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NOTICE.

Advertisements and Local Notices handed in for publication, unless the time is specified for their publication, will be inserted for the first time, and charged for accordingly.

We wish our patrons to distinctly understand that hereafter Job Printing and Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance. No exception will be made to this rule.

R. W. HILL, of Gallatin City, will call on all indebted to the COURIER in that neighborhood for the amounts due.

V. A. COCKRILL, Esq., of Central Park, was in town 01 Wednesday, looking hale and hearty.

The best of sporting and blasting Powder at WALTER COOPER'S Gun Store.

The best Christmas Gift you can make is one of those handsome CEROMOS. Only a few left, at HOLZMAN'S & BROS.

Oats are advancing in this market, and now command one dollar per hundred lbs. They are now sought after, and a further advance is expected.

Stop at the Metropolitan Hotel. Good fare, comfortable rooms and reasonable charges will be had.

The Montanians make a big item over the arrival in that place from Gallatin of some four thousand pounds of fresh pork. Why, Martin & Myers of Bozeman expect to pack 50,000 pounds, and no fuss is made over it.

Two DOLLARS a sack for XXX Flour will be allowed on payments of subscription to the COURIER, if brought in before Christmas.

New goods are still coming in for our merchants. The demand is very great in Bozeman for leading articles, and hence the constant importation of supplies.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Drug Store of W. W. Morris in Bozeman are hereby notified to come forward immediately and settle.

While we hear the cry of hard times in other towns in Montana, our business men are going on in the even tenor of their way, and say they have as good, if not a better trade than at any period since they have been doing business in Bozeman.

1000 pounds of wheat wanted at this office, for which one dollar a hundred will be allowed on subscription.

The Montana Fair Association have increased their list of premiums by \$1,200, making the amount \$5,200, besides about \$1,500 of special premiums offered by citizens of Helena.

THERE are several boxes of those fine California apples still at Rich, Wilson & Bogert's. They are the finest winter apples we have ever seen in this market. Selling at cost.

Don't forget the meeting on next Tuesday evening, for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee on a Charter for the town of Bozeman. It will take place at the hall of the Young Men's Association, and it is desired that all of our citizens should be present.

The Metropolitan Hotel, JOHN BLUM proprietor, corner Main and Bozeman streets, is furnishing its patrons with every delicacy of the season.

GEORGE KENNEDY, of Creighton & Co., Corinne, Utah, paid our place a visit this week and interviewed our business men regard to freight next year. He is a very pleasant gentleman and has many winning ways, and we hope he will visit Bozeman again.

PORK WANTED.

The undersigned will pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE for Pork.

MARTIN & MYERS,

City Meat Market, Bozeman, M. T.

This interest in the services in the Church, conducted by Rev. T. C. Hill and M. Bird, is undiminished, and services have been continued every evening since Conference.—There is much seriousness manifested, and several persons have united with the Church. The Pastor of the Methodist Church is indefatigable in his efforts to do all the good he can in his charge.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to STRASBURGER & SPERLING are requested to call and settle their accounts before the first day of January, 1874.

VINEGAR BITTERS, by the bottle or case, and all the leading Patent Medicines, at the new Drug Store of W. W. Morris, Bozeman.

JOHN M. SWERNY, Esq., of the firm of T. C. Power & Co., Helena, gave us a call this week, and we were much pleased to see him. His house is the recipient of a good trade for agricultural implements from this country. They are liberal and fair dealers. They have a good supply of articles in their line, and their stock will be considerably increased next season.

Tax Dist Liquors, Wines and Cigars to be found in the city at the Brewery Saloon, Dave Carpenter proprietor.

LOVERS of the balls and dice will find every requisite for enjoyment and exercise at Williams & Murray's Billiard Hall, next door to the North Pacific Hotel.

Painters and Glaziers, Attention! You can find a full and complete assortment of PAINTS, OILS, WINDOW GLASS, PUTTY, PAINT BRUSHES and every article in your line at the new Drug Store of W. W. Morris, a few doors east of Lamme & Co.'s, Bozeman.

We have just received our new stock of Toys and Other Goods for Holiday Trade.

We carry the largest and most complete stock of CIGARS and TOBACCOS

in town. Also a full assortment of Fruits, Nuts, Candies, &c., which we will sell at prices to suit the times.

S. L. HOLZMAN & BROS.

LYCŒUM.—The question discussed on Tuesday evening at the Hall of the Young Men's Association was the duty of the General Government to aid to completion the Northern Pacific Railroad, thereby settling the Indian question in the Northwest. The attendance was large, as is usual, to listen to the debates. The discussion was unusually interesting and the speakers were much more animated than on former occasions.

Judge Langhorne led off in the affirmative and presented strong reasons and considerations in favor of the proposed aid and showed that it would be a great advantage in a financial point of view to the Government to do so. He was followed by D. L. McMurry, one of the teachers of the District school, who in a very calm argument sustained the negative side. This gentleman is a clear-headed speaker and advances his views in a modest yet rather convincing style. He will be a valuable accession to the list of speakers of the Lyceum. Judge Maguire came to the relief of the affirmative and met the arguments of the gentleman preceding him in his usually energetic and sledge-hammer manner and carried the audience with him. The Judge has many advantages as a public speaker—he has size and voice, added to a fair degree of fancy and eloquence, and therefore captivates the crowd. R. P. Vivion, Esq., came after both Judges in a speech in the negative, and made some very decided hits which brought applause from the audience quite frequently. This gentleman relies upon facts and the history of the past for arguments, which are not always applicable to the future. His remarks were very entertaining and no gentleman belonging to the Lyceum is doing his duty more to keep up the interest than our friend Vivion. Judge Langhorne came to the stand again and made an effort creditable to himself, which was a convincing and conclusive argument in favor of the Government aiding the great continental enterprise and completing the same at an early day. Mr. McMurry concluded for the negative in a few appropriate remarks in answer to some of the views of the gentlemen who spoke in the affirmative.

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Emigrant Gulch Mines.

Mr. J. Coan, who has for the past six or seven years been engaged in mining operations in Emigrant Gulch, came to Bozeman this week, bringing with him quite a "wad" of dust, the result of his labors this season. "Jack" says the prospects in that camp are a thousand feet out, better than they have ever been since its discovery. Hitherto, the ground has been but "washed" diggings for the few men who have been engaged there, but this season's developments have opened claims that, if they hold out as well as they prospect now, will make the fortunes of the owners. Although Emigrant Gulch has been worked for a number of years, no one has yet seen the bed rock; the gold coming from there having been found on rims and bars; but the miners are now running for the main channel, and from the appearance of the gravel and the prospects obtained, it is believed they will soon strike bed rock in the creek. Mr. D. P. Maxey, who recently purchased Mr. Myers' interest in a claim which he paid \$15 per day to the land, is busily engaged preparing his ground for spring operations, and has crossed a high point of bed rock, and is now running a cut for the main channel.

Tom O'Brien & Co. are also working on their claim, and expect to have it open for active operations early in the spring.

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Gallatin County Patents Issued.

Patents have been issued to the following Gallatin County claimants. Claimants can get them by filing their certificates of purchase at Maguire's Bozeman Land Agency, or presenting the same at the District Land Office in Helena:

- ARNOLD W A
Harper F
Hartford E R
Houston D G
Harrington E A
James W M
Jennings James
Lanning A J
Lee W B
Calkins
Lee W B
Miller G H
Munfts F
Newell E S
Penwell C S
Reed B
Rea M C
Rowell G B
Small D
Sales Z
Toben M
Vincent Ira
Wells G W
Wells R

- ALDERSON W W
Bowen E N
Bennett J N
Barnett R T
Beck J B
Cowan L J
Coney John
Curtis W L
Charter H M
Curtis R B
Davis J H
Dorr G R
Foster R
Foster James
Foster T B
Ann J H
Gerdes G
Huffman Geo
Harding James
Hartley Cal
Krautter G W
Lebeaux P
Lamme A

FEW SLEIGH.—G. W. Wakefield has had manufactured in this place one of the most elegant and substantial sleighs we have seen in the Territory. It was made by Mr. J. Mathews, and the beautiful paint work was done by Henry Hitchins.

THE BEST PLACE IN BOZEMAN to spend a social hour is Williams & Murray's magnificent Billiard Hall, where none but the best liquors are manipulated, and urbanity and politeness reign supreme.

BREWERY SALOON, D.H. CARPENTER, Prop'r. Keeps constantly on hand the best Wines, Liquors, Beer and Cigars to be obtained in the city.

YELLOWSTONE TRANSPORTATION CO.—A meeting of the citizens of Bozeman is called at Smith & Krug's Hall this (Friday) evening, having for its object the discussion and adoption of some plan looking to the navigation of the Yellowstone river the coming season. This is an important matter, and we hope everybody will attend this meeting.

THE weather continues to be pleasant and we do not remember to have seen it warmer than it is now at any time since we have lived in Montana. The winter so far has been an unusually mild one, and our people are therefore happy.

OBITUARY. Died on Thursday morning December 11th, 1873, Melissa, only daughter of Mr. Charles Rich, aged 4 years and 3 months.

The sudden death of Mellie Rich, so great a favorite with all who knew her, a child so peculiarly bright, intelligent and loving, touched a tender spot in every heart. Death comes so often to every community, so mercilessly to every home, and no matter how long expected, so suddenly and cruelly to every hear, that it would almost seem superfluous to mark out any one of his solemn visitations as one too hard to bear. But there are deaths that bring unending grief, and making a void that time and fortune can never fill, leave those who mourn unreconciled to a dispensation that has taken away the very light of life.

Such a death is that of little MELLIE, the bright, gay and beautiful child, who now lies on yonder hill with nothing but her shining presence left behind but the memory of her short life. The mysteries of existence are doubtless by such a death, and the reasonings of the mortalist become but as the sound of empty brass when applied to such a case. The brightest stars go first, and hearts that mourn and eyes that weep, strain as they may, rather no recompense except in the uncertain hope of joining those who have gone before in a future that no man knows.

MELLIE was not a precocious child, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but all who knew her will bear testimony to the fact that her native grace, loveliness and intelligence were not of usual quality. She was extraordinarily quick of comprehension, loving of memory, imitative, but original, loving beyond comparison, hopeful, acquiring, determined—together with a cast of character no common mould. A beautiful child, with magnificent eyes and head and hair and skin, graceful as a fawn, light as a butterfly, with a form that promised fine development, she was the joy and hope of a loving circle that included all who knew her. Gone from our gaze, like a beautiful dream, with all her hopes and charms and promises she molders away, beyond recall, beyond our reach, a broken reed, a flower blasted in the blossom.

Encased in a casket white, in "my new pink dress," with flowers and ferns and immortelles, one hand grasping the cross, and one arm encircling the doll that died with her, MELLIE lies low forever. Forever gone, forever gone! But know ye, oh! men, that verily of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Just as thou wert, oh! child; Just as thou wert, it cannot be That Christ would be assumed of thee.