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A Correspondent Goes for the Benton Southern Line in an Uncharitable Manner.

JUDITH BASIN, March 10, '84.

EDITORS MINERAL ARGUS:

In your issue of March 8th, under the head of "Delayed Mails," you say: "On the Benton Southern, running between here and Martinsdale, the delay from the same cause, (high water) has been of equal duration." It is an old saying that "what is everybody's business, is nobody's business," and as long as no official complaint is made, the same advantage will be taken of a "long suffering public," that has been taken upon this line for the last six months. So far as any delay being caused upon this line from "high water" it is a well known fact that (at least between Ubet and Maginnis) the crossing of the streams have been solid all winter, in fact the best part of the road. The only stream that has been open is Big Spring Creek, over which there is a bridge that cost the builders and county some three or four hundred dollars. The real cause of the miserable manner in which the mails are delivered upon this line is the "don't care a d—mishness" of the contractor, who (snugly ensconced upon his ranch at Martinsdale) don't care whether the mails come through or not, so long as he can draw his quarterly div. The contractor or contractors have been over the line once since last October, and the whole business is left to the drivers who (though doing the best they can with the miserable outfit placed at their disposal) have been unable to compete with the severe winter, and their repeated request of the contractor for additional facilities are treated with silent contempt.

It is true the roads have been in a worse condition than usual this winter, but there has been, or is not, anything to prevent the regular delivery of the mails, had any extra efforts been made. But is it not a farce that a tri-weekly mail should be delivered once a week, occasionally twice, month after month, and no notice be taken of the matter by the proper authorities, when private parties have been going over the same route all winter, easily making the time the mail ought to make. A party left the vicinity of Beaver creek last week, 28 miles, from Maginnis, at ten o'clock A. M., and returned from Maginnis at 11 o'clock P. M., the same day, while it took the mail four days to make the trip from Ubet, only 22 miles further. An occasional loss of a trip is to be expected in winter, but now, when the winter breaks up, and the coolies and depressions become full of water, and the roads really in a bad condition, unless the attention of the department is called to the matter (which alone will make the contractors fulfill their contract) we will be left without mails entirely. Yours truly,
VICTIM.

SHEARING AT CLAGETT.

The wool growers in the vicinity of Maiden had a meeting in that town on the 1st inst., and among other things resolved to drive their sheep to the mouth of the Judith to shear, and from that point they will ship their wool. G. R. Norris, of Clagett, was present, and agreed to have sheds erected, and conveniences for the wool growers of that section provided. This scheme will do very well for those who want to ship their wool, but if they want to sell, it will pay them to come a good many miles further to Benton, where there will be active competition not only among wool buyers, but—when it comes to purchasing supplies—among our merchants.—River Press.

The position taken by the River Press on this subject is a little one-sided. Knowing the reasons that led to the choosing of Clagett by the wool growers as the point to which to drive their sheep, and ship from, we are confident that they have acted wisely. As to buyers, if they want the wool, they will gladly go to Clagett and pay as much for it at that point as at Benton. Regarding supplies, these men prefer to patronize home industries, especially when the price is less than it is after the freight is paid from Benton.

Montana is destined to become the great mining centre of the world.

Stock Growers Attention!

A meeting of the stock-growers is hereby called to convene at H. P. Brook's ranch, on Warm Spring Creek, Monday, March 31st.

Stockmen who have herds ranging between Big Spring Creek and Black Butte, are desired to be present.

H. P. BROOKS.
JAMES FERGUS & SON.
JAMES DEMPSEY.
OTTEN & RANGES.

LOCAL NEWS.

Winter seems to linger in the lap of spring, with a great deal of composure and serenity, maby a pin would expediate his flight somewhat.

C. C. Snow took his departure on last Friday's coach, for St. Paul. It is thought his trip there is in relation to matters connected with the Collar Co.

The dance given last Thursday evening, for the benefit of the Maiden String Band, netted the boys a neat little sum, and was surprisingly well attended, for the brief notice given. All present seemed to enjoy themselves hugely. The music was first-class; the recent acquisition to the band adding largely to the merits of the organization. We heartily recommend them to the public.

We are informed by A. C. Johnson that the "pilgrim" cattle brought into the Judith country last summer by T. C. Power & Bro. have come through the winter and with only the slightest loss. A large number of them were driven beyond Fort Maginnis, where the snow was very light and other conditions favorable. The younger and weaker ones were kept in the vicinity of Gov. Brooks' ranch, and were fed hay during the "cold snap."—River Press.

Narrow Escape.

The report of a gun fired in the streets, one evening last week, brought the majority of our citizens out to see what had happened. It seems our worthy friend, F. C. Dwinelle, on leaving a cutter in front of his cabin, on Main street, caught hold of a double-barreled shot gun and drew it out from under the seat, with the muzzle pointed toward him, when the hammer, coming in contact with the seat, discharged one barrel. The charge carried away a portion of his coat-tail besides scorching his pants considerable. It was a narrow escape. Dwinie had a complexion for a short time that would have compared favorably with the "Jersey Lily." He is a little short on coat but long on experience.

The Condition of Stock.

Although the winter, thus far has been quite severe, the snow fall in this section exceptionally large, still, from what information we can gather, the losses sustained by cattle and sheep men, are but trifling. From Mr. Stuart, who has one of the largest bands of cattle in Montana, we learn that stock is doing well, he only suffering the loss of a few calves by the recent heavy snow fall, which is rapidly disappearing from the ranges from the effect of the warm sun and the old reliable chinook. Power & Brooks, on Warm Springs creek, have lost a few head of state cattle, driven in last fall, but not enough to condemn the experiment in this section, whatever may be the experience in other portions of the territory. It has been a hard winter and a severe test of the practicability of such importations, which, if successful, will add a new feature to the industry in this region.

The sheep men are in no way cast down; their bands being free from scab and other infectious diseases, and wintering well. Those engaged in the industry in this vicinity, are, as a general thing, well provided with good sheds and plenty of hay. The approach of the lambing period is looked forward to with a great deal of anxiety and a warm and early spring is much desired to guarantee the usual increase.

The fine weather of the past few days gives promise of an early breaking up, and causes a broad smile to pervade the countenances of stock men as well as citizens engaged in other pursuits.

Martinsdale Society