

AVANT COURIER.

Local News.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA. FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1874.

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NOTICE. Advertisements and Local Notices handed in for publication, unless the time is specified for which they are to be published, will be inserted till forbidden, 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.

The Charter. On Tuesday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock the town Charter, as perfected, will be read at Association Hall. Full attendance is requested, as this will be the final meeting.

Young Men's Association. The report of the Treasurer will be read after the Charter meeting on Tuesday evening next. All, whether members or not, are invited to remain, that the present condition of the Association may be understood.

Bozeman Public School. Report for the week ending Jan. 9th, 1874. ROLL OF HONOR. First Department—George Nichols, Frank Graham, Chastina Randall.

Attention, Prospectors! Those who intend accompanying the Vernon Expedition to the new gold fields on the Yellowstone are hereby notified to place themselves in readiness, as the Expedition will leave Bozeman on the 25th inst. All such persons will report to me on or before that day. I will furnish each man 200 rounds of Needle cartridges.

J. L. VERNON, Comd'g Expedition. MAJ. BOWEN and lady and Dr. Mussgrover are on a visit to the Capitol.

The weather has again moderated, and it is now warm and pleasant. The best of sporting and blasting powder at WALTER COOPER'S Gun Store.

Old BONES turned his northern batteries loose Monday, and gave us a slight touch of winter. Stop at the Metropolitan Hotel. Good fare, comfortable rooms and reasonable charges will be had.

REV. MATTHEW BIRD, who recently received the position of teacher to the Crow Indians, left a few days since for the Mission to enter upon the discharge of his duties. Mr. Bird was tendered the same position at the Black-foot Agency.

MINERS' Notices and all Legal advertisements must be paid in advance to insure insertion in the COURIER.

PERSONAL.—L. Strasburger, J. Ellis and Julius Basinski left Sunday morning for Helena. Mr. Basinski took over a lot of fine clothing, and Mr. Ellis went over to see about several thousand dollars worth of goods his firm had stored with Gans & Kliegel in that ill-fated city, and which were undoubtedly destroyed by the fire on the 9th.

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

The last issue of the New North-West was accompanied by a handsome calendar for 1874, a present to each subscriber. Our friend Mills, in this connection, says: "We hand subscribers with this issue the annual calendar of the New North-West, with a nice little Sunday-school lesson on it. You ought to read it every day."

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

The Speaker of the House manifested his usual good judgment in placing Hon. Geo. S. Coleman, of this country, at the head of the most important committee of the House—the Judiciary. He possesses in an eminent degree the qualifications necessary for such an important position as that of Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He has a fine knowledge of law, quick discrimination and sound judgment.

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The Panic Has Reached Bozeman!

Owing to the great fall of goods East, we will, for the next sixty days, sell our entire stock of DRY GOODS and CLOTHING AT ACTUAL COST FOR CASH!

To convince yourself of this fact, call and be satisfied. STRASBURGER & SPELLING.

The artistic skill of Henry Hiltchens, whom we take to be the best painter in the Territory, has recently been portrayed on several new and elegant sign boards which now adorn the outer walls of some of our business houses. This is one way of advertising, and we are glad to note the enterprise exhibited by some of our business men in that direction. But a sign board is stationary; it does not visit weekly every household in the county, and is not read constantly by thousands of persons scattered throughout the Territory. No sign boards answer well enough to designate a location, but the local newspaper is the best medium through which to bring your business directly and constantly before the masses. It is read and commented upon by the family circles around five hundred hearthstones in this valley every week, and as many more outside of it. If you offer any advantages they are quickly observed, and the people avail themselves of them. Under the old credit system, people generally done their trading exclusively at places where they had an open account; under the present cash system they trade where they can get the best and cheapest goods. In fact, they believe in "putting their money where it will do the most good." Hence, if you have any new attractions, it will pay you well to advertise them. The people in the country scan the advertisements closely every week for bargains. A few weeks since Ellis & Davis advertised that they were selling calicoes at ten cents. The next day a caravan of females could have been seen wending its way to their store, many of the old ladies from the country having the COURIER in their hands with their thumbs on the advertisement.

The New Church. Services will be held in the new M. E. Church next Sabbath, morning and evening, at the usual hours. Rev. Mr. Van Ande, of Helena, and Rev. Mr. Riggins, of Virginia City, are expected to be present and assist in the services. Should they fail to be present, there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hill, in the morning, and Praise Meeting in the evening, consisting of singing, prayer, etc. It is not the intention to dedicate the Church on that occasion, as it will not be entirely finished. Until recently, it was not contemplated to occupy the new Church until in the spring, but the increased demand manifested by the people here in religious affairs, and the large and growing attendance at the Church, often rendering the old building incapable of accommodating the congregation, it was deemed advisable, if not necessary, by the Trustees to push forward the work on the new building, so as to make it available for its purposes at as early a date as possible. Hence it is now ready for occupancy several months sooner than was originally contemplated, and the pastor and trustees are deserving of the highest praise for the commendable efforts they have made in making the Church ready for service sooner than was intended, which have anticipated considerable expenses, which must be promptly met, and it is expected that the church-going people will give their assistance in this matter. Therefore, let all who attend Church next Sunday go prepared to contribute something in that behalf.

Another Grange Organized. A Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, to be known as the "Farmington Grange," was organized at the Weaver School House, on Friday last, the 9th inst., by R. N. Sutherland, Esq., Special Deputy for Montana, on application of twenty-two petitioners—fifteen gentlemen and seven ladies. The following is a list of the officers duly elected: C. L. Weaver, Master. A. Cowan, Overseer. C. A. Gregory, Lecturer. J. B. Weaver, Steward. M. Burton, Assistant Steward. B. M. Dawes, Chaplain. M. V. Murray, Treasurer. L. P. Cowan, Secretary. David Ruth, Gate Keeper. Mrs. David Ruth, Ceres. Mrs. S. H. Murray, Pomona. Mrs. F. M. Weaver, Flora. Miss M. McDonald, Assistant Steward. L. P. COWAN, Secretary.

A New School House. Pursuant to notice, a special school meeting convened in District No. 8 on Saturday last, to consider the propriety of building a new school house the need of one having long been apparent. The meeting was large and the utmost unanimity of feeling prevailed. It was unanimously resolved to immediately erect a commodious building and furnish it in a comfortable manner. The work is now rapidly going on. C. EDWARDS, Clerk District No. 8. Elk Grove, January 12, 1874.

THE BEST PLACE in BOZEMAN to spend a social hour is Williams & Murray's magnificent Billiard Hall, where not only the best liquors are dispensed, but urbanity and politeness reign supreme.

DEED.—In this city, at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, the 14th inst., Mr. S. S. BAKER, in the 30th year of his age. Mr. Baker was formerly one of our most substantial farmers; but during the past two years he has been stricken down with disease, and his death has been anticipated for sometime. He leaves a wife and two children. His funeral took place at the Church yesterday at two o'clock, and his remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

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

NOTICE. All persons indebted to the Drug Store of W. W. BOGERT are hereby notified to call, and pay immediately and save costs. W. W. BOGERT.

New Granges.

On application of the requisite number of persons as charter members, Territorial Deputy Master R. N. Sutherland, last week, organized two Granges on the East Gallatin. The following officers were duly elected:

KEYSTONE GRANGE. Master—W. O. P. Hayes. Overseer—A. L. Corbly. Lecturer—J. W. Gillen. Steward—T. Reese. Assistant Steward—A. Johnson. Chaplain—J. J. Reese. Treasurer—Harvey Wells. Secretary—T. P. Street. Gate Keeper—J. A. Bender. Ceres—Miss A. D. Street. Pomona—Mrs. A. Johnson. Flora—Mrs. J. H. Wells. Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. L. Corbly.

EAST GALLATIN GRANGE. Master—John House. Overseer—M. W. Penwell. Lecturer—G. W. Wakefield. Steward—Robert Barnett. Assistant Steward—D. Davis. Chaplain—N. Benham. Treasurer—W. H. Davis. Secretary—Rufus Thompson. Gate Keeper—James M. Moore. Ceres—Mrs. M. W. Penwell. Pomona—Mrs. Drew. Flora—Miss Clara Melton. Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. W. H. Davis. Elk Grove, January 10, 1874.

A Grange of Patrons of Husbandry was organized in Elk Grove Precinct on the 10th inst., at which the following officers were elected:

Master—Silas Ralston. Overseer—Brigiam Reed. Lecturer—Horse Edwards. Steward—J. B. Steward. Assistant Steward—J. G. Weaver. Chaplain—Robert Gillespie. Treasurer—C. H. Waterman. Secretary—C. Edwards. Gate Keeper—S. B. Cope. Ceres—Mrs. C. Waterman. Pomona—Mrs. B. Reed. Flora—Mrs. F. A. Lund. Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. Kate Kirk. C. EDWARDS, Secretary.

NOTICE. All persons indebted to the undersigned by note or account are requested to call and settle immediately. Grain and produce will be taken at market prices. T. BRUNETT. Dec. 28, 1873.

CONVASCING.—It will be gratifying to the many friends of L. O. Holt in this community to learn that he is now in a fair way to speedy and permanent recovery. By a private letter from Helena we learn that "Mr. Holt came to this town (Helena) a week or so ago for medical treatment. On his arrival here he consulted Dr. Glick, and placed himself in that gentleman's care. A critical examination of his case exacted the opinion that his lungs are wholly intact—not even a sympathetic aneurism discernible. The abscess or swollen part on the left side and immediately over the heart, caused by the terrible stab, next occupied the Doctor's attention, but for a few moments only. He at once put him under preparatory treatment, and on the first day of this year used the knife, with that success and skill by which he is habitually and uniformly characterized. Mr. Holt is now convalescent, carefully and watchfully attended, cheerful, spirited and brave as ever, expecting soon to return to his home, and greet you and other friends, a hale and healthy man."

FLOUR! OATS! FLOUR! Ellis & Davis are now prepared to receive all the Flour and Oats which may be offered in exchange for goods. They are retaining goods at less than wholesale prices.

OUR FINEST FRIEND is now recognized as one of the leading literary papers of the country, and is destined to supercede all such papers in the matter of circulation, which is substantial evidence of its intrinsic merit. As a family paper it is unequalled, and we advise our friends, in making out the list of papers to be taken this year, to head the list with the AVANT COURIER and put "Our Finest Friend" down as second. The publishers give to each subscriber as a premium an elegant work of art, entitled "Sunbeam." Waters & Co., publishers, 100 Sixteenth st., Chicago; terms, \$3 per year.

THE VIRGINIA CITY DAILIES.—Our enterprising cotemporaries at Virginia City, the Madisonian and Montanian, are both issuing dailies during the session of the Legislature, and both exhibit commendable energy and enterprise in their undertakings. They contain full proceedings of the Legislature, a complete telegraphic press report, editorials and the local news of the Capital. We are indebted to each for an exchange, for which they will please accept our grateful thanks.

THE "Metropolitan Journals" which are usually given to much boasting about their enterprise, apologize to their readers for not publishing the Governor's late message on account of its extreme length. The "rural press," however, came to the relief, and laid before the people of the Territory that desirable State document.

HARRINGTON, Baker & Co. Have just received a complete assortment of LADIES', MISSES', CHILDREN'S and MEN'S Arctic Over Shoes and Rubber Lined Boots and Shoes.

THE CORNICE "GROW FAT" is the title of a paper we received this week from that town, issued on the first day of the year. It is announced as "number first, volume last." Hence, we judge its issue will cease with the first number. The co-authors of our old friend H. H. Shepherd, formerly of Virginia City, are discernible in the "GROW FAT," and we hope "Shep's first attempts" will be followed by other attempts equally commendable.

THREE months have passed of the third volume of the COURIER. All who desire to avail themselves of the advanced rates of subscription should make payments to deal in the month of January.

James G. Sharp, Esq., of Madison County; and O. J. Sharpe, Esq., are now here with a party, on their way to prospect on the Yellowstone.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE YELLOWSTONE WAGON ROAD AND PROSPECTING EXPEDITION.

To HON. JOHN P. BRUCE—Permanent Chairman Yellowstone Wagon Road and Prospecting Expedition: SIR: The Executive Committee make the following report:

In accordance with instructions, the Committee delegation have visited and held meetings at Gallatin City, Hamilton, Central Park, Reese Creek and East Gallatin, and have appointments at various other points. So far, the meetings have been large and enthusiastic, and the results exceedingly encouraging. Already the Bozeman contributions to the fund of the Association total over \$2,000, 10,000 rounds of ammunition have been donated, and the districts mentioned as visited by the delegation promise large accessions to the funds and material of the Expedition, which will, without doubt, start by February 15th, at latest. The meetings have been addressed by Judges Langhorne and Maguire and Messrs. Cooper, Reese, Clark and Bogert, and local committees have been appointed in the mentioned districts to hold meetings and obtain contributions and men.

LOCAL COOPERATORS. Hamilton—Messrs. Potter, Thorpe and Oliver. Gallatin City—Messrs. Campbell, Thomas, Gallop and Street. Central Park—Messrs. Nelson, Swan, Cowan, Dawes and Weaver. Reese Creek—Messrs. Reese, Wells, Hays and Mulvaney. East Gallatin—Messrs. Kennedy, Barnett and Davis. West Gallatin—Messrs. Lund, Edwards and Reed.

Negotiations are now pending with the Vernon Expedition, looking to consolidation of the two parties, and, if the idea can be carried out as proposed, the success of both is, beyond doubt, assured. The delegation will visit the Lind district next, and on Monday next will hold an additional meeting, at 11 a. m., at the Kaunrey School House, on the East Gallatin, and at 6 1/2 p. m. at the Meeting House, on Reese Creek.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, A MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN BOZEMAN, AT ASSOCIATION HALL, at which time full reports will be read and arrangements made to start the Expedition. The Committee call on all to join the Association and to send in their contributions immediately, that no delay may occur in getting the Expedition off.

Good men who desire to join us are requested to report at Bozeman, or communicate by letter with the Secretary. Respectfully submitted. For the Committee: J. V. BOGERT, Chairman and Secretary.

Wanderland Illustrated. We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this work from the author. It is taken up in the finest modern style of typography, binding, etc., and the engravings are true to nature. It is written in a pleasant, easy style, displaying the fine descriptive powers of the author. Mr. Norton has given to the public in this work much valuable information in regard to a country that is now attracting the attention of the world. It certainly is the most marvelous region ever yet discovered, and while the book may read as a wonderful romance to those ignorant of the country, the many who have visited the National Park will recognize it as a faithful reflex of that remarkable region. We give below a card from the author, in regard to his book. It is cheap and no library is complete without it. To those contemplating a visit to the National Park it is invaluable.—[E.]

In answer to many inquiries as to when our "Wanderland Illustrated" will be ready for distribution and sale, the author has pleasure in stating that the books are now at Corning, and will be shipped up immediately. Soon after arrival they will be placed on sale in the different book stores of the Territory at the following prices:

Cloth and gilt.....\$3 00 Limp cloth.....1 50 Paper covers.....1 00

Wanderland is a 12mo. book of one hundred and fifty pages, and twenty-one illustrations on plate paper. The illustrations are from photographs, most of them full page and very finely executed. Those of Lower and Upper Falls, Lake and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Giantess, Giant and Castle Geysers are superb, and do credit to the book as well as the engraver. The book contains, first, a full description of the scenery and wonders of the Yellowstone National Park; second, a Guide to and through it, with minute details; and, third, a Brief General Description of Montana Territory, its principal cities and towns, together with an account of its mining, agricultural and stock growing resources. Of the literary merits of the book the readers must judge for themselves. The book will also be sent by mail, postage paid, to any address, on receipt of price. The edition of cloth and gilt is limited, therefore parties desiring this class of binding will apply early. Address: HARRY J. NORTON, Virginia City, Montana.

THE Ladies' Sociable on Wednesday evening last at the residence of Gen. Willson was largely attended, and a very pleasurable affair. Mrs. Willson and other ladies and gentlemen entertained their friends with some fine music, and the receipts footed up very well. The next Sociable will be held on Wednesday evening, January 30th, at the residence of Mrs. Tracy. The funds derived from these Sociables are devoted to the fitting up of the new Methodist Church, in which all of our citizens feel a deep interest and a just pride.

VERDAN REPTERS, by the bottle or case, and all the leading Patent Medicines, at the new Drug Store of W. W. BOGERT.

THE BEST LIQUORS, Wines and Claret to be found in the city at the Brewery Saloon, Dave Carpenter proprietor.

HELENA WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.—From late Helena papers we take the following quotations: Flour, XXX, \$3 25; XX, \$3 15. Oats are in good demand at \$1 00; barley, 75; wheat, \$1 25; potatoes, 25; salmon, cabbage, 25; fresh butter, 50; eggs, 60; hay, \$12 00 per ton.

READ the "Action" advertisement of C. S. Clark in this paper. Yours, &c., M.

FORT ELLIS ITEMS.

FORT ELLIS, M. T., Jan. 7, 1874. Dear Courier: As I have been unwell the past three weeks, I have been unable to write you according to promise, but now as I am once more on "firm footing," do not propose to discontinue the correspondence. I have a few items this week which may be of interest to your readers. In the first place, everything is going on famously at the Post. Maj. N. B. Switzer, Lieutenant Dejeime and Hamilton who, last week, went to the Mission to witness the distribution of annuities, have returned to the Post having enjoyed their trip through the snow across the Divide. First Lieutenant C. A. Coolidge, 7th Infantry, who has been spending a week in Helena, has also returned looking as fresh and gay as ever.

The new (gray) uniform has been issued to F and G companies, and "innuence" fun is the result. The Infantrymen opened fire last Sunday morning previous to inspection by Sharpshooters at G Company as follows: Foot-soldier (Lamb) to Horse-soldier (Rogers)—"How you make out, Rogers?" Rogers—"I'm well! how do you like my uniform?" Lamb—"Isay, is you one fon de old hants?" Rogers—"No! I'm a Bass singer from St. Paul's, London. Don't you see my medals?" Lamb—"Yes, I see 'em, dose medal. What for you get dem larit on your head? I souse to keep you on de hosses, don't id?" Rogers—"We, we don't carry potatoes on our hats as you do!"

The Lieutenant then came along and "Attention Company" silenced both batteries simultaneously. Thus the "Horse-sogers" and the "Walk-a-heaps" sustain a continual warfare of fun.

Mr. W. H. Hefner, who is running the new saw mill at this Post, met with a slight accident last Saturday. While engaged in rolling a large log on the carriage his foot caught on the end of a plank in the floor and the log just caught him on the ankle causing a painful sprain. Dr. Whitefoot is attending him and we expect to see "Bill" on hand again at an early day.

Last Saturday evening a meeting of Lincoln Lo-ge, No. 40 I. O. G. T., was held in Good Templars' Hall for the purpose of organizing a Debating Club. The attendance was fair, and the interest manifested was "fascinating." Mr. Orin Parker was elected Chairman for the evening and Mr. D. Chapman Secretary pro tem. The Association was named "Lincoln Lodge Debating Association." A committee was appointed to draw up a set of rules to govern the Association, and select a question to debate upon at the next meeting. The committee immediately selected and submitted two questions—one was Resolved, "That the end with the Head on is the Best end of a Gut." And the other, Resolved, "That the hen who lays the egg is the mother of the chicken, and not the hen who hatches it." It was moved that the former question be debated on this evening. Carried.

The Chairman then appointed two chief disputants, Mr. J. Donahue on the Affirmative, and Mr. F. McBlaine on the Negative. Associates were appointed on both sides, and remarks and arguments were advanced by Mr. J. Donahue, M. Childers, D. Chapman, J. Rogers and Charles Alberts on the Affirmative, and Mr. L. H. Geer, J. F. Austin, H. McLeod, F. Server, J. Rafferty and M. J. McCabe on the Negative. The debate lasted about an hour, some good hits being made by disputants on both sides. It was then brought to a close and referred to a committee for decision. They decided in favor of the Affirmative, and then one of the pleasant meetings ever held at Fort Ellis was adjourned.

Mr. L. H. Geer, photographic artist, is at present engaged in taking pictures of Lincoln Lodge in groups of fives and sevens. Already are eight splendid groups hanging in the Hall, and in two weeks I presume all the members will have had their pictures taken in this manner. Our Hall has already received many compliments from strangers for its neat appearance, but when we have forty groups (done up) hanging around our walls then our home-like room will outshine anything of the kind in this vicinity.

I think I have written enough for this issue, so I will close by remaining as ever, YOURS, &c., HENRY HEBB. JANUARY 13, 1874.

The present "large cool" has been the means of suspending most all the work going on around the Post. The saw mill is shut down, ice fatigue suspended for a day, and for once this season everybody at the Post seems to have had enough of the cold spell. Even "Jakey"—everybody here knows Jakey, Ole Uncle Jakey, who receives a vote of thanks every meeting night for winding up the clock. Jakey appreciates cold weather. Because he has nothing to do but lay on the lounge, and tend to that ere clock.

Madame Rumor has it that a wedding—on a somewhat limited scale—took place at Bozeman on the 12th, between a certain Deputy Corporal and a young lady, whose avowed duties exceed her love for the venerable Corporal. But the gray-haired Corporal denies the allegation, and challenges the "alligator." We expect, however, (his virtuous indignation to the contrary notwithstanding) to wake up some morning and find a certain iron bunk vacant. We would certainly regret the absence of this hero of many hard fought battles. We endeavored to congratulate him, but he showed us a No. 6 buffalo overcoat, and at the same time referred us, in a manner not at all indicative of gentleness, to the Plutonion regions.

It is expected that the Rev. Mr. Hill will visit Lincoln Lodge of Good Templars this evening, to deliver an address to the Lodge. Ad the brothers and sisters of Fountain Hope Lodge are invited to attend, a pleasant time is anticipated.

We understand that Lieut. Long, Seventh Infantry, is to accept the management of theatrical affairs at this Post. If so, we may expect to be favored with a performance at an early date.

The new Debating Association attached to Lincoln Lodge is in a flourishing condition. Question for to-morrow evening—"Resolved, that water more destructive than fire." An immense amount of amusement is expected to be the result of this argument.

REMARKS. Lannigan is on the sick list. "Richard" is himself again. "Suecky" is an In-do-jo-pen (Independent) on ice. "Dunno" who (Donohue) got a nice regalia. Fort Ellis, M. T., is not empty. Hankins is discharged.

It is also to be a horse fight. And with horse sours your head. With a larlet around your neck. And a savor in your head. Yours, &c., M.

P. S. We have just received a letter from our old friend Thomas Coulston, who left here for the East some weeks ago. Tom is well, and enjoying his visit at home highly. He reports dull times all through the States, and expresses his intention of coming West in the spring.

Dr. Decha, of Virginia City, has associated with him in the drug business Dr. E. T. Yager, one of the best and most experienced physicians in the Territory.

GREAT EXCITEMENT!

Ellis & Davis Have again received a heavy stock of ASSORTED MERCHANDISE, and have determined to make a Further Reduction in the Prices!

We guarantee to Undersell Every House in the Territory FROM TWENTY TO THIRTY PER CENT.

Remember the old stand, second door east of the brick hotel

We keep the largest and best assortment in Bozeman.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY. BOZEMAN GRANGE. P. W. McAdow, Master; W. Y. Smith, Secretary. ELK GROVE GRANGE. Silas Ralston, Master; C. Edwards, Secretary. KEYSTONE GRANGE. W. O. P. Hayes, Master; Thos. P. Street, Secretary. EAST GALLATIN GRANGE. John House, Master; Rufus Thompson, Secretary. P. O. address of above—Bozeman, Gallatin county, M. T. FARMINGTON GRANGE. Central Park, Gallatin county—C. L. Weaver, Master; L. P. Cowan, Secretary. Secretaries of Granges will please send us the times and places of meetings.

NOTICE. AUCTION SALE OF HORSES. I will, On Saturday, January 24, 1874, in Bozeman, M. T., sell to the highest bidder for cash, or oats, hay or flour, a number of good Work and Saddle Horses. Also one or two CUTTERS and some HARNESS. Sale positive and without reserve. I will, between this and the day of sale, trade any of the above for oats, hay or flour at market price. C. L. CLARK.

LIST OF LETTICES Remaining in the Post Office at Bozeman M. T. January 15, 1874.

Bamber James Gemmill James Bamber Black Wm Gray H M Blankenship Henry Hames J J Boshrie Charles Herculon Mr Edwin Chapman George Jones George D J Chitenden Smith Lemon William Clark Brooks Morgan W H Cooper Albert W Marsall John W Dudley Miss Helen A Rea Geo W Day Miss Minnie Ren Thomas E DeFrate Edwin Robbins Wm D Dummer A Dowden Miss Eleanor Smart James Farris Hiram Sparks Samuel Farris Mrs Lucy Waddington Thomas Gardner E L Wilson Henry

Held for postage: Mrs. R. D. McJr, Chatsworth, Ill. J. H. TAYLOR, P. M.

REMOVED!

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On Thursday, January 8th, an Account Book, on Main street, Bozeman, containing accounts and some notes, for the return of which a liberal reward will be paid by leaving it at this office. All persons knowing themselves indebted to me either by note or account are directed to make payment to me, no one but myself. HENRY HEBB. January 9, 1874.

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