

AVANT COURIER.

Local News.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA: FRIDAY, MAY 22, 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.

Go to Green's Portable Photographic Gallery for the very best photographs.

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

Flour is selling at \$1 per hundred wholesale in this market.

Go to Green's Portable Photographic Gallery for the very best Tin Type, Locket or Ring Picture.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—A Linnane & Co. are placing a neat and substantial sidewalk in front of the Wondrous premises.

The American Sardine Co.'s Boned Sardines, are much better, and less than half the cost of imported Sardines.

The new sidewalk leading from the church to Main and Black streets will be completed this week.

FURS.—We have noticed an unusual amount of furs coming into town the past week.

CAPTAIN T. P. FULLER and Mr. Thomas Gresham arrived from Helena Wednesday evening.

Four prisoners escaped from the Helena Jail on the night of the 14th, but have been recaptured.

A PRIVATE social party took place at Fort Ellis Monday evening. The Bozeman string band was in attendance.

SATURDAY was lively in town. The streets were crowded with farmers' wagons, and the merchants were busy supplying the wants of customers.

DRUG 'EM BACK.—The parties that borrowed my screw drivers and tin shears will please return the same at once.

WALTER COOPER.

The First National Bank of Bozeman is having a splendid new sign painted. It is one of Mitchell's best efforts, which is equivalent to saying that it cannot be excelled in the Territory.

LEFT.—Mr. John Blum, one of the founders and for a number of years proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel in this city, left yesterday for a trip to Utah and California, and will be absent about ten months. He carries with him the best wishes of our people.

FALSE ALARM.—The alarm of fire was given Tuesday afternoon, and our people were rushing frantically about with empty buckets, some looking for water and others the fire. The alarm was occasioned by a burning fire in the house of Mr. S. W. Cook, which subsided as soon as the water was burnt out.

THE LEGISLATURE.—We understand R. W. Hill, Esq., of Gallatin City, is favorably spoken of as the Democratic candidate for Representative in the next Legislature from the lower end of the county. He is a young man of acknowledged ability and has had experience in legislative bodies.

ARRIVED.—Mrs. Leonard, of St. Lawrence county, New York, the mother of our worthy Postmaster, Mr. J. H. Taylor and also of Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Langhorne, accompanied by Miss Van Allen, now Mrs. Davis Willson, from the same place, arrived in Bozeman on Tuesday evening. These ladies will reside permanently in this place, and make a desirable addition to our social circle.

WITHIN the memory of many of the present generation a likeness of one's self or of some dear friend would have cost a fortune. In fact, such extreme pleasure was enjoyed only by Kings and Queens, or by families of noble blood or of great wealth, while at the present time a mere boy can be obtained for a mere song at Geer's Portable Photographic Gallery in Bozeman. Remember this is the last opportunity, as I shall stay but a few days longer. Single pictures \$1.50, or \$7 per dozen; warranted to give entire satisfaction or no pay.

L. H. GEER, Artist.

CHARITABLE.—The boys of Bozeman, who seem to possess a decided penchant for this relic of barbarism, indulged in it to a considerable extent Tuesday night, soon after the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Willson. The nocturnal annoyance was kept up until Mr. Willson made his appearance and invited the boys over to the Metropolitan Hotel to partake of a lunch, etc.

SERVICES were held in the new church on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Higgin, assisted by the pastor, Rev. T. C. Cliff, conducting the same. A large congregation was in attendance.

The sermon of Mr. Higgin displayed earnestness of thought and ability. He is a young man of pleasant address and is evidently devoting his every effort to his divine calling. We acknowledge a call from him during his stay here, and trust he may make it convenient to visit our place often.

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?

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

WARRANTED FRESH AND GENUINE. We have received our large and carefully selected stock of LAMBERT'S CELEBRATED Garden Seeds.

TOP ONIONS AND ONION SETS, which we are prepared to sell wholesale and retail at favorable terms. Lambert's Alameda furnished gratis.

S. F. HOLZMAN & BROTHER.

YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITION.

New Organization.

To the Hon. John P. Bruce, Chairman:

The important telegrams just received and published in the current issue of the AVANT COURIER have an important bearing upon the project of our organization. It is useless, of course, to indulge in regrets now, but it will readily be seen that in the return of our Expedition we have perhaps lost a grand opportunity. It is not yet too late to work ourselves if we go energetically to work to effect a re-organization. As it was not, and is not, intended to violate any United States or Territorial laws, or to invade the treaty rights of any Indians, it will not be reasonable to suppose the Government will attempt any obstruction.

A party of 200 or 300 Crow warriors is to go out against the Sioux, and at least 125 of the late Command are anxious to return to the Big Horn country. If we go right to work we may yet recover the ground the Committee has reason to know has been lost; and, if we are to do so, it is necessary to re-organize immediately. We, therefore, call for instant enrollment of all who desire to take advantage of the efforts of the Committee in making a successful Expedition. We are now expecting valuable assurances of support and assistance, which will be made public at the proper time, and in the meantime we ask all who wish to join us to send in names and data without delay.

For the Committee, J. V. BOGERT, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE NEW EL DORADO.—We had a call Wednesday from Mr. W. T. Davis, one of the best miners in the Territory, who had just come up from the Jefferson river mines. Mr. Davis, after an investigation and what little prospecting could be done at the present stage of the water, is satisfied that the mines are the biggest thing that has ever before been struck in the Territory. The most flattering prospects have been obtained along the river. Work will be commenced by a large number of claim owners as soon as the river commences to fall. The erection of buildings has already commenced on the new town site recently laid out near the Davis bar. Timbers were being gotten out for a mercantile building by Mr. Hyde, a gentleman of almost unlimited capital, and before the coming of the sea and yellow lead a lively mining town and camp will be established on the Jefferson.

ATTENTION, EVERYBODY!

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

REDUCTION IN PRICES

Dry Goods and Clothing,

which must be sold at all hazards.

Strasburger & Sperting.

FROM FORT PEEK.—Major W. W. Alderson, Agent at Fort Peck, arrived in this place Tuesday, having come up the river on the steamer Pinalia, to Carroll, which was the first boat to reach that port this year. She arrived on the 8th inst., and discharged 125 tons of freight at Carroll, being compelled by the low stage of water in the Missouri river to leave half of her cargo at Fort Buford, for which she returned, leaving Carroll on the 10th. Major Alderson reports the river unusually low at this season of the year. From Carroll, he came in a buggy to this place, accompanied by a guide, following the new Helena road to Judith Gap, about one hundred miles from the Mouth of Maudeshell, thence via Sweet Grass and Big Timber, passing Fort Sherman and striking the Yellowstone eighteen miles below the Crow Agency. The distance by this route he thinks is about 250 miles, and the road good. Major Alderson says the Indians at his agency are quiet and tractable.

CHIEF PRINTING.—The rivalry between our Virginia City co-temporaries for job printing and advertising is calculated to ruin the business there, and bring one of the other to grass in a short time, unless they are backed by more capital than is possessed by ordinary publishers. The Montanan some time since accepted a job for \$29 for which it received about \$200 the year before, and now comes the Montanan and offers to insert notices of application for patents at \$2.50, "without regard to amount of matter or length of time of publication." The regular price charged for such notices, which is about the commercial rate of all the Territorial papers, is \$30. It has the appearance of being a right stout death with them, and if persisted in will result fatally to one, and leave a crippled business for the survivor.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Gen. Belknap, Secretary of War, Hon. Columbus Delano, Secretary of Interior, General Babcock, of the President's household, General Phil Sheridan and General Leggett, Commissioner of Patents, are now on the list to visit the National Park this summer in August. It is a few distinguished and influential men get in there, there will be no more quibbling about the few thousand dollars necessary to make it accessible for vehicles.—New North-West.

MARRIED.—In Virginia City, on Monday, May 18th, by His Excellency, Gov. B. F. Potts, Mr. Davis Willson of Bozeman, to Miss Martha Van Allen of Canton, N. Y.

The happy couple arrived in Bozeman Tuesday. A number of ladies and gentlemen went out in buggies to meet them and escorted them to town. They commence the new relation under the brightest and most auspicious circumstances, and have the sincere wishes of numerous friends and acquaintances for a long, happy and prosperous life.

PERSONAL.—Col. W. F. Wheeler, U.S. Marshal, and daughter, from Helena, have been spending a week in Bozeman.

Rev. Mr. Higgin, of Virginia City, has been the guest of Rev. T. C. Cliff the past week, and expresses himself highly delighted with his visit to our place.

Dr. Monroe and Major Miller went over to the Jefferson mines Wednesday to look after their claims.

NEW COAL DISCOVERY.—Col. Cheanut, last week, struck a fine vein of coal, located about one-quarter of a mile above his old mine, in Bonanza Pass. It promises to exceed his present lead below in quality if not in extent.

REV. T. C. CLIFF will conduct the services in the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening of each week. The public are invited to attend.

COL. BLACK'S bull train left here Tuesday for Corinne, loaded with furs.

YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITION.

FINAL REPORT.

To Hon. John P. Bruce:

Sir: The final item in the history of the Expedition concerns the attempt of Messrs. Reid and Bowles. "They left the Agency on the 23d of March with mail for Fort Trenchard. They followed its trail to Fort Terrell 35 miles above the Big Horn—crossed the Yellowstone to point of first flight—up Rose Bud to top of divide, there met first Sioux, 250 lodges, who ran them 2 1/2 miles south-east toward Tongue river. Then searched again for the trail on Little Horn—met fifty Sioux dogging them—same day saw at least 1,000 lodges—then struck the trail after going 40 miles to third Expedition camp beyond Fort Smith. Went 40 miles farther than Command, and to within 15 miles of Fort Phil Kearney. Beyond Fort Smith saw immense Sioux camp which had followed Command. This side Clark's Fork saw a great number of Sioux signal fires which the Crow said were signaling retreat of the Expedition. Saw four unscalped Sioux and many newly made grave scaffolds—20 wounded Sioux horses and many signs of the march of the Command. Found the country a fine one—signs of gold—and anxious to return to explore it."

After sundry efforts to secure couriers to the Command, Messrs. Reid and Bowles offered their services if their expenses would be paid, and they are to be congratulated upon the success of their perilous trip, which, unfortunately, was not made until too late to arrest the return of the Command.

CONCLUSIONS. We must conclude from the data resulting from the movement list: That the Big Horn country is a fine and extensive stock and farming region, suited even to corn and fruit; that it is exceptionally well watered; and that it is exceptionally well timbered and stocked with hard timber. 2d: That evidences of rich gold deposits exist; that coal, iron, copper, &c., abound in all directions and that its working advantages as a mineral country are very great. 3d: That the head of navigation of the Yellowstone will be found anyway at Clark's Fork, and perhaps as high up as the Mission; and that a wagon road can be cheaply and easily constructed to a point which may prove the actual head of navigation. 4th: That the Sioux, though formidable, can be subdued much more easily than has been supposed, and at one-tenth the legendary-estimated cost; and that it needs but one or two careful, systematic, persistent campaigns to crowd them into submission. They hold, against settlement and development, a rich, beautiful and extensive region, and so holding it, interpose a bloody barrier between us and an outlet to the East, for want of which a Territory, full of enterprising, ambitious, working men, suffers for a market and the means of utilizing the results of their emigration into and development of a country they have sacrificed so much to open. 5th: That, though the Expedition failed to effect the main object intended, it has yet proved many things in favor of the region it traversed—its general impetus to the long-standing desire to explore and settle it, and has graduated into a set led intention yet to effect both desires, not only the men who have just made one effort, but many others who will now have no confidence in the ability of the country, or in the idea that anything but an immense force could hold it open to the operations of the emigrant. 6th: That had the desires of the Committee been carried out, the Command would now be located below and an additional force would now be with it, no doubt resulting to the benefit of all parties concerned in the opening and settlement of the country, the working of its mines, the establishment of new markets and the early adoption of an aggressive Sioux policy.

THE COMMAND. Traveled 608 miles; was out 3 months; crossed 57 streams; had four fights; lost (killed) one man; had wounded two men; lost (killed) 17 horses; had wounded 20 horses; lost (killed) two oxen; captured 9 guns, 5 pistols, 12 horses and large amount of camp equipment; took ten scalps; killed (probably) 60 Indians; wounded (probably) 100 Indians.

As at least 125 of the Command desire to try it again, and as our existence almost demands the opening of the country visited, we must hope yet to effect what this first effort has failed to accomplish.

The Secretary invites correspondence on the subject, and the Committee desires to know who and how many wish to join the new organization upon what basis. Immediate attention is desired.

In conclusion—the Committee has done its best to make a success—it blames no one. It thinks all who have aided the movement, and especially His Honor, the Governor, from whom it has lately received a donation of \$50 toward the expenses of the couriers.

Commending the subject of another expedition to the consideration of the brave men who have just returned to us, and to all the people of the Territory.

I am, for the Committee,

J. V. BOGERT, Secretary and Treasurer.

MR. C. C. BROGAN, of San Francisco, a California miner and capitalist, has been on a visit to our place the past week, and is now at Sterling. Mr. Brogan came to Montana to invest in mines, and having been in correspondence with some of the claim owners in the mines of Bridger Canyon, had particularly in view those mines. In company with some of our citizens, he visited Bridger Canyon a few days since and made an examination of the place diggings there. We understand he was favorably impressed with regard to the character of the mines. There is no doubt of their paying well for working, and their extent is almost unlimited. The numerous and extensive bars of Bridger as well as those on the creek above the mouth of Bridger, and the foot hills for miles around, prospect well, and only require a little capital to be worked. We hope Mr. Brogan may determine to work them. Those holding claims or possessing interests in the ground should be liberal in their negotiations with him, and encourage him to develop them.

THE THOROUGHSHED BULL, PILOT.

WILL make his present season

At Myers & Wheeler's,

4 miles from Bozeman, on the road to Helena, and will be out to town. He was imported by E. Stone from Kentucky, and is of the best quality. For terms, apply at the place to be advertised. April 15, 1874.

DR. MONROE'S flower garden has a promising look, and should the grasshoppers spare it, the magnificent variety of flowers compared therewith will not have been "born to blush unseen, and waste their sweetness on the desert air," but will regale the olfactory of the denizens of that community and those who are wont to prosecute Main street.

PROSPECTING IN BRIDGER.

I have always thought that my fortune lay in mines. So, when Perkins asked me to go prospecting I didn't hesitate a moment. But, if one is to be an honest miner, he must appear as one, and clothes and things are as necessary to a miner as to a man; and a man can't be a miner without a hole in the seat of his pants, a slouch hat with twelve holes in the crown, a pan, no collar, top-boots, a pick, a bottle of whisky, one woolen shirt, a Kiy, overalls, 40 feet of rope, pipe-tobacco and Geo. Ren's ability to hope when "now you see see—only now you don't."

So, we went. The sun was coming down at the rate of ten miles a minute and my horse bounced three feet high at every jump. He didn't see why I couldn't keep the rope coiled on my arm instead of about his hind legs; and he wanted to know why I dug the spurs an inch and a half into him at every step when he was jouncing my Bizzard out without it.

At the bridge my pan dropped and struck the plank behind him with a crash—and he gave a leap and shot his intestines to the left at the instant he threw his hind legs to the right, and he went up and I went down, and Perkins kept on talking about colors. And that ended the bottle of whisky.

And I ran a mile to catch that horse, and left my pan behind me, and burst my suspenders, and lost my rope, and wished I had not gone prospecting. And I brooded for a day, and I thought of the bridge. It was a pity that Smith's that horse stepped too far to the side—and of course he got upon the only loose plank in the bridge—aid of course over the hole in the seat of his pants. As a miner I felt myself ruined.

But there rode Perkins, calm and cool—and he looked at me and said, "Hold a preliminary meeting on last Saturday and on Monday organized at the Court House, Grange No. 17 of the Montana Patrons of Husbandry with twenty-two original members."

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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. 227 BYRONS of Dry Goods and Carpets will find at the house of

J. P. 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. Dumphy & Bentley's Stone Block, HELENA, M. T.

LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the Post Office at Bozeman M. T., May 21, 1874.

Anderson John Jacoby Theodore

Banks T W McDonald J E

Bassett W D Mossbacher Frank

Brockmire Mr O'Connell Ed

Brogan C C 2 O'Dare Henry 2

Cochran J M V O'Holan C Oliver A

Corcor Frank Reding Mrs M

Doyle Chas 2 Shor J B

Egan John Unsell Anton

Gillis Neil Wilson Henry

Gourley Jas 2 Winterings W C

Griffith Paul Wright Charley

J. H. TAYLOR, P. M. 11

\$10 Reward! Lost, Staved or Stolen!

A LARGE dark straw hat with HORSE BRAND C. H. on left shoulder; size in forehead 7 1/2; very sharp shank when left inside; corse reversed. Strayed some time in March last. If any person has information concerning the said horse will be liberally paid for. Address,

L. H. GEER, Photographer, Bozeman, M. T.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors and others interested in the estate of WILLIAM C. JAMES, deceased, that the undersigned, administrator of said estate, will make final settlement thereof on the Probate Court of Gallatin county, M. T., at the regular term of said court, to be held and held on the first Monday in July, 1874.

W. J. KEAY, Administrator. Bozeman, M. T., May 21, 1874.

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THE TERRITORY.

Madison County.

The total indebtedness of Beayer Head Co. on \$7,000.

Several parties are fitting out for a prospecting tour along the Jefferson river. On and after Sunday next the running time of Gilmer & Salisbury's coaches will be changed to three days between Corinne and Virginia City.

Mr. Chas. L. Dabber, having decided to reside permanently in Virginia, is expected to arrive with his family in a few days.

Currants are in full bloom down on the valley farms. The lightness of the season has apparently had no injurious effects upon fruit-trees and shrubbery.

Mr. Citer was up from the Lost Lodge on Tuesday, and brought with him 6 ounces of gold bullion (something over \$1,100), as the product of a recent run on ore from that ledge.

During the coming season Messrs. Hurst & Olds will mill the rock taken out by them last summer while sinking the 95-foot shaft on the ledge in the Havana or Cherry Creek district.

During the storm of Saturday there fell at this place about six inches of snow which, when melted, made 6 inches of water, and 17 inches of rain, making a total of 22 inches. During the two days preceding the storm the barometer fell upwards of half an inch.

The price of flour has advanced to four dollars per sack. There is no scarcity, and the price is not likely to get higher.

DEER LODGE COUNTY. From the Montana Territory.

Pilgrim Bar and vicinity will employ about 200 men this season.

Mr. Geo. Perry says the indications are that this will be the best mining season ever had at Flouer.

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BOOTY.—"Amos" a well known Nez Perce Indian and his family came through the Cariboo pass Wednesday and has journeyed on to Missoula. He claims to have been a free lance of the Yellowstone Expedition and to have captured 22 horses from the Sioux, and the same he has in his camp. He tells the story of the campaign and describes the casualties as they have appeared in print, which goes to confirm his statement of where he got the horses.

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