

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.

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.

M. 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.

Third Sunday, Fairview, 10 a. m.; Meaves' 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 2 1/2 p. 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.

Off for the Capital.

Messrs Rich, Story, Clark, Bruce, Morrill, Mendenhall and Cooper, all prominent citizens of Bozeman, have left the past few days for Helena.

'What are the wild waves saying—saying sister, dear?' Why you old strumpet they say, go to Gov's for your whisky, wine and beer.

Good for Deer Lodge.

Our agent, Jno. W. Powell, who is canvassing Deer Lodge county, has sent us in several large lists of subscribers, and says he will increase our list with two hundred new names before leaving the county.

\$450 for 50 Cents!—How to do it. Take a five-dollar bill to Gov's Palace Billiard Rooms, play two games of billiards, give Gov or Ed the bill and he will return \$4.50. Try it on.

For Clark's Fork.

Messrs M. M. Black and W. H. Randall left Wednesday morning for the Clark's Fork mines. They went well prepared for a protracted trip, and supplied with a good prospecting outfit.

A complete assortment of Stationery at

J. BASINSKI'S. Major W. W. Alderson, U. S. Indian Agent at Fort Peck, will leave for his post to-morrow. He has been detained here longer than expected by private business. He will remain in Helena several days before going to Peck. We wish him a pleasant trip.

A complete stock of School Books, Copy Books, Slates, &c. For sale at BASINSKI'S.

Death of a Pioneer.

Fred. W. Peck, a prominent citizen of Bannack, and one of the first settlers in the Territory, died at Virginia City, on the 24th, of congestion of the lungs, after a brief illness. He was an enterprising man and a general companion.

NOTICE.

All those knowing themselves indebted to us, either by book account or note must come forward and settle before the 1st of January, and save costs.

We buy oats, XX and XXX flour, for which we pay the highest market price. ELLIS & DAVIS.

John W. Powell, our traveling agent, who was in Deer Lodge City on the 23d inst., writes us that Mr. Myers, of the firm of Martin & Myers of this place, left Deer Lodge on the 22d with about nine hundred head of cattle, which he had just purchased in that valley.

Come Up, Boys. All those indebted to the Brewery Saloon must come forward and settle by the 20th of January, or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. M. MOUNTS.

The Avant Courier furnished its patrons with a supplement, containing the Governor's Message. Such newspaper enterprise is worthy of notice.—Hubbandman.

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

The Paymaster came over Wednesday, and yesterday paid off the troops at Fort Ellis.

The M. E. Church Sociable was held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. M. M. Black Wednesday evening.

Wanted two fresh milk cows. For good ones, a liberal price will be paid. Apply at this office.

DENTISTRY. 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.

At a meeting of the ladies of the St. James Aid Society, held on Monday evening, it was decided that a unanimous vote of thanks be returned to all who so kindly assisted in the Concert of last week. Also to Mr. Bogert for his untiring efforts to make it successful, and to Mr. Williams for the free use of the Hall.

H. M. DICKEY, Secretary.

Dr. S. H. Osborn, who attended the annual session of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. held at Deer Lodge recently, has returned.

PORT PEASE. Precarious Condition of the Garrison.

The news published in this paper last week relative to a fight at Fort Pease, in which five of the brave pioneers of the garrison were wounded, has been confirmed by a letter from J. S. Crain, of Fort Pease to the Helena Herald, which was sent via Camp Baker. The names of the wounded men are Pat Sweeney, supposed to be mortally wounded; By Nutting, James Dewing, Neil Gillis, and 'Muggins' Taylor. By Nutting was shot in the calf of the leg, Dewing in the arm above the elbow, Gillis in the thigh, and Taylor in the thumb and finger.

The fight occurred on the 21. At the time of the fight nine men were below. Two of the latter—Carter and partner—have since come in. Dolan, Hubble, Cockerill, Ford, Topping, Williamson and Kennedy are still out, and fears are entertained that they have had trouble. The Indians numbered several hundred.

We understand that Mr. H. J. Hoppy is getting up a party to go to the rescue of the boys. Something should be done to save them from the merciless savages. Unless reinforcements are sent there we fear that the whole garrison will be massacred. Mr Hoppy should be encouraged in his noble efforts to save the boys.

EXTRA.

The undersigned are contemplating a change in their Business, will therefore offer extraordinary bargains in Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Carpets, &c. &c. We assure the public that we will sell at 25 per cent less than any other house in the Territory. All we ask is for the public to call and price our goods and be convinced. At the reduced prices, we will sell for Cash only or take Flour and Grain at the highest market price. Hides and Furs, we are prepared to buy either in large or small quantity.

ELIS & DAVIS.

With a View of Matrimony.

A scarcity of females has been the cry of our bachelor friends here, who resort to it on all occasions in extenuation of their lonely bachelor existence, and to judge from the way the young girls are hitched in the matrimonial traces as soon as they have attained womanhood, we are led to believe the excuse genuine. But the boys now have a chance to show their hands, and if they do not take advantage of the rare opportunity here presented, they must forever after hold their peace.

The following letter explains itself. We can vouch for its genuineness, and further, that the lady is a mean business:

BOULDER CITY, COLORADO, JANUARY 4TH, 1876.

EDITOR COURIER:—On seeing a photograph of your city we made up our minds that we would like to come out here. Knowing not who to address our lines to we write to you for some correspondents. There is one of us 33 years of age, a widow; one lady, 18 years, and another aged 16. None but gentlemen need answer our lines. Photographs in exchange if requested. Direct all letters to: Boulder City, Colorado.

Lyceum. The Young Men's Lyceum met last Saturday evening, and debated the question chosen the meeting previous. Both sides were ably argued, including a speech in favor of both sides by Rev. Mr. Alderson who was declared an honorary member of the Lyceum. The argument was decided in favor of the negative. On motion, the same question—Resolved that the Good Templars cause is of more importance to the community than the Lyceum—was chosen for next Saturday's debate. Affirmative, F. A. Major; Negative, E. H. Campbell.

WALTER GRANNIS, Secretary.

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Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. Annual Election of Officers.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., held in Deer Lodge City on the 19th and 20th inst., the following officers were elected:

M. W. Grand Master—Chas. E. Duer. R. W. D. Grand Master—James L. Davis.

R. W. Grand Warden—Ferd Bohm. R. W. Grand Secretary—Joseph A. Hoyt.

R. W. Grand Treasurer—Edward Frank.

W. G. Marshall—J. A. Bradley. W. G. Contact—Chris. Heble.

W. G. Warden—S. H. Osborn. W. G. Herald—D. Vinson.

D. D. Grand Master District No. 1—L. E. Holmes. D. D. Grand Master District No. 2—Jno Gerber.

D. D. Grand Master District No. 3—Jno. Paulinus. D. D. Grand Master District No. 4—A. D. McPherson.

D. D. Grand Master District No. 6—C. Hauser. Grand Rep. to G. L. of the U. S.—Zeno Hoyt.

Speaker Longhouse received a dispatch from Mr. John McCormick, dated at Corinne, stating that the Utah Northern R. R. is blocked with snow, and that the mails were being transported in sleighs. No exertions were being made to clear the track. Comments unnecessary.—Montana News.

Railroad Meeting.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Odell's Hall, Monday evening last, for the purpose of considering and discussing the late memorial to the Legislative Assembly submitted by the accredited commissioners of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company asking Territorial aid for the purpose of securing the early construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad into Montana.

Upon motion of Walter Cooper, Nelson Story was elected Chairman, and J. V. Bogert, Secretary.

Upon motion of John P. Bruce, W. W. Alderson, J. P. Mendenhall, and W. B. McAdow, were made Vice Chairman, and Davis Wilson, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Bogert was called upon to give an account of the action of General Stark before the Legislature, and to explain the proposition of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Mr. Bogert gave the desired information.

Mr. Story addressed the meeting in favor of the N. P. R. R. Company's proposition. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Alderson also addressed the meeting in favor of the proposition.

Mr. Bogert introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, The Northern Pacific Railroad Company, has by memorial to our Legislature, made certain propositions, regarding the extension of said road, a copy of which memorial is attached hereto;

Resolved, That we favor and endorse said propositions, and hereby advise and request our representatives in the Legislature to support the same, and to take such action as will positively secure to said company the Territorial assistance suggested in and by said memorial.

Resolved, That such action is hereby asked of the Legislature, now convened, and also such final and immediate action as will enable said road to begin operations under a contract with this Territory, based upon said Company's said proposition, at the opening of the coming Spring.

Resolved, That, nevertheless, the best interests of the Territory must be guarded under said contract that the benefits to accrue to Montana from it shall be fully and legally secured.

Resolved, That, in order to secure the full support of our people, we hereby ask and advise that road to build its own section under the proposed contract not only to the line of the Territory, as proposed, but to Glendive Creek; thus a distance of 205 miles from Bismarck, that from that point the road to be built from the loan of the Territorial credit shall be begun. And with said object in view we also ask and advise that the work of construction on this side of our line be begun at the same time the work shall be commenced at Bismarck.

W. Cooper, D. Wilson and J. V. Bogert, were made a Committee to send copies of the Resolutions to other towns and to request meetings in them and the adoption of the Resolutions in them.

The Resolutions have been sent to our Representatives requesting immediate action.

We published the memorial in our last issue, and therefore omit it in this connection.

NORTHERN PACIFIC HOTEL,

Main Street, - Bozeman, M. T.

Under the management of Mrs. H. J. Hoppy, 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.

We had a call Thursday from Rev. M. Bird, who came up from the Crow Agency last week. Mr. Bird has been the teacher at the Agency the past two years, and rendered good service as such, considering the many disadvantages connected with the position. He showed us some specimens of penmanship by an Indian boy 15 years old. Two Spencerian copy-books had been filled. Commencing with rude characters, a wonderful aptitude is exhibited as the lessons progress, and when reaching the second book a fair sample of writing is noticeable, and before completing it a stage of proficiency is attained that would be a credit to any business man. Mr. Bird will settle again in our midst; Rev. E. A. Bridge having succeeded him as teacher at the Agency.

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In transcribing our subscription book, we find that many of our patrons have allowed their accounts to run for one, two and three years. They are all good men, and we are satisfied that it is the result of oversight with a majority of them. Even in Gallatin county, we have sufficient data for our subscription alone to enable us, if paid up, to put a first-class power press in the office and purchase a new outfit of type. The amounts due are comparatively small; we need the money, and trust that those indebted will come forward at once and pay up.

New Barber Shop. Having permanently located in Bozeman propose to do all work known to the territorial art cheap for cash.

Shaving, 25cts. Hair cutting, 50cts. Shampooing, 50cts. F. D. BEQUETTE.

Lecture. G. W. Monroe, M. D., will deliver a lecture on Physiology, in the Young Men's Library Hall, on Monday evening, January 31st. This lecture is the first of a series which the Doctor has kindly consented to deliver for the benefit of the Lewis' Aid Society of St. James Mission. Admission 50 cents.

FORK WANTED! The undersigned will pay Helms prices for Fork. Parties having the article for sale will do well to call on us. MARTIN & MYERS.

CROW AGENCY.

Crow Agency, M. T., January 17, 1876.

EDITOR COURIER:—As, no doubt, many of your readers are interested in the Black Hills question—for many here are—therefore I forward you the latest news from that section, as reported at this place.

Joe Hill has just reached here from the vicinity of Fort Brown and Wind River country. He says all late reports in that section show that the mines are proving excellent—paying good wages throughout. Prospecting is being pushed forward at a rapid rate; and, though few have reached bed rock, except on bars, good pay has been gotten near the surface, both in gulch and on bar. Nearly every man who can outfit himself is going there immediately by way of Fort Laramie.

The following is an extract from a letter lately received by Mr. John P. Wadell from his friend, Samuel R. Shankland, in which he advises him to start for the Hills immediately. He says: "I can now state what I know from actual observation and experience. In the first place, the circumstances under which this country was visited by the miners, not knowing what moment they might be driven out by the military, tended to materially check the development of the mines; and the consequence is that not a single gulch has been thoroughly prospected. There has not been a single main channel found in this country, for the reason that the weak tenure by which the miners held the country did not warrant the time and expense of running long drains or ditches. Therefore the mining and prospecting has been confined to bars, and to the high rims along the main channels, where the bed rock can be reached above water level. This gulch (Custer's) is as good as it has been reported; but far better prospects have been obtained further north, on Spring Creek, Current Creek, Castle Creek, Rippled Creek, Elk Creek, and Box Elder. I have, myself, seen three pans of gravel washed on Castle Creek, which yielded respectively \$1.40, 75 cts. and \$2.00, total in the three pans \$4.15. This was obtained on a bar along the creek. And I saw cleaned up from a five hours' run of a rocker \$21.00. I have seen hundreds of dollars in dust taken from Castle Creek in the last eighteen days, and am forced to believe that very rich placers have been very recently discovered. I think that Castle Creek is the best creek in the country. It is about forty miles long, and gold in pay quantities has been found at its head and mouth, and at any intermediate points. This country is going to excel Montana in time, and the climate a great deal more pleasant. Timber is abundant; water plenty, and of the best quality. The heaviest nugget I have yet seen weighed \$4.00, found on a bar on Castle Creek; but I think when we reach the bottom of the main channel we will find much heavier deposit."

Thus you are furnished the opinions of an experienced miner and an old Montanan.

There are about thirty men at this Agency who intend leaving early in the spring for the new mines by way of Fort C. F. Smith. The course is an easterly one from here, thence on a south-east direction to Fort Phil. Kearney; thence, bearing a little more to the east, go direct to Harney's Peak (the highest point in the Black Hills), adjacent to which are low passes leading to the east side of the range, where the mines are located. In fact, the region about Harney's Peak is a good field for prospecting; gold is known to exist there.

This Agency, in my opinion, would be a good point to make rendezvous. There is a good wagon road nearly the entire distance from this place. It is now evident that Congress will take some action granting to the white man the rights of possession in that section. Thus will be thrown open a vast country that has been looked forward to for many years with the greatest interest. Men here intend leaving the last of March or first of April, of 150 or 200 men, well armed and equipped, can be raised. There is no doubt but they can reach the mines by this route with perfect safety. Any thing you can produce on the Black Hills will be read by all in this vicinity with interest.

Dutton's fast freight train has just arrived from Bozeman.

A heavy snow storm is raging about us. Nelson Story leaves for Bozeman to-morrow. Enough far this time. U. KNOW.

Music Lessons.

MRS. A. W. STREET Has removed to Bozeman, occupying the former residence of Dr. G. W. Monroe, on Church street, and is prepared to give instructions on the Piano. Terms reasonable. Patronage respectfully solicited.

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Hot Springs Creek, Madison Co. M. T. One of the most successful halls of the season came off at Odell's Hall, Tuesday evening.

We are indebted to Mr. Ed. Hubbard, Esq., for some Baxter newspapers.

Territorial Auditor.

The Council on the 21st in executive session, confirmed by a unanimous vote the appointment of Mr. D. H. Cuthbert Territorial Auditor, vice Sol. Star, resigned.

Col. Black telegraphs back from Corinne that the Utah N. P. R. R. is blocked with snow, and that passengers are transported from the terminus in sleighs, red ting the voyage inefficient and causing a great deal of inconvenience. Another strong argument in favor of the Northern Pacific.

The Legislature is squabbling over a general law to prevent hogs from running at large. The same question came up two years ago, and was defeated, except so far as it related to Gallatin county. If the bill now pending should become a law, it is to be hoped that it will be more strictly enforced than has been the case in this country. We can see no use of making laws and then let them stand as a dead letter on our statute books.

We are indebted to Dr. A. M. Smith for two dozen of the finest eggs we have seen produced in the Territory. The Doctor's hens are not only industrious in the laying line, but their fruit is of extraordinary size. One selected from the lot measured 6 1/4 by 3 1/2 inches.

We devote much of our space this week to railroad matters. The question is of vital interest to our people just at this time. We commend to our readers a careful perusal of the able and convincing arguments of Messrs. Stark and Roberts in favor of the Northern Pacific road.

The late Printing bill adopted by the Legislature provides that each figure shall constitute a word. Hence, 1876 makes four words, while unintelligibility is counted as one. The same incongruity is noticeable throughout the law.

J. V. Bogert, Dr. G. W. Monroe, Jake Oakwood and R. P. Vivian, returned from the Capital this week.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Postoffice, BOZEMAN, M. T., January, 23, 1876.

J. K. Cline John Donaldson James Fink David Hoover T. Irvinson Wm Leonard Andrew J. McCarrill Ben B Wells Nelson Wanamaker R. R. Walker.

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