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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Take the fifty soldiers out of Lewistown and dull times would follow. However, we would still have Messrs. Deaton and Lindsey.

J. A. Walsh, of the law firm of Walsh & Newman of Helena, is in town this week. Mr. Walsh is looking after the interests of W. R. Early in the Gilt Edge mining suits.

W. W. Parrott, the jovial postmaster of Belmont, Choteau county, and a former resident of this county, has been spending some time with his friends in this vicinity. The past week was passed in Lewistown. Mr. Parrott says he is not worrying about his sheep, he has good men in charge and sufficient hay to feed the stock a month, if necessary.

In Justice Gudge's court last week T. K. Carson swore to a complaint charging Frank Lamb, formerly of Lewistown, with obtaining from complainant \$82 under false pretenses. The amount paid by Carson was for furniture transferred by Lamb and which Carson alleges, he (Lamb) did not own. Mr. Carson arrived Tuesday night from Billings.

Friday evening last a "stag" party was participated in by some 30 of our jovial citizens, at the Sunset club rooms. Good stories, music, the initiation of late comers and a light lunch furnished the amusement for the evening. While the investigators of the entertainment seemed to be an uninvolved question, the evening was none the less enjoyable to those who attended.

A. P. Brewington, postmaster at Irene, brought his wife to town last week for medical treatment and expects to return home tomorrow, his wife accompanying him. Mr. Brewington is much interested in the proposed extension of the mail service through the mountains from Irene to Lewistown and has taken out with him a petition which he will request residents south of the Snowies to sign.

G. J. Wiedeman and P. C. Weydert are traveling homeward together. Mr. Weydert joined an excursion arranged by the Minneapolis Journal and has during the past two months, visited New Orleans, City of Mexico, Galveston, Dallas, points in Arizona and New Mexico and California. Since returning to Chicago he has been east to Trenton, N. J., from whence his sister, Miss Augusta, accompanied him to Washington, D. C.

Other than the disposal of probate business the district court has so far been engaged in the trial of the grand larceny case against Geo. W. Ayres, the jury in which case is Frank Scovel, H. P. Welsh, W. B. Shiell, Cyrus Stiles, Irving Shipes, Benj. McDonald, Wm. Skelton, Z. S. Baker, J. R. Mason, T. R. Sands, T. R. Daly and G. W. Eastman. The trial of Ed Waters will follow this case and the Johns and Hoffman man libel cases next.

The Great Falls Tribune says that suit will soon be commenced in that county by eastern trust companies against the county to secure the refunding of amounts charged by the sheriff for the sale of property under foreclosure proceedings, in cases where there was no actual transfer of cash and the mortgage bid in the property for his own protection. The point is an interesting one and if won by the trust companies would unquestionably result in similar suits in many counties.

The following homestead patents have been received at the land office during the past week: Jacob S. Knerr, Otto D. Newman, Thos. Nicholson, James Hart, John Hartz, Taylor, Isaac Turner, Chas. H. Gardner, J. E. Frye, Alfonso Jackman, H. O. Emerson, E. G. Worden, Sarah McCann.

The "agitators" have been much concerned this week because Sheriff Waite had not returned from the east and the ignorant alleged that the office of sheriff was vacant. Mr. Waite having been absent from the state longer than sixty days allowed by law, Mr. Waite's friends believe he must have been delayed by sickness or the weather for it was his intention of reaching Lewistown for the ensuing term of court. As to whether he has been out of the state sixty days or not, we are not advised, for while he left Lewistown on the 19th of January, he remained at Great Falls for several days and how long he visited in Helena and Butte before going to Salt Lake City, or whether he is now in the state, is not positively known, so far as we have heard.

Saturday evening the first annual meeting of the Citizens' Electric Co. was held at the office of the secretary, C. F. Little. Prior to incorporation a board of directors was named to hold for three months and that their action has been endorsed is evidenced by the fact that nearly all were re-elected for a term of one year. The following directors were chosen: John Warr, W. D. Symmes, G. W. Cook, D. M. Crowley, C. F. Little, David Hilger, Samuel Phillips, G. M. Stone and J. L. Stuart. Subsequently the directors chose the following officers: President—G. M. Cook; vice-president—D. M. Crowley; secretary—C. F. Little; treasurer—G. M. Stone. Bids for the building of the ditch will be opened the first day of April, and negotiations are now pending for the purchase of a dynamo capable of furnishing 1,000 16-candle power lights, water wheel, wires, etc. The directors will push the business as rapidly as possible and hope to begin work on the ditch as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The storm last week caused much trouble in the mail service. While few citizens found fault with the coaches for not traveling during the storm or for being late for two or three trips afterward, it seems they had a righteous kick when the coach which left Great Falls Friday morning did not reach Lewistown until Monday noon. Laying over at Stanford from Saturday night to Sunday morning and passing Utica at 12:30 p. m. Sunday, they should certainly have reached the terminal that night. Parties leaving Utica at 11 a. m. easily reached Lewistown at 6 p. m. and without a change of horses.

Owing to the storm and the condition of the roads the attendance at the masquerade ball Thursday evening last (St. Patrick's day) was not half what it would otherwise have been. Some forty couples attended. Previous to the general dancing, sixteen boys and girls, handsomely dressed, entertained the ciders with the May pole dance for which they had been trained by Mr. Surprenant. The children performed the dance very prettily and without fault until almost the last steps, when one became a trifle tangled, but not sufficient in any way to mar the beauty of the figure. The handsomest costumes on the floor were those of Mrs. Sam Weaver, who represented "Annie Oldthing," J. W. LeQuatte as a Mexican, George Gilpatrick in the uniform of a Canadian mounted police and Sam Weaver as a sunflower. Prizes were awarded for superiority in several styles of costumes and the evening passed off very pleasantly.

In conversation with Lieut. Wallace Sunday last, the officer said, concerning the possibility of the Montana militia being called out and the possible desire of some of the members of the Lewistown company to be excused from going, that the matter lay with the governor. That if the governor should desire, every enlisted man would be obliged to go, excepting civil officers, but that as there would be sufficient number of men in the state who would be anxious to enlist it was altogether probable that those who desired to remain at home could secure a discharge. The lieutenant very much doubted whether the point would be raised, however, as he said few men would care to make such a request, and he further questioned the likelihood of the troops being called. While commenting upon this matter we do not wish to even insinuate cowardice on the part of any member of the newly enlisted company, but it is quite possible some members would find that their duties to their families would deter them from obeying an immediate order to depart.

Saturday evening the school trustees of this district opened bids for the purchase of district bonds to the amount of \$25,000, being 6 per cent. 10-20's, \$6,000 of the proceeds to be used for refunding outstanding obligations and \$17,000 for building purposes. Four bids were submitted: A. E. Dickerman, Great Falls, \$150 premium; First National Bank of Butte, \$50 premium; Thos. Cruse Savings Bank of Helena, \$1,600 premium; Bank of Fergus County, Lewistown, \$1,552.50 premium. The two former bidders specified that the bonds were to be delivered at their place of business, while the Helena bank stipulated the delivery to be made either at Helena or at Chicago at the bank's option. Considering these requirements and that the Bank of Fergus County would receive the bonds here and their bid was only \$7.50 less than the Helena bank, the bonds are awarded to the Bank of Fergus County, a cause of much gratification to the trustees who were pleased to have the indebtedness carried out by our home institution. The board awarded the printing of the bonds to the Western Bank Note Co., of Chicago, for \$125.

Lieut. R. D. Wallace, who visited Lewistown the past week to muster in the company of the National Guard, is no stranger to this section. His father, Major Wallace, formerly owned the Hobson ranch near Utica, and there made his home with his family. The lieutenant left this section, with his parents, in 1884 and this was his first visit to Lewistown. He is a very pleasant gentleman and was remembered by many who knew him when a young man. The 2nd Cavalry, of which Lieut. Wallace is first lieutenant, is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, the lieutenant having been serving on detail duty in this state for two years past. He is anxious to go to the front if his regiment is called and for this reason, if no other, hurried his departure from Lewistown, so that he might be on the railroad if the call came. Concerning the prospect of war, Lieut. Wallace is inclined to the opinion that the Spanish-American embroglio will be settled peacefully but says the regulars are anxious for an opportunity to fight. At Fort Harrison as at all other posts in the state, the troops are prepared for emergency orders, but have no further knowledge of the department's intentions, than have been given to the public.

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Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

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Last week we noted the advertisement for bids for a six-times-a-week stage service from Castle to Lewistown from July 1st next, and forecasted its probable effect on the present line to Billings. By the Billings Times of the 18th inst. we note the calling for bids for a stage service from Billings to Lavinia from July 1st, next, which would seem to bear out our theory. The contract for carrying the mails from Billings to Lewistown has already been let, but the establishment of these two new routes would seem to forecast the discontinuance of the line from Lavinia to Ubet, as there is but one intermediate station—Halt—between this could be served by a special route from Lavinia. Such a change will be a great inconvenience to the residents of the southern portion of this county who must be in close communication with the county seat and also to those who desire to go east or south over the Northern Pacific or Burlington. Those citizens south of the Snowies would receive their mail in a very indirect manner and the eastbound passengers via the Northern Pacific or Burlington would need to go to Castle, travel westward to the junction of the Montana Railroad and the Northern Pacific and then eastward to Billings, causing much delay and extra expense. Of course, those going westward would find this route preferable to that now traveled as when they arrived at Lombard they would be much nearer Helena or Butte than are either Billings, Benton or Great Falls. The people of Billings should bestir themselves, and either secure the reinstatement of the through line from Billings to Lewistown as now run or a new route directly from Lavinia to Lewistown, as we suggested last week. Their close communication with Lewistown is seriously threatened.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Take your fine watch work to D. E. Hemphill.

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Cured meats of all kinds at the Lewistown Meat Market.

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Buy your shingles of C. C. Long. Prices low and quality guaranteed.

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Miss Grace Harris will open a private school in June, shortly after the close of the city schools.

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A fresh stock of Northern grown garden seeds just received by Bertrand & Hopkins, they will sell in quantity to suit purchasers by the package, ounce, pound or bushel, at lowest market prices.

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