

AVANT COURIER.

Local News.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

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NOTICE.

Advertisements and Local Notices specified 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.

ELLIS and DAVIS have still a large stock of fine liquors.

POTATOES are rather scarce—they sell for two cents per pound.

OATS are worth two cents per pound at retail in Bozeman.

EGGS are moveable from twenty-five cts. a dozen in this market.

The health of Bozeman is excellent, and the Doctors are having plenty of leisure.

THE AVANT COURIER, for one year, and the Lee Monument Portrait Picture will be furnished to subscribers for \$9 cash.

CATTLE and mules are advancing in all parts of the Territory. Mules are quite scarce and meet with a ready sale.

HELENA is the best market in the Territory for flour and grain. The cash can be obtained there for almost anything offered for sale.

THE American Sardinia Co.'s Boneless Sardines, are much better, and less than half the cost of imported Sardines.

JULIUS BASKIN returned from Helena, and looks a much healthier man since he has visited his sweetheart.

If you want a watch repaired or a clock to run well, go to Lea Marston's Jewelry Store on Main street, nearly opposite the Bank.

JOK HOLZMAN is back again in Bozeman, and the boys are happy. They manage to get Joe in for the cigars every pop since he has returned.

THE COURIER circulates all over the Territory, and everybody reads it. Therefore it is the most excellent advertising medium.

W. O. P. HAYS, of Reece Creek, was in town this week, looking much more cheerful since grain has advanced.

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

W. F. REDDICK, of Cherry Creek, came in to Bozeman on Tuesday. He speaks very favorably of the richness of the quartz in that section.

THE Metropolitan Hotel's register shows a constant run of business.

JUDGE MAGUIRE has been busy this week trying some assault and battery cases. Fines have been assessed, and the guilty required to fork over the currency.

Two sacks of flour will pay for one year's subscription to the COURIER.

"VALLEY FARMER" has commenced a rake manufactory, and is prepared to supply the market.

STRASBURGER and SPERLING are selling nice hams at 18 cents. They are of excellent quality. We have tried them.

THE boys are busy over at Emigrant gulch, and have full confidence in getting out lots of gold this season.

THREE DOLLARS a sack for flour will be paid at this office to those indebted for subscription. We hope this liberal offer will induce payments to be made at once.

THE farmers on Reece Creek are putting in full crops. This is one of the best wheat raising sections in Gallatin County.

HELENA and WILSON are doing the trade in the city of flush times that we used to do in Bozeman. The heaviest sales now are to parties from the Yellowstone.

MENTS to the generous Frank Murders, while working on this morning.

THE balls and cue will find every enjoyment and exercise at Wray's Billiard Hall, next door to the Metropolitan Hotel.

JOHN GOEY, Esq., of Sioux Falls, and his many friends are in town. Mr. G. is one of the best men in the Territory.

THE fine spring weather, and the fact that it is in excellent spirits, has begun, and all kinds of business are in operation. Cheerfulness is the order of the day.

THE people are being done in all directions. The beautiful green grass is springing up and us.

THE cows are now doing well on grass, not requiring any other feed. This will save much expense to the citizens of the town. Bran and shorts are not in as great a demand as was the case some weeks back.

F. TERRILL, of New London District Wausau county, Wisconsin, writes to us to learn where his son Frank is. He is of the belief that he is on the Yellowstone. Frank is a trapper. Any one knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by giving information at this office.

F. F. HOLZMAN & BROTHER, Main Street, BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

G. W. WAKEFIELD, who was with Job E. Harvey, when he (Harvey) died so suddenly near Helena, has returned.

A good deal of corn will be planted this season by our farmers. Watermelon seeds have, as yet, been pretty liberally purchased.

W. H. TRACY was the successful bidder for building the sidewalks to the new Church, and we anticipate that the work will be well done.

C. W. HOFFMAN has gone over to the Yellowstone on a fishing excursion for a few days. We trust he will catch lots of trout and remember the printer when he returns.

THERE are lots of Helena merchants and speculators over. They have come to attend the sale-to-day of boots and shoes at Fort Ellis. We are glad to see them in our midst.

AMPLE preparations are being made for the season at the Mammoth Hot Springs by the proprietors, and we understand good accommodations will be provided for all visitors to this famous and delightful summer resort.

REV. T. C. LEFF will conduct religious services at the Good Templars' Hall Sunday morning and evening. Evening subject—"Temperance Reformation."

THE streets of Bozeman are in better condition this spring than they have ever been before at this season of the year. It proves what a little work will accomplish in the way of improvements.

MARRIED.—On the 29th ult., in Bozeman, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. T. C. LEFF, ISAAC DAWSON, of Jefferson county, to Miss MARIA JOSEPHINE, daughter of Judge J. J. Davis.

FAT SAMUEL HAMILTON has been in town this week and captured all the onion sets. We saw him in close conference with our friend "Valley Farmer," but that does not deter him for he is going his pile on a big crop of onions.

URHAM and GIDDINGS, found guilty of defrauding the Government at the recent term of the District Court in Deer Lodge county, failed to obtain a new trial and were sentenced on the 28th ult. to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$1000 each.

"O, had some power the gift give us To write ourselves as others see us."

So wrote the celebrated Robert Burns in the seventeenth century. An opportunity is now offered, as Geer's Portable Photograph Gallery has arrived in Bozeman, but remember it will remain a short time only.

LAST week we had a reported account of the death of Job E. Harvey, near Helena. It turns out it was true. To those who knew Mr. Harvey this news will be a source of deep and sincere regret, for he was a very worthy good man. He died of heart disease.

MOST of our citizens have cleaned up their back yards and removed the debris that had accumulated, and we trust the good work will go on in all parts of Bozeman. It goes a long way in lessening Doctor's bills to keep a place in a good sanitary condition.

FISHING is very good now in the different streams. Most of our anglers are fitting up poles and reels preparatory to an onslaught upon the fluky tribe. Judge Langhorne caught 21 fine trout near Judge Adams' mill one day this week. On West Gallatin many trout are now being caught.

THE Board of County Commissioners met last Monday. The special business was the letting of the contract for keeping the Poor for the next twelve months. There were bids in from Dr. Hunter and Judge Byam. The Board was not satisfied with the proposals, and the voters made no contract.

THE fine weather is bringing the ladies out, and we are delighted to behold them once again. Shopping is the principal occupation in which they are engaged. The difficulty, however, is that the stocks of merchants have run low, that even calico is scarce.

MAJOR MILLER has taken a trip over to the Jefferson. It is the first time that we have heard that the Major was out of town in a two-week month. We suppose he has no fears that the town will burn up in his absence.—A. D. McPherson, we presume, has charge of Bozeman in the absence of the Major.

THE military authorities interfered with the Bismarck expedition to the Black Hills, and therefore they could not leave. We regard this act of preventing peaceable parties from prospecting the country as an arbitrary exercise of power, and not authorized by any law that we know of. The boys of the Yellowstone expedition are out of the reach of such despotism.

"VALLEY FARMER" is now one of the most cheerful men in the community. His face is radiant with smiles over the brightening prospects, and, if it were possible, would like to "expunge" from the record all the said about the poor prospects of Montana, and especially of the farmers. We are gratified that notwithstanding we were surrounded by croakers, the COURIER never doubted that Montana had a bright future and that faith and time would prove it.

THE Legal Tender Mining Company have had shipped from Chicago concentrating works which will arrive shortly. The operation of these works will open a era in Montana mining, and Lewis, Bell & Co., as usual, are the first to take hold of a project that will tend to the advancement of the mining interests of the country. Wish we had many more such enterprising companies. They deserve success.—Independent.

We hope Major Maguire, our delegate, will not fail to get the Land Office for Bozeman District through before the adjournment of Congress. In view of the recent finding of the N. P. Railroad by way of Yellowstone and Bozeman to Gallatin City, there will be a very large amount of land entries, and it will be very expensive to go all the way to Helena to make them. We sincerely hope so important an object will not fail to receive the attention of Congress. Press the bill through, Major. The people need such a facility as a Land Office at Bozeman.

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RICH MINES DISCOVERED ON THE JEFFERSON!

Splendid Results Obtained!

Rich and extensive placer mines were discovered in the bed of the Jefferson river, about fifty miles from Bozeman, running parallel with what is known as the Davis bar, on the 7th of April. Three men with a small wing dam and rocker obtained \$875 in six days work from a small patch of ground. Red-rock was reached at three feet. The river prospects well, both above and below discovery for miles, and claims have been staked from the mouth of the Boulder above to Antelope creek below discovery, a distance of about nine miles. The claims have been all held over until the first of September. The high water compelled the men working discovery claim to cease operations. The mines are undoubtedly rich and extensive, and can be worked. We have just returned from there, saw the gold and the place it was taken from.

ATTENTION, EVERYBODY!

In order to make room for our Spring Stock, we have made a great

REDUCTION IN PRICES on our entire stock of

Dry Goods and Clothing, which must be sold at all hazards.

Shasburger & Sperting.

The delicacy of the weather on last Sunday prevented the Adobetown racing from coming off. To-morrow, Sunday, the running takes place—if the sun shines.

We find the above in last week's Madisonian. From what Deayman told us when over here lately, we thought the late revival of religion had done the whole surroundings of Virginia a good deal of good. It appears the folks about Adobetown were not embraced. We think that there is enough time in six days of each week in which to run horse races, without desecrating the Sabbath. We think the Catholic Father now in Virginia does not exercise as great an influence over his flock as his predecessors did.

BUYERS of

Dry Goods and Carpets will find at the house of,

J. R. BOYCE & CO.

a large and well selected stock of

Staple and Fancy Goods, Notions, &c., which are offered at the

Very lowest market rates.

Orders will receive prompt and careful attention, and satisfaction guaranteed.

Price lists sent upon application.

Gumby & Bentley's Stone Block.

HELENA, M. T.

They had a highly interesting school excursion last week in Virginia city, in which the scholars appear to have distinguished themselves and the Principal distinguished himself. Both of the Virginia papers have long and interesting accounts of the displays of eloquence on the part of the youthful orators.—Great praise is bestowed upon our valued and amiable friend, Mrs. W. G. Barkley, assistant teacher. In all walks and conditions of life, Mrs. B. has performed her part well and nobly. We are pleased to see she has opened a select school, and the people of Virginia are to have the benefit of her excellent instruction and example in the education of their children.

THE THOROUGHBRED BULL, PILOT,

WILL make it a present season

At Myers & Wheeler's, 4 miles from Bozeman, on the stage road to Helena, and will be let to cows. He is imported by E. Morse from Kentucky, and is of the blood of the For terms, apply at the place to Major BOSWELL, April 24, 1874.

THERE is a considerable flurry in regard to the price of flour. Some say it is worth four dollars a hundred in the Bozeman market.—It is firm at \$3.80 in Helena, and advancing. We think \$4 is a pretty fair price, but when flour starts upwards, there is no telling where it will stop.

W. C. LOBENSTEIN, Main Street, HELENA.

Harness, Saddles, Brides, etc. GENUINE CONCORD HARNESS.

Highest price paid for Hides, Furs, Pelts, etc.

D. H. WILSON, formerly boot and shoe merchant, arrived in Bozeman on Wednesday last. This is his first visit to the place and he expresses himself highly pleased with the town and surrounding country.

Grand Concert At Williams & Murray's Palatial Billiard Rooms. The music will be furnished at low rates. The instruments will be the cue, ball and table, Duets and Quartets with selections from the opera of Poul will constitute the programme. Who plays first?

COL. BLACK'S wagons are being drawn out of the corral to Judge Annis' blacksmith's shop in order to be repaired and fitted up for work. The Colonel has a very large ox team and it will soon be on the road.

SANDS BROS., Main Street, HELENA, M. T., Beg to inform the public that they will from now on receive weekly additions to their stock of all the

Latest Novelties, for the Spring trade, such as

TRIMMINGS, EMBROIDERIES, NECK-WEAR, DRESS GOODS, etc., etc.

Our stock of

Hosiery, Shawls, Gaiters, Pant-Goods, for Boys and Men's wear.

Table Linens, Fiques, Dress Goods, White Goods, etc., is full and complete in every department. A full line of

CARPETS, in all grades of the most celebrated makers; all of which we offer at the very lowest prices. All orders will receive prompt and most careful attention.

SANDS BROS.

FROM THE EXPEDITION!

The Command Returning!

One Month's Hard Fighting!

One Hundred Indians Killed.

One White Man Killed and Two Wounded.

Four Pitched Battles and Continuous Skirmishing.

The Boys Make a Gallant Fight Against Large Odds.

To Hon. John P. Bruce, Permanent Chairman Yellowstone Wagon Road and Prospecting Expedition:

SIR:—Messrs. Bradley and Everts arrived here late last evening with private letters, and report as follows:

Since the 1st inst. the Expedition has constantly been attacked and harassed by Sioux—in bodies of from 100 to 1000. I regret to state that Mr. Z. Yates of Boulder was killed, and Bostick of Deer Lodge and Woodward of Gallatin slightly wounded.

The command reached the near vicinity of Tongue River, but on account of the constant Indian attacks but little prospecting was done, and the Expedition was obliged to retreat. When Bradley and Everts left on the 26th it was near Pryor's Gap, slowly marching this way, probably out of danger and all well. The stock was run down, feeding having been almost impossible; the horses had suffered greatly from epizootic; the roads were very muddy, and the rain had fallen in torrents. Bradley and Everts report rich prospects on Big Horn, Tongue River, etc.

During the trip some twenty horses were lost, but reprisals restored the complement. In no attack, however, were the Indians successful, and many Sioux and horses were killed.

Mr. Quivey writes to Mr. Story endorsing the foregoing except that, so far as gold is concerned, he merely states that "rich mines exist in the Big Horn mountains south of the Big Horn—that the first fight occurred near the mouth of the Rose Bud, and that Vernon abandoned the command twenty-five miles above Pompey's Pillar."

Rouse, Wilson, Roe, Heinze and two others are now on the way to Bozeman and will probably reach us by to-morrow.

Everts asserts that the country is rich and that 300 men can hold the country without trouble.

While the Committee must admit the unfortunate present result of the movement, it by no means despairs of the ultimate success of the attempt to open the lower country. A full history of the events of the march will be made you immediately upon the receipt of the report of the Council.

For the Committee,

J. V. BOGETT, Secretary and Treasurer.

Our special correspondent, Mr. Elisha Terrill, sends us the following:

PRICE'S GAP, April 26, 1874.

EDITOR COURIER: At this point the Expedition is in camp for the night, all in good health save two wounded men (Bostick and Woodward) who were shot by the Indians, but are doing well. This opportunity will not permit my writing at any length or giving many particulars of our trip, only that we have been fighting Sioux Indians since the 1st of April and have had four general battles, one four hours, one three, one five and the other about two hours, with several skirmishes. In all the general fights we have got away with their hair. We have invariably whipped them badly. We fought about twenty-five the first fight; the second about four hundred; the third about six hundred; the fourth about eight hundred or one thousand Indians. We suppose we killed and wounded about one hundred Sioux. We have had the misfortune to lose one of our best men, Mr. Z. Yates, of Radersburg, who was shot through the heart during a charge in third battle, on the little Big Horn river.

We have been constantly annoyed with Indians for more than one hundred miles. There has been none in sight for several days past.

The first big fight the boys scalped eight of the red devils, but they killed and wounded about twenty-five head of our stock before they could be dislodged. The 16th they charged upon us while moving in two columns of about two hundred each, one in the front and the other in the rear. The boys met them as they came in full charge on horseback, having only about five hundred yards to run before reaching the train, and fought such deadly volleys into them that they turned their course and made for the ravines. At that time the men charged furiously upon them and dislodged them, leaving many dead and wounded. In this fight there must have been, in the charge upon us and near by, 1000 Indians. We had the luck to get no one hurt—only a few horses shot.

Taking all into consideration, we

have had a hard trip. Our stock has had the epizootic badly, and are dying yet.

There is no use talking—give us a few more such men as we have, and we can clean out the whole Sioux nation. Only twenty minutes to write, as the courier is silly going to leave. More anon. Yours,

TERRILL

"Secure the Shadow Ere the Substance Perish."

Geer's Portable Photograph Gallery has just arrived in Bozeman and will remain but a short time only. Those desiring Superior Pictures, either Photographs or "Tintypes," should call early as my time is limited here in this place. An experience of nearly twenty years in the business warrants me in saying that all my work will be warranted to give perfect satisfaction. Photographs and Tintypes of all sizes, from a locket, seal or finger-ring up to a Life-size Photograph Colored in Oil. Groups of several persons taken together from two to seven in number. Family groups taken if children are not too small.

Cloudy weather no hindrance to taking the best of pictures, except small children; bring them in fair weather, in the fore part of the day.

A large stock of Picture Frames, Photographic Albums, Stereoscopes and Stereoscopic Pictures constantly on hand and for sale.

Free exhibitions at all times of mountain and mining scenery and Indian views with stereoscope.

L. H. GEER, Artist.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to MARTIN & MYERS are requested to come forward and settle without delay and save costs.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOZEMAN.

Government Depository.

This bank has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as a Government Depository and financial agent of the Government, and has been qualified by depositing in the United States Treasury the required amount of bonds as security. This will be of great convenience to this section, as it will be the source from which Fort Ellis, Fort Peck and the Crow Agency will draw all the money required by those places, and prove very advantageous to the business of Bozeman and Gallatin county, and we are gratified that the Secretary of the Treasury has afforded this convenience. The First National Bank of Bozeman is one of the soundest banking institutions in the West, and from the start has been managed with great caution and prudence yet at the same time affording needed accommodations to business. Its published statements show a fair profit to its stockholders. The chief management of the bank has been in the hands of D. A. McPherson, Assistant Cashier, who has displayed excellent financial ability in conducting the business of the First National.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

The party who borrowed, or took without leave, the Running Gear of a Sixty Handful Shutter Wagon will oblige by returning it immediately. Any parties who have borrowed and are using, or have in their possession any property connected with Colonel Black's Ox or Mule Train, or any other property of his, will return such immediately. Any information given to the undersigned that will lead to the recovery of any such borrowed, or appropriated-without-leave, property will be gladly received and rewarded.

D. A. McPHERSON, Agent for the above, L. H. Geer, Bozeman, M. T., May 1, 1874.

Government Contracts.

The following are the bids for furnishing oats, barley, &c., at Fort Ellis on the 23d ult.:

Table with 4 columns: Oats, Barley, Hay, Straw, Wood, Charcoal. Lists various bids and prices.

The Yellowstone Expedition Ordered from Williams & Murray's Mammoth Saloon a large stock of choice whiskeys