belt."