

The Avant Courier.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

No communication will be inserted in this paper, unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

Communications intended for publication in the COURIER should be sent in as early as Monday evening if possible.

Local Matters.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Quarterly Meeting at the Methodist Episcopal Church next Saturday and Sunday, January 1st and 2d. Order of services: Preaching Saturday at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. Love Feast at 9 a. m., and Preaching at 11 a. m.; Preaching at 7 p. m.; Sacrament of Baptism before Sunday morning preaching, and Holy Communion immediately after preaching.

T. C. ILLIFF, P. E., South-East Montana.

EPISCOPAL.

There will be divine service in the Young Men's Library Hall each Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and 7 o'clock p. m. until further notice.

T. E. DICKEY, Rector.

METHODIST.

Religious services will be held regularly at the following places by the Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bozeman.

First Sunday, (of each month) Bozeman, 11 a. m. East Gallatin, 3 p. m. Bozeman, 7 p. m.

Second Sunday, Bozeman, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Fairview, 10 a. m.; Hoover's, 3 p. m.; Bozeman, 7 p. m.

Fourth Sunday, Bozeman, 11 a. m.; Weaver's school house at 7 p. m.; Sunday School every Sunday at 9 a. m.; Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening 7 p. m.

Class and Social meeting immediately after morning services. Strangers and friends cordially invited.

A. B. CLUCKNER, Pastor.

Club Dance.

The first club dance of the season, under the new organization, took place at Speth & Kruz's Hall Monday night.

The attendance was large, the music excellent and the evening was spent in an enjoyable and pleasant manner.

Dr. Osborn asks every one that owes him a quarter of a dollar or more, and wishes him prosperity long life and happiness, to come and pay the same. All are welcome, any way, money or not.

Fort Hills Theatre.

On account of the holidays, there was no performance at the Theatre this week, but the boys have gotten up a good programme for next Wednesday night.

Two excellent plays will be presented, besides a splendid solo.

A complete stock of School Books, Copy Books, Stationery, etc.

For sale at BASINSKI'S.

Painful Accident.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Charles Rich met with a severe and painful accident while returning from the Church Christmas eve. The night was dark, and when opposite Mr. Warfield's residence, the team came rushing up, and Mrs. Rich stepped aside to get out of its way.

She was aware of the fact that she was on a bridge, and stepped off into a large irrigating ditch, splashing her ankle badly.

Notice!

Parties knowing themselves indebted to us are respectfully requested to come forward and make settlement, as all accounts must be settled by January 1, 1897.

Grain and flour taken in settlement of accounts.

STRAUBERGER & SPERLING.

The Parish School.

Under the patronage of the Episcopal Church, will be resumed on Monday next. The principal, Miss Sweet, has given universal satisfaction so far. She is a teacher of large experience, and a lady of amiable disposition and firmness of character.

It should be gratifying to those in the community having children growing up that we have such an excellent school in Bozeman, and they should make it a point to see that it is properly encouraged and supported.

WANTED:

Ten thousand bushels XX and XXX wheat; Five thousand bushels XX and XXX flour; One hundred thousand pounds of oats.

Money advanced on Flour. All parties owing us will oblige by settling by the 1st of January.

A. LAMME & CO.

The Public School.

It will be a matter of regret to those in the community having school children to know that the public school has been closed for the present. The session of five months only lasted three weeks of schooling when the school was closed for the holidays. We believe it was the intention of the trustees to have a short vacation at the expiration of the five months.

On account of some dissatisfaction being expressed by parents with the present trustees, it was thought advisable by the trustees to close the school at once, and to re-organize the school at a later date.

We are satisfied that the Board of Trustees have considered the best interest of the public in this matter, and trust they will be able to procure good, competent teachers at an early date, that the school may be re-opened.

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We buy cash, XX and XXX flour, for which we pay the highest market price. J. BASINSKI.

NAVIGATION ON THE YELLOWSTONE.

Another Line of Steamers for the Trade.

Two Military Posts to be Built on the Yellowstone next Season.

Ever since the successful navigation of the Yellowstone river last season by the steamer Josephine steamboat men and others have had their eyes on that river as the future freight channel for Montana.

Various propositions have been received by our business men from different river men with a view of putting steamers on the Yellowstone and securing the trade of Eastern Montana.

Nothing of a tangible nature resulted from these correspondences, and Mr. Nelson Story and Dr. Lamme, two of our most substantial citizens, organized the Yellowstone Transportation Company, and have now under contract at Jeffersonville, Indiana, the construction of a first-class, light-draft steamboat, designed especially for the Yellowstone trade.

They have already in readiness to land trans to transport freight from the head of navigation to all points in the Territory.

It appears that there are other parties who wish to get into the trade. Mr. Story received a few days since a letter from Mr. W. A. Burleigh, the owner of several steamboats and a man of ample means, dated at Tunkton, December 16th. After making Mr. Story proposition to form a co-partnership, he says:

"If we go into this matter, there must be an agent at Bozeman, the line must be advertised at once, and a town site selected close by the new supply post, and a large warehouse erected. I will acknowledge the matter with you in earnest, if you desire to have me."

"I have just overhauled the Carroll, and have her ready to land for the head of navigation on the Yellowstone as soon as the Missouri is clear of ice. I wish you would see your shippers, and see what they are willing to do by way of shipping directly up the Yellowstone, instead of to Benton. Please get their figures for freight, and send them to me."

"My object is, to put on a line of light-draft boats, and establish and maintain a permanent and first-class line of steamers for the Yellowstone river. Captain Grant March will probably be in with me."

"I have seen General Sheridan and have no doubt but he will build two posts on the Yellowstone the coming season."

"I have just received from the Inspector of the Board of Underwriters at St. Louis the specifications of a boat for the Yellowstone river, and am now working up a cheap rate of insurance. The Carroll now draws but seventeen inches light. I can build a new boat that will draw but fifteen inches light, and will carry one hundred tons on two feet."

"Please write me at once, as it will take one hundred days to build and equip a new boat."

Yours, truly, "W. A. BURLEIGH."

Mr. Story wrote him substantially, that Dr. Lamme and himself had now a boat under contract for the Yellowstone river, which is being built at Jeffersonville, Indiana; that all the preliminary arrangements for opening navigation on the Yellowstone next season and for land transportation had been perfected by them, but they would be pleased to have the co-operation of Mr. Burleigh, etc.

STRAUBERGER & SPERLING Have just received from the Eastern and California markets a fine assortment of

Fine Family Blankets, Gen's Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

of every description; a large stock of the finest OREGON TOBACCO; an endless variety of GLOVES, &c., all of which they offer at prices to suit purchasers.

The Bozeman Times.

Under the new management, made its appearance yesterday. Judge E. B. Wilkinson appears as editor, and Henry O. and Ralph F. Wilkinson as publishers and proprietors. The gentlemen labored under many disadvantages in getting out the first number, and it should not be taken as a fair criterion of what the Times will be hereafter, although the first issue is considerably above the average county newspaper. The Judge's salutatory occupies the space of a column, in which he clearly defines the course and policy of the paper. He says: "We shall, if we are properly supported, issue a weekly paper equal, if not superior, to any other in the Territory. We bring to this task a mind and body dedicated to the work, and an experience of thirty-seven years editorially devoted to the profession of an authorial life. In our editorial career, in the future as in the past, we shall be faithful and fearless. We shall treat all subjects of public or local importance with fairness, candor, and impartiality."

Of the political tenets of the paper the editor says: "And while we shall not (out of season) discuss political issues with which we have but little concern, the Times will be an Independent Democratic newspaper."

Holiday Goods!

J. BASINSKI Has just received a large stock of Toys and Fancy Goods

including the latest novelties, suitable for

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Inspection is respectfully solicited.

M. T. Williams and wife, see Mrs. Maggie Happy, having spent the last two weeks of their honeymoon in the pay Hotel, left this morning by private conveyance for Bozeman, where they will be the future home of "Maggie" and her interesting little baby, a pleasant time while in Helena.

Mr. Williams and his charming young lady arrived in Bozeman yesterday evening, and were warmly greeted by a legion of friends.

Just received an assortment of Accordions and Harmoniums.

A. J. BASINSKI.

Santa Claus Gifts to the Children.

The evening which had passed upon the night of the 24th in the community for a week previous was referred to as the night of the "Santa Claus."

Friday night last (Christmas Eve) by the cheerful pluck of the church bell, settling the little ones in a flutter of excitement and expectation.

On the 24th, a massive, brilliantly lighted Christmas tree met the view, heavily laden with everything tempting to the juvenile mind—lessee presents of a useful and substantial character. The tree was gotten up for the benefit of the children of the M. E. Sabbath School.

The illumination of the tree from the tree was made by Dr. Moore, assisted by Mr. B. F. Bennett. The children were on the spot, and as their names were called, a glow of pleasure would mantle their ruddy cheeks which no doubt fully reflected the glow of the tree and the excitement of the occasion.

Several beautiful Christmas carols were delightfully sung by the children, led by Mr. Bennett, previous to the distribution of the gifts.

All the children went home loaded with presents of various kinds, and general satisfaction was expressed. We were kindly remembered by some good friends, and an acknowledgment of a substantial present from the printer of this paper.

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Those having charge of the Episcopal Sabbath School deferred the distribution of gifts till Christmas night, in order not to conflict with the other school. At 7 o'clock the church doors were opened, displaying a brilliantly lighted ball, beautifully festooned with evergreens, and towering majestically above the assembly with the traditional Christmas tree, sparkling with wax candles, which reflected the fruits of kind, generous hearts, extending to the way of the little ones ever dear to the loving and good. The gifts were uniform and all supplied by the church. No date gifts were accepted or admitted to the tree. No dissatisfaction could be expressed, for all the gifts were like and the same. We think the arrangement was an admirable one. Christmas carols were sung in happy manner. Rev. Mr. Dickey, Rector of the Church, delivered some sensible and timely remarks on the origin of the custom of the Christmas tree, the tree was decorated with its well-frequented branches by Dr. Moore and J. V. Boyer, Esq. It was a pleasant occasion, and will long be remembered as such by those present, especially by the little ones.

Photographs.

I will close my Gallery in Bozeman on the 15th day of January.

Those wishing work done in my line should give me a call before the above date.

H. B. GALFEE.

It has played the devil with the prospect of the Holiday and the few obscure sheets, which, like the "plouster," have so long existed upon public charity. Unable to be reconciled to the fact that the Independent doubles in circulation any two of them and is becoming every day more popular, they foolishly imagine that they can get up a personal destruction can bring the leading newspaper of Montana down to the degrading level of their own illiterate malice. They ignore the fact that the Independent has deserved the success it has achieved by being a live, enterprising and personal destruction, reliable and interesting. Independent.

We admire the cheek of the Independent. The tears from which the above extract was taken contained not a line of local news, except twenty lines of personal notices, interesting only to those briefly addressed.

It is surprising to certainly a strange character when it cannot care up at least one local item in the metropolis and capital of the Territory, but has to go all the way to San Francisco and search the police records for a doubtful Chinese story for its local page.

Helena must be terrible dull when it cannot supply its "live, enterprising daily" with a local item. The obscure sheets, published in towns having less pretensions to metropolitan honors, can best that neighbor.

J. BASINSKI has the largest stock of Clothing and Gen's Furnishing Goods, etc., to be found in this market, which he is selling at greatly reduced prices.

Christmas at Elk Grove. A correspondent furnishes us the following:

Editor GAZETTE.—Having been present at the Christmas tree, at the school house in district No. 10, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the house was crowded. The tree was well arranged, and made a beautiful display of the variety and quantity of the presents with which it was loaded for the little folks.

Mr. Samuel Reed noted in the capacity of Santa Claus; and admonished the little folks to be good children and he would do so much for them next year.

Many thanks are due the Misses Eakin and others for the active part they took to make the affair so enjoyable. The Misses Bogert, A. Lamme & Co., and others of Bozeman, will long be remembered for their kind and generous contributions.

Let us not forget to thank the friends of the school for their kind and generous contributions.

The undersigned wishes to thank his customers for liberal patronage during the last few years, and promises, for the future, to do well by his friends, and to sell the very best articles at the lowest possible prices. So call and see how much you can buy at "Osborn's" Drug Store with a little money. E. M. OSBORN.

The National Park.

We have been asked to make inquiry about the vicinity of the National Park. Does one, not understanding any authority, and not knowing to whom any, has been recently offered in writing papers of the Park. Learned was once Superintendent, and may be yet for some time to the contrary. I think.

Mr. Langford is still Superintendent of the Park, and John Bennett, a live, wide-awake B. A. Deputy Sheriff, is at present in charge of the same, but we do not think his office consist of collecting people off the Park, and what they owe, when the national purpose. It is not so that the law governing the Park is not yielded.

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At City's

WOLVES.

Wolves have advanced lately.

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Rich & Willson's train left this week for the New Agency, loaded with pork for Nelson Story.

Eggs are quoted at 60 cents in Bozeman. Better grade of fruit, 40 to 50 cents per pound.

A sale of 75 mcs of Calatin Mills XXX Flour was made this week at 100 cents.

G. W. Fox, Esq., and Major Miller returned to Helena on Tuesday morning last.

Freighting between Bozeman and Helena is uninterrupted, and merchants get their goods regularly.

The most successful heart-robbers are schoolmasters—they can marry with others as well as left out in the cold.

The grain market is rather quiet, there being no fixed price. Holders of wheat have no anxiety to sell at present.

Mr. James H. Harper has been quite ill for the last two weeks, but we are glad to learn he is now convalescent.

The stage route from Bozeman to Helena can be made in better than 12 hours by any other road in Montana.

Several small trains have arrived during the past week loaded with goods for our merchants.

The Legislature opens Monday next, January 5, 1897. The members from Gallatin, this county, went over on Thursday morning.

We learn that a bachelor friend of ours proposed to take a journey which will embrace many long miles before it comes to an end. We wish him a prosperous trip.

F. J. Suppe, Esq., was continued as Superintendent of Schools for the County by the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Stone has filled the place very acceptably for the last four or five years.

Wool speculators are rather down in the mouth—the article meets with a slow sale. Wood taken at this office in discharge of subscriptions.

In Madison, Deer Lodge, Beaverhead & Jefferson counties the crops were nearly all destroyed by the grasshoppers, and the people have to depend on Gallatin and Missouri counties for their supplies.

Rich & Willson's train was loaded by Mr. Nelson Story, Tuesday, with pork and flour for the Crow Agency, and left Wednesday morning for that point.

Our neighbor of the Times says he enjoys the friendship of all the aspirants for Congress in the Territory. He has evidently a large number of friends.

Just received at Morris & Wortham, the old Kentucky Favorite, the celebrated "Old Jones," and Kentucky Bourbon Whiskies, eight years old.

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P. B. Clark's list of coaches on the Bozeman and Helena road have polite and attentive drivers, and business is done with regularity and dispatch. The exchange business has greatly increased owing to the moderate rates charged and promptness in deliveries.

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Our friend W. O. P. Hoyt, Councilman elect from Gallatin county, left for the capital Thursday morning, looking hale and hearty. His arrangements for spending the winter are already made, his neighbor Bob Barnett having headed over enough money to carry W. O. P. thru the winter.

The farmers of this county have done a large amount of work in the way of fencing had other improvements this fall. The weather has been fine all the season, and advantage has been taken of it. Instead of laying around the house spinning yarn and smoking their pipes, the boys have been busily employed at outdoor work. This has been a very remarkable season of fine weather.

The Half-way House kept by Henry Miller, the first stage station out from Helena on the Bozeman road, is a perfect "farmers' rest." The table groans with an abundance of good grub well cooked, and the attention to guests is excellent. The only trouble Mr. M. experiences is that he is unable to keep help any length of time—the girls are just as sure to marry before the first of months as sure.

Weddings appear to be in vogue just now, as will appear by the marriage notices in today's issue of the Courier. There is some talk of matrimony, and many a bachelor has been brightened up by the cheerful presence of a female partner. Montana is the best opening we know of for an emigration of young women. They would go off like hot cakes.

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The members of Co. H, Second Cavalry, at Fort Hills, had a magnificent Christmas dinner. We have been handed one of the bills of fare, and from it should judge that it was a bang-out, exceeding anything of the kind ever before attempted in Montana. It was a grand affair, and shows how to enjoy life.

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Personal.

Rev. E. A. Bishop called to see us Tuesday. He was en route to the Agency.

Dr. Hunter is in from the Crow Agency. He will call on us this evening.

F. Johnson, of Virginia, formerly a tin and hardware merchant in this place, is spending a week with his Bozeman friends.

Gen. Clapp, Agent for the Crow Indian, returned from Washington on the 26th, and spent a day or so in Bozeman, inspecting necessary business. He departed Wednesday for the Agency.

John Bertram, an old Bozeman stander, who has spent the past year in Montgomery, building and mining, has returned and will spend the winter here.

Dr. O. W. Sanford dropped in to see us Monday, furnishing us with a marriage notice, but we publish another one commended by him of which he failed to supply us with a notice.

We acknowledge pleasant calls from Rev. T. C. Illiff, Presiding Elder of this District. He is over to preside at the regular Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church, which will convene at the church in this city to-morrow. Mr. Illiff is an able gentleman, as well as an able, earnest and eloquent preacher of the gospel.

NORTHERN PACIFIC HOTEL.

Main Street, - Bozeman, M. T.

Under the management of Mrs. H. J. Hopp, this house has attained an excellent reputation. The rooms are well furnished and kept in splendid order. The tables are supplied with everything to be had in the country, which is prepared by the best cooks in the mountains. Travelers will find first-class accommodations at the Northern Pacific, Helena and Virginia coaches stop at this hotel.

When Gen. Clapp left Bozeman, 1 November, we had simply the announcement of the setting aside as an Indian Reservation the land on the north side of the Yellowstone. The instructions received by the Agent, while at Washington, modify the matter very considerably. He is authorized to control Indian trade, and exclude whisky from the new reservation; but here his authority ends. He can interfere in no manner with settlement for legitimate purposes, nor with transit of any kind, be it of railroad, stagecoach or bull train. Moreover, he has asked the Secretary of the Interior that the order be modified, removing the Eastern boundary of the new reservation up the river so as to leave out Ft. Peck and the head of navigation on the Yellowstone, and he thinks the order will be so modified.

Dr. Bishop, Dentist, has arrived in town, and taken rooms at the Metropolitan Hotel. He is prepared to practice his profession in all its branches.

The Gallatin Valley Female Seminary has the scholars a holiday of two weeks' duration, which extends to January the 9th. This institution is growing in popular favor, and is well established. Mr. Crittendon has made such improvements as render the school a most comfortable home for the young ladies entrusted to his care. It is an educational establishment that reflects credit on Gallatin Valley, and we are convinced that no better place can be found in Montana where young ladies will have more advantages and comforts than in this excellent school. The corps of assistants are well chosen and qualified in a high degree for their places.

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FROM THE CROW AGENCY.

Gen. Agnew, M. T., Dec. 20, '96.

Spring Cottage, Sitka—Being at Sitka, I drop you a few lines from this place, though there has nothing of great importance transpired of late. Under the direction of Charles L. Clapp, Acting Agent since the departure of Dr. E. Clapp to Washington, affairs have proceeded finely. Nearly all the buildings are now completed in comfortable shape for the winter. We have had the most delightful weather that could be wished for the past month, and nothing has occurred to impede the progress of our building operations. The train of Nelson Story, under charge of Nelson Hill, which left here on the 11th inst. from Carroll, being the second trip of the season, and left here on the 10th for the vicinity of Bonanza to pitch tent for winter.

Quite a number of the River Crow Indians are here awaiting the arrival of Gen. Clapp to receive their annuities. A portion of the Mountain Crows are also here. Jack Mills has turned over a new leaf, and instead of going to the Black Hills has become a Fur Speculator. He has got three wolf skins already.

Blue-the-Hatcher is a probability, a man, his time and attention is chiefly directed toward "brush-work," in order that he may be the better prepared for anticipated conflicts in the near future.

C. F. has jumped from the depressed life of a bachelor and taken to his fond embraces one of the wild maidens of the Crow tribe. They seem to be happy in each other's love. May they never take a departure from each other.

Dancing is becoming quite fashionable among the inhabitants here, especially so of the characteristics of the Indian tribes is the love they possess for music and dancing. The squaws, who are wives of white men are of course