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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

Councilman—Fletcher Maddox.
Representatives—Jacob Titman, James Fergus.
Sheriff—John W. Bock.
Clerk and Recorder—W. T. McFarland.
Treasurer—Frank E. Wright.
Probate Judge—D. A. Meagher.
Assessor—Geo. M. Stafford.
Commissioners, E. P. Chandler, S. S. Hobson, Alf. J. Stephens.
County Attorney—Frank E. Smith.
Supt. of Schools—Miss W. A. Shipman.
County Surveyor—L. W. Eldridge.
Public Administrator—S. W. Darling.
Coroner—A. W. Sifton.

COUNTY COMMITTEE.

Hon. James Fergus.....Fort Maginnis.
N. M. Erickson.....Lewistown.
Alf. J. Stephens.....Utica.
Marshall Jackson.....Lewistown.
Frank E. Smith.....Cottonwood.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

Councilman—W. H. Sutherlin.
Representatives—J. E. Kanouse, Granville Stuart.
Sheriff—G. W. Kelly.
Treasurer—T. J. Vivian.
Clerk and Recorder—Wm. F. Miller.
Probate Judge—John Toombs.
Assessor—Mike Garnett.
Commissioners, J. P. Barnes, Wm. Berkin, S. F. Morse.
County Attorney.
County Surveyor.
Supt. of Schools—David Culbreath.
Public Administrator—Stephen May.
Coroner—Dr. L. A. Lapalme.

COUNTY COMMITTEE.

L. Landt.....Maiden
P. Saunders.....
I. R. Shelton.....Utica
Dan'l M. Crowley.....Lewistown
David Hilger.....Christina

Announcement!

TO THE ELECTORS OF FERGUS COUNTY:

Acting upon the suggestion and advice of Republicans of Fergus county, I hereby announce myself an independent Republican candidate for the office of County Attorney.

RUDOLF VON TOBEL, JR.

Lewistown, M. T., Sept. 6, 1886.

Vote!

Vote for the best men!

Send election returns to the ARGUS by return mail.

Make the vote of Fergus county as large as possible. But shoot the man who repeats!

It might be a good idea to hang up one or two of Mr. Pinkerton's Chicago militia along with the Anarchists. Private detectives make a mistake when they consider themselves private executioners.—Ex.

The Indian fight in the vicinity of Belknap is declared off, the Canadian hostiles failing to put in an appearance. We were hoping they would exterminate each other and thus reduce the government appropriation for that agency.

Earthquakes are still shaking up the Southern states. From Charleston, South Carolina, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Savannah, Georgia, comes reports of shocks, in some instances the earth oscillated very perceptibly.

A New Orleans girl claims to have lived seventeen days on air. The Minneapolis Tribune says here is a fine opportunity for some young man to marry an airess. Young ladies who can subsist on such diet could do well in Montana. We have plenty of fresh air.

Lieut. Beacom of Fort Shaw has captured five of the Indians that raided the upper portions of the Judith valley last week, and recovered twenty of the horses stolen from the settlers. The stock will be returned to the settlers, and the Indians held for civil trial or dealt with under military rule. Lieut. Beacom deserves a gold medal, as he is the first military officer who has captured a red-skin in these parts, with one exception, for years.

A New York special to the Independent says the Northern Pacific directors have finally resolved to authorize the construction at once of three branch lines in the territory of Montana, and work is ordered to begin at once. The Northern Pacific company cannot afford to overlook the Judith and Musselshell countries in the construction of feeders. It will soon have competition from the north in Jim Hill's road, as it will undoubtedly strike the Missouri river within fifty miles of the Judith Basin.

An impression prevails, probably caused by the error in the posted notices of election issued by the clerk and recorder of Meagher county, that justices of the peace and constables are to be elected this fall, as usually. Such is not the case, however, as the law creating Fergus county states that the commissioners of said county shall appoint all such officers to hold until the next general election in 1888, the present officers holding over until their successors are appointed and qualified. The commissioners will appoint two justices of the peace, two constables and one road supervisor for each township at their first meeting in December.

Geronimo and fourteen of his band have been ordered to Fort Pickens, Florida, while the remainder, women and children, go to Fort Marion, Fla. to be kept in close confinement until further advice from the secretary of war. Secretary Endicott, in his order, says: "These Indians have been guilty of the worst crime known to the law, committed under circumstances of great atrocity, and the public safety requires that they be removed far from the scenes of their depredations and guarded with the strictest vigilance."

The impression prevails that it was the desire of the cabinet to have these Indians suffer death, but the conditions of surrender acceded to by Gen. Miles compromises the power of the government to act and in consequence they become prison wards.

When Commissioner Sparks has made up his mind that anybody is a rascal and a thief that settles it, so far as he is concerned, for all time. When he went into the land office he decided, on the strength of a report by a special agent, that the Montana Improvement Company was a corporation of thieves and has since acted accordingly. The fact that serious charges are made affecting the character of his special agent for truth and veracity and general morality does not affect the commissioner in the least or dispose him to investigate the matter more closely before taking it into the courts. Doubtless Sparks would deem it quite the proper thing to dispense with courts altogether and render final judgment himself.—Pioneer Press.

In this issue of the ARGUS will be found two communications from Hon. James Fergus in defense of the last legislature and the laws passed by that body. We are willing to concede that there were honorable and wise men in the last legislature, that some good laws were passed and some valuable work done for our stock interests, the result of which has been so ably and fully demonstrated by Messrs. Fergus and Stuart. We know there is a tendency in this age for one set of men to complain of the work of another. It has become the age of demagoguery, to a certain extent, and he must be a careful, generous and charitable man, who does not join in the prejudicial cry raised against any man or set of men who rise above mediocrity in ability or worldly possessions. It was far from our intention to touch the ripe and poisonous weed that its seed should take root in the virgin soil of Montana—seed too that grows distrust, doubt, socialism and anarchism. Alas for our fair country when men lose confidence in their fellowmen and doubt their honor and sincerity of purpose. We must stop, examine ourselves, see if there are not some embitterments, some groundless, untenable objection that has grown by constant nourishment, which needs only the light of reason and investigation to dispel.

Mr. Fergus comes to the defense of the last legislature and its acts in a vigorous manner. No man can doubt the honesty or sincerity of Mr. Fergus. But the fact remains, however, that there are a number of laws that should be repealed next winter. There will be ample time after election to point out the defects of various laws, at least as the laws apply to this county. We have no desire to prejudice the chances of any man on the legislative ticket. Fergus county wants representation and it behooves voters to see that we get it.

TURN OUT AND VOTE.

It is thought by some that there are more voters in the new county of Fergus than in the old county of Meagher. It is not likely that either county will poll anywhere near its strength. The last election was on a presidential year, and although debarred from a ballot in the national contest, it had its influence and inspiration on voters. The origin of a new county, and the first election of officers to serve the people thereof, should be of sufficient importance to insure a heavy vote. At this season of the year a great many stock men and their employes are liable to be away from home, and ranchmen who live remote from precincts may not find the time to cast their votes. The anxious candidates should look after the latter. Turn out and bring your neighbor to the polls.

The total vote last year of what will hereafter be known as Fergus county, was 884. It is thought by those most competent to judge, that the vote next Tuesday will reach 1,100, if not more. There will be a falling off in the vote of some precincts and large gains in others. Lewistown cast 146 votes at last election; it should poll 250 votes next Tuesday. Maiden cast 190 votes last election, its vote next Tuesday will probably reach 150, a falling off; Andersonville cast 23 votes two years ago, this year, the vote will not be above 15. Cottonwood polled 81 votes two years ago, it should be doubled next Tuesday. The precincts on the Judith will show a large increase in vote. Two years ago there were but 16 precincts in Fergus county, now there are 24.

FORT MAGINNIS NEWS.

We have a new barber.

Good health on this side of the range.

Take the short road to Maiden and save two miles.

A large cat owl was recently shot in Col. Smith's stable.

Dr. Stone has had a day or two of rest from visiting patients.

Broadwater, McNamara & Co. have received a supply of apples.

A series of runaways and accidents lately, but nothing very serious.

It is reported that there are more deer and antelope in this vicinity than for several years.

A well has been dug near the saw mill which will furnish an abundant supply of good water.

Mr. Kelly of the post trader's store will run for county clerk and recorder on the republican ticket.

Mr. Parmley Billings visited the garrison last week. He had been looking after his interests at the I-I horse ranch.

The strength of the garrison was increased several days ago by the arrival of recruits. The troop in the field are expected back on the 25th inst.

Mr. T. J. Vivian of Lewistown, candidate for county treasurer on the Democratic ticket, visited the post on Saturday, the 23d inst.

JUDITH VALLEY LOCALS.

The fall term of school has begun at Utica and Philbrook.

Mr. Dan. Sample sold 250 steers to James Perkins, of Chestnut.

Mr. L. J. Howell has gone to his home in New York to receive medical treatment.

Mrs. Daniel Waite and her daughter, Mrs. Clark, have left for their home in Penn Yan, N. Y.

Every available man is employed on the roundup which makes a scarcity of men to do ranch work.

Stockmen are making unusual preparations for the winter by renting fields and buying hay and straw.

Mr. Bill Newton's services being required upon the roundup has necessitated the closing of his hospitable mansion.

Mr. Clarence Goodell and Mr. Theo. Gray have gone to Helena to purchase cattle which they will drive to their ranch here.

Mr. John D. Waite has recently returned from the east, bringing with him a bride who promises to be a great addition to society here.

Mr. L. B. Divers contemplates spending the winter in the states. He brought out some cattle this spring and they are doing so well he thinks he can leave them to "rustle."

The roundup has about completed work at the Ross Fork corrall. They are driving upwards of 2,000 head. The quarter part of them will be driven to Billings. A small drive will be made to the Indian agencies.

The threshers have made the tour of the valley and given general satisfaction. Most of the crops have fallen short nearly one half. Fred. Warren had the largest crop on the river, having had 3,300 bushels thrashed.

E. J. Morison & Co. have just completed the sale and delivery of a number of fine full-blooded and grade Polled-Angus bulls. They will be wintered by the parties purchasing and turned upon the range in the spring.

A very pleasant entertainment was given at the Philbrook hall for the purpose of raising funds to make improvements upon the Methodist parsonage. A fine supper was served and there were booths where ice cream, cake, nuts and candy were served. They realized over fifty dollars.

The Methodist quarterly meeting was held at Philbrook this week. Services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel and Rev. F. A. Riggin of the Mount Mission M. E. Church.

Rev. Mr. Stevenson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bozeman, preached on Friday of last week. The object of his visit was to perfect arrangements for organizing a church of that denomination at that place.

The Indians made a raid upon the inhabitants of Pig-eye basin, driving off thirty head of horses, some of the settlers losing all they had. Thirteen head were taken from Mr. Hoover, then passing over the two adjoining fields, they took from Messrs David and Babcock all the horses they had. It has since been reported that twenty three of the horses and the five Indians have been captured. Mr. Hoover has been energetically pursuing them, camping on their trail.

D. A. L.

Who Shall We Have for Commissioners?

JUDITH VALLEY, Oct. 18, 1886.

EDITORS ARGUS:—As the good people of the baby county of the territory—Fergus—are about to decide who they will call, as public servants, to look after the many little and yet important details of this political division of our beloved territory, I take the liberty to ask for space in your neat and newsy little sheet to ventilate some of my ideas and at the same time to contradict certain stories that have reached my ears, which I consider pure and simple political yarns, gotten up to injure the chances of election of one to whom every voter in Fergus county is indebted for his efforts and effective work in getting a portion of the taxes collected from us.

Now, I consider every officer required by our statutes, to carry on a county government, necessary, and more, I feel confident that the office of auditor should be created, for reasons that every business man, and in fact the majority of your readers well understand; and while all these offices, even the unremunerative office of public administrator, are important to the end of good government, I maintain that we cannot secure the services of too good or competent citizens to fill them.

Though the candidates for sheriff heads, as customary, the county tickets, and that office is one of, if not the best salaried office in the gift of the people of a county, let me ask your readers if they entertain the thought that it is the most important to fill? If they do, let me ask, who audits the sheriff's accounts and approves or disapproves of every sum for which the county becomes liable? There we have it in a nut shell! We American people create state, territorial, county and township governments for what? To enable us to protect ourselves and our property and make public improvements, and for which purpose we willingly pay such a per cent, per year of the value of our earthly possessions to secure the services of competent citizens to attend to the duties appertaining to the offices that time and experience have proven are necessary, and to see that public improvements are made so as to be of advantage to the majority. While the various officers are keeping track of our property, protecting us, and not overlooking the assessments to pay for the same, who is looking after said officers to see that we—the taxpayers—are not being (to use a Montana slang phrase) "worked?" Who is looking out for a proper expenditure of the "Poor Fund," "Road and Bridge Fund," etc, etc?" The insignificant, yet most important, commissioners. Therefore I claim that the most important office to fill is that of commissioner. Do we lack material to select from in the nominees of the two parties? I claim not. Each party has nominated three representative men, men who are known to possess over-average business qualifications, and if we were entering an election, other than the first in the county, I would say, Republican, vote for your party nominees! Democrat, vote for your party nominees! But such is not the case. By legislative enactment Meagher county has been divided; the eastern portion becomes Fergus county December 1st, 1886. Between the two counties there is a difference to settle; and it may be adjusted so that we start off with a comparatively light indebtedness, or the reverse.

Now let me ask, can new and inexperienced men in county affairs be expected to cope with old hands and secure as equitable a settlement as one who is thoroughly familiar with every matter that will be considered in this coming adjustment? I am safe in saying that all your readers will agree that they cannot. Then is it not to our advantage to have an experienced man there, if we can possibly secure his services? By all means, and as we have the opportunity, I for one will "scratch" my ticket and place the name of William Berkin thereon in place of one I think less qualified, naturally, and without experience; and I believe this is a duty we owe to ourselves as tax-payers. If a single charge of malefeasance could be laid at Commissioner Berkin's door, and proven, I would drop him like a hot potato, but of all the talk I have heard, not a bit of it is but hearsay when inquiry is made as to its source.

It has been claimed, and considerably noised about the Basin, that should Berkin be elected he would immediately take steps to have county buildings erected at Lewistown, even in direct antagonism to the wishes of the majority of the tax-payers of the county. This assertion I know to be false as he has told me, and in my presence informed prominent and influential citizens of Lewistown that should he be chosen as a commissioner he would not sanction the erection of a court house until the people, by popular suffrage expressed a desire, by a majority vote, therefor.

A commissioner can use his position to advance his personal ends and also his friends, but in no instance can it be truthfully said that William Berkin has done so.

Up to two years ago, hardly a dollar was spent in eastern Meagher county on our public highways. Your paper, then the Mineral ARGUS, insisted that at least a portion of the road tax collected here be expended here; the people took up the hint and petitioned the commissioners and as a result within the last two years roads have been made passable throughout the Basin, bridges built, etc. Who are we indebted to for this? No one but Wm. Berkin.

Let the voters deliberate over the above statements and I am satisfied many will feel as I do, that an old experienced commissioner can and will do more for our new county than an inexperienced one, although his motives be the best.

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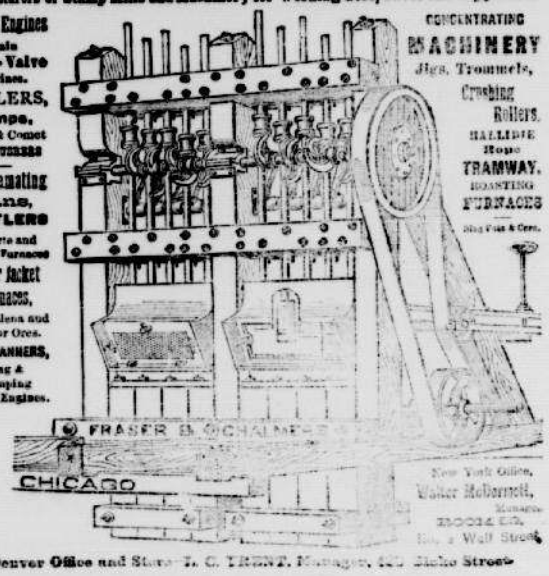

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