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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.

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. 7 p. m.

Third Sunday, Fairview, 10 a. 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.

We have been having a touch of March weather.

H. B. Calfee, our photographer, has been ill for a week or two past.

J. W. Ponsford's elegant new residence is about completed.

We had a regular March wind Wednesday evening.

Ben. F. Dexter arrived from Fort Pease Tuesday. He reports Sweeney dead; that the boys are fighting almost daily.

Helena papers announce that J. Basinski has closed out business there and shipped his goods to his Bozeman house.

Mr. F. F. Fridley has taken up a ranch on the Yellowstone, and has gone over to make some improvements on it.

The great ball of the season will be given at Speth & Krug's Hall on the 24th inst.

A complete assortment of Stationery at J. BASINSKI'S.

The Madisonian mentions the arrival in Virginia of Jacob Ellis, M. J. Bowen and Louis Stranburger of this place, and their subsequent departure for the East.

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

The annual overflow of Spring Creek has commenced, and a portion of Black Street is a sheet of ice, making the cross ing disagreeable to pedestrians and teams. Can't the thing be stopped?

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.

Parties who have contracted to pay their subscription in wood, will oblige us by delivering it as soon as convenient.

Flour and grain remain firm in the Helena market, the former being quoted at XXX \$4 30 @ 35; wheat, 24; oats, 8 1/2; barley, 3 @ 3 1/2.

\$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.

The Times designate the COURIER "the church yard organ," on the ground, we presume, that the office now used by the COURIER was formerly a Methodist church. On the same principle we might dub the Times as the rum mill—faro bank—conjoint-organ.

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

Gen. James S. Brislin, the new post commander at Fort Ellis, arrived here Saturday. Gen. Brislin has been stationed at Omaha for some time, and our Omaha exchanges speak of him in terms of the highest praise as a gentleman of fine social qualities and an officer of experience and good judgment.

NOTICE. All those having 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 coats, XX and XXX flour, for which we pay the highest market price. ELLIS & DAVIS.

The Ogden Freeman, edited and published by Mr. & Mrs. Leigh R. Freeman, is a live newspaper, and is making things lively for the Mormons of Utah. It is engaged in a righteous cause, and expresses its sentiments in a fearless manner.

We have received the report of an expedition up the Yellowstone river, made in 1875, by Col. James Forsyth and Col. F. D. Grant. It is well illustrated, showing the tributaries of the Yellowstone, the character of the country through which it runs, etc.

Notice. We wish it distinctly understood that this office is responsible for no bills made against it, except upon an order given by the undersigned, and a statement of the amount of purchase must be immediately rendered.

JOSEPH WRIGHT, Publisher of COURIER.

Receipts are now in order for an entertainment at the M. E. Church in this city as soon as arrangements can be perfected, which will consist of tableaux, recitations, plays, music, &c.

A GRADED SCHOOL.

A movement is on foot to erect a suitable building and establish a graded school in Bozeman. The enterprise, we are informed, has so far met with substantial encouragement. All that is needed to consummate this desirable object is the material and moral support of a few of our enterprising citizens. Should they take hold of the subject and exhibit the same degree of public spirit they have displayed in the interest of objects less commendable, its success would be assured. A large amount of money is now spent abroad for the education of young persons whose parents and guardians live in this place and in the country, and many of the youths attending school here at the present time will be sent abroad to complete their education unless suitable provisions are made for the accomplishment of the object at home. The capital of our people could not be more safely and judiciously invested than in the establishment of a good school in our midst. The interest would be more than compounded, and the results of the institution will be more gratifying than the sordid gains of speculation. Besides the substantial elements of education, which is recognized by all intelligent persons of this enlightened age, as due the rising generation, the enterprise would tend to the material prosperity of our town and country, viewed from a commercial standpoint. The first inquiries of a desirable class of immigrants are, "Have you good schools? Can our children be properly educated in your community?" To obtain such a class of immigrants educational facilities will have to be improved. Every other town of importance in the Territory has recognized this fact, and have acted on the suggestion. Helena and Virginia City last season erected commodious and imposing structures and dedicated them to educational purposes. Our neighbors are outstripping us in their laudable efforts to provide superior educational facilities for those growing up in their respective communities. We have the means to cope with them and believe a proper spirit can be infused into the people by a few energetic men taking the lead in this important matter.

There is no question about the necessity of a good school here, and as little doubt about its being sustained. Who will move in this important matter? Let not your entire attention be absorbed in railroads and steamboats, but devote a portion of it and a little material aid to encourage the education of those liable to be more interested in carrying out some of the projects now being inaugurated than the men of the present time. Then let us properly fit them to discharge all the important duties of life. The basis is a good education, which, backed by energy and perseverance, will enable them to make illustrious the names of the pioneers of Eastern Montana.

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. A reduced price, 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.

ELLIS & DAVIS.

The Black Hills. We have received inquiries from parties in different parts of the Territory in reference to the cheapest and shortest route to the Black Hills. Those in the Territory who contemplate invading the Hills in the Spring will find the route via of Bozeman and the New Crow Agency the shortest route to the new El Dorado. There is a good road almost to Custer City. There is a party being organized at the Crow Agency and a large number will go from this county to the Hills as soon as spring opens. Parties rendezvousing here will be able to get complete outfits in Bozeman as cheap as anywhere else in the Territory. In fact many articles can be had at lower figures; such as flour, bacon, and dles, &c.

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.

Dr. James Shaw.

The editor of this paper has been severely afflicted with rheumatism, and neuralgia for several months past, and after resorting to all the usual remedies without obtaining relief, secured the services of Dr. James Shaw, of Fort Ellis, and we are pleased to bear testimony to his skill in the treatment of these troubles, some complaints, which are so prevalent in this country, having been relieved from all pain in three days. The doctor is now practicing his profession, and we commend him to the afflicted as a physician of experience.

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WALTER COOPER'S.

The New Route. Besides the boats that will be put on the Yellowstone river next season by the Yellowstone Transportation Company, we are credibly informed that Mr. Swartz has secured a lead for the steamer Corroll, which will leave St. Louis as soon as the river opens, and will probably be the first boat to ascend the Yellowstone the coming season. The Corroll will be loaded principally with government freight.

A Comparison with a Moral.

But most of them [the Indian Ring] begin to realize the fact that their wishes and predictions are destined to ignoble failure, and that they themselves are very apt to "play out" (to use one of their own favorite expressions) long before the time. They realize the fact that the Times under the management of unpurged and unprincipled individuals, will be the organ of the people of eastern Montana, and that the corrupt scoundrels, who have swindled the Government, the Indians and the whites, in their official transactions, justly fear exposure from this paper. The issue has been made and we shall see who lives the longest—the birds of prey, which have so long robbed the whole country; caused all the Indian massacres and robberies in Montana and the whole western country—or the Times. They may rest assured of one thing: The Times, as the Indian Ring organ says, is "not afraid" of them or any of their miserable lick spittles who are content to grovel in their sunshine, and eat and wear "the wages of sin." We know the fact that until the day of retributive justice overtakes them, they are enabled by the stores of public plunder they have gobbled, to hire tools to defend them, and that these latter, in defiance of public opinion and common decency, defend them; but a day will come, and that speedily, when they will all (principals, agents, organs, tools) come to grief. They need not think that, because they have "stolen the liver of heaven" to serve the devil m, they can defy the public opinion or public justice, or Congressional investigation and exposure. And we shall not hesitate to rob them of their lion's skins, and expose them, cars and all, naked to the world. They have in times past made issue with the editor of this paper, who had called the attention of the Grand Jury of Lewis and Clarke county to the fact that they had the right and it was their special province to indict persons for violating the laws in the Indian country, and the result was, some of the law-breakers went to the penitentiary! There is an unpublished history connected with this that we may think worth while to make public in the course of our editorial duties here.—[Bozeman Times

Were Charles Dickens alive to-day and allowed to read the above quotation, it would without doubt be the proudest moment of his life, so perfectly his art would be verified in them. His description of two rival newspapers in Pickwick Papers, as to their very spirit and expressions is true to nature. Had he been enabled to have secured a copy of the Bozeman Times, without doubt it would have been treasured in the archives of the Pickwick Club, the Pickwick Papers would come out in a new edition, with appendix and fresh and renewed applause would have rung from the admiring world.—We quote:

"It appears, then, that the Estanwill people, like the people of many other small towns, considered themselves of the utmost and most mighty importance, and that every man in Estanwill conscious of the weight that attached to his example, felt himself bound to unite, heart and soul with one of the two great parties that divided the town—the Blues and the Buffs. Now, the Blues lost no opportunity of opposing the Buffs, and the Buffs lost no opportunity of opposing the Blues, and the consequence was, that whenever the Buffs and Blues met together at public meetings, Town-Hall, fair, or market, disputes and high words arose between them. If the Buffs proposed to new sky light the market-place, the Blues got up public meetings, and denounced the proceeding; if the Buffs proposed the erection of an additional pump in the High street, the Buffs rose as one man, and stood sghast at the enormity. Of course it was essentially and indispensably necessary that each of these powerful parties should have its chosen organ and representative; and, accordingly there were two newspapers in the town—the Estanwill Gazette and the Estanwill Independent; the former advocating Blue principles, and the latter conducted on grounds decidedly Buff. Fine newspaper they were! Such leading articles, and such spirited attacks!—Our worthless cotemporary the Gazette!—That disgraceful and cowardly journal, the Independent!—That vile and slanderous calumniator, the Gazette; these and other spite-stirring denunciations were strewn plentifully over the columns of each, in every number, and excited feelings of the most intense delight and indignation in the bosoms of the townspeople."

Mr. Dickens hasn't shown us how much these flaming articles went towards selling the papers to these poor fools who delight to feed on sensation and gossip which alone have birth in the highly colored imaginations of the successful editor. But had the second edition been published we should have known it all; the world would have been enlightened—civilization materially advanced. For the lack of which, and world, it must ever weep.

But here we have Wilkison in mortal mood: Pickwick's conversation was interrupted by the entrance of the editor of the Estanwill Gazette. "This was a tall, thin man, with a sandy-colored head inclined to baldness, and a face in which solemn importance was blended with a look of unfashionable profanity. A double eye-glass dangled at his waistcoat on his head he wore a very low-crowned hat with a broad brim." But, unlike Mr. Wilkison, this noted editor never invaded the "sanctity of private life," nor attacked individual character. Mr. Wilkison has seen it to say, with direct reference to some of our well disposed and harmless citizens:

"We are fully aware of the fact that our coming to Bozeman created a patried by comments among the King masters, their tools, strikers and organ, and that they gave the Times the same length of time to live that was accorded by Secretary Seward to the rebellion, when it first broke out—THIRTY DAYS. Some of these country—particularly the scoundrels in the Indian Ring organ—all take that position."

While we venture to remark that this man emanated solely in the wreath of the editor for the purpose of selling and to be convinced, we cannot but observe how like and how very unlike he is to the ideal editor. The latter, in conversation with Mr. Pickwick, said: "But I trust, sir, that I have never enjoyed the enormous power I wield. I regret, sir, that I have never pointed the noble instrument which is placed in my hands against the sacred bosom of private life, or the tender breast of individual

reputation. I trust, sir, that I have devoted my energies to—endeavors—humble they may be, humble I know they are—to instill those principles of—which— are—"

Here, the editor appearing to ramble, Mr. Pickwick came to his relief, and said: "Certainly."

"And what, sir," said the editor, "what, sir, let me ask you as an impartial man, is the state of the public mind in London with reference to my contest with the Independent?"

"Greatly excited, no doubt," interrupted Mr. Ferker, with a look of slyness which was very likely accidental.

"The contest," said the editor, "shall be prolonged so long as I have health and strength, and that portion of talent with which I am gifted. From that contest, sir, although it may unsettle men's minds and excite their feelings, and render them incapable for the discharge of the every day duties of ordinary life, from that contest, sir, I will never shrink, till I have set my heel upon the Estanwill Independent. I wish the people of London, and the people of this country to know, sir, that they may rely upon me; that I will not desert them; that I am resolved to stand by them, sir, to the last."

We fairly tremble in our boots as we note the life-like comparison; and fearing the fate threatened the Independent is likely soon to overtake us in our unequal contest with the Times, we desire to make this public statement, lest we should never again have the opportunity, viz: This paper is not run by any stock company. It is not the organ of the Indian Ring. We are as independent and unfettered and owe our existence to no honored service to the public as the Times. We are as much in favor of, and shall as heartily co-operate in, the prosecution of corruptness, theft, and crime, whenever it may be found or whomsoever it may hurt, as the Times. Further. We have, heretofore, defended the right and the innocent with the same fearlessness, regardless of personal interest or pecuniary opinion. We thought such act noble. But not so. The Times teaches otherwise! It won for us the title of organ of the Indian Ring. Acknowledging our mistake, we henceforth join hands with our cotemporary. Should public opinion, by an honest suspicion, aroused or convinced by such damaging questions as the Madisonian has lately asked, crush out and ruin a man whom we as a community have always had faith in, whom our children have loved and looked upon as a teacher and guide, it is our duty as its exponent to give like expression. We see our sad mistake. We have heretofore had a certain amount of genuine faith in our old townspeople. But all of that is done away with now. "Faith" is old fashioned. We are living in the age of "reason;" and considering the amount of actual "proof" that has been brought to bear in this case our reason is inevitable. We shall still this Indian business now relentlessly, furiously, mortally! We raise the black flag! We swing it proudly to the breeze of heaven; and it shall never, never, never again be furled until every agent, contractor and missionary shall have been swept from the earth, or the hairs from upon the point of our hands.

We know of two or three employees of these Agencies who will swear to ANYTHING, anything that has come to their general notice. One of these KEW positively that there was thieving going on by the Agent and Contractor. He was an innocent victim to duty. He knew he was to follow the example of his superior. He only took a few dollars from the private pockets of these individuals, which being government funds, belonged to the rightful citizens of the United States, of which he was one. He took what was his own. And for this innocent transaction, we ask the people of Montana, What was the result? Was he discharged? Was such a dastardly attempt as this made by a corrupt Agent against his sacred rights?

For the present we leave this matter where it is. We have in our possession the sworn affidavits of these employees. They contain the indisputable proof, not only to the truth of the above transactions, but more, vastly more! It will make the infernal shades of diabolic darkness blush with timid crimson. When the proper time comes we shall publish them, and the end is not yet!

The ladies of St. James' Aid Society will give an entertainment at the Young Men's Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 16,—to consist of a New England supper, and an attractive Gallery of Fine Arts, by the most approved masters. All are desired to dress in fancy costumes, although any not wishing to do so will be just as welcome.

Admission, free; supper, 50 cts.; Art Gallery, 25 cts.

The editor of the Times tries to awaken public sympathy by slobbering over the destruction by fire several years ago of Col. Woolfolk's printing material upon which the Helena Gazette was printed, and falsely accuses us of glorifying over Woolfolk's misfortune. We did not allude to it in the remotest degree. Our reference was directly to Mr. Wilkinson as editor of the Bozeman Times.

Cattle. Mr. Myers, of the firm of Martin & Myers, returned from Deer Lodge Saturday with between eight and nine hundred head of cattle, which he purchased in that country. They were driven to the Yellowstone valley, where they will be wintered.

We publish in this issue the advertisement of Gilmore & Co., Solicitors, Washington, D. C. It is a responsible firm, and we advise those having business at Washington in their line to consult them.

Northern Pacific Railroad.

The Bill Passed Both Houses!

GENERAL REJOICING!

The news was received here last night just as we were going to press that the Northern Pacific Railroad bill had passed both Houses of the Legislature.

The news caused general rejoicing here. The Silver Comet Band is out; the flags flying, and some of our business houses illuminated.

Installation of Officers. At a regular meeting of Fountain of Hope Lodge No. 48, I. O. G. T., held in Bozeman, February 4th, 1876, the following officers were installed by J. C. Switzer, L. D.:

- W. C. T.—A. O. Brawner. W. V. T.—Mary A. Switzer. W. R. S.—F. L. Graham. W. F. S.—T. B. Gilmore. W. T. C.—Kate M. Switzer. W. C.—R. J. Irving. W. M.—Mark Burton. W. J. G.—D. H. Winters. W. J. G.—H. Hatcher. W. D. M.—T. H. Switzer. W. R. H.—Ruth P. Switzer. W. I. H. S.—Aurilla Davis. P. W. C. T.—John Harper.

FRANK L. GRAHAM, W. R. Secy.

Transfer of Real Estate. Henry Heilinger has purchased the ranch of F. F. Fridley, near town, paying \$2,800 for the same.

We are informed that Judge S. J. Beck has also disposed of his ranch, three miles below town; Mr. C. Neilson, of Spring Hill being the purchaser. Price, \$1,500.

The following is wafted to us from our "Old Kentucky Home:"

The wintry winds are howling, Old Boreas is scowling, [drear, And Tice predicts a winter cold and You'd better get your coal in, And then proceed to roll in A keg of what we hate to mention here.

What is the Value of a life? Gold cannot measure it. Yet when menaced by a violent cough or cold, or any disease leading to consumption, a single dollar invested in HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

The ball at O'Jell's Hall Tuesday night was more largely attended than any of its predecessors this season. The Bozeman String Band, the best in the Territory, furnished excellent music, and the dance passed off in a highly agreeable manner.

Hagood's Hot Springs. I will board, lodge, furnish bath, warm and cool shower and tub baths; will cure coughs, rheumatism and kidney diseases for \$1 25 per day, or \$7 00 per week, in advance. O. HAGOOD.

Hot Springs Creek, Madison Co. M. T.

We are under obligations to the publishers of the New York World for a copy of the celebrated "World Almanac for 1876." Its political record is invaluable as a matter of reference.

"Lightning," an exchange reminds us, "never strikes twice in the same place," And yet Grant is foolish enough to think that he knows a place in which it is going to strike for the third time.

The boys of the COURIER Office and Clark are indebted to Commodore Adam Fillmore for a sumptuous feast, for which he receives their hearty thanks. May his shadow never grow less.

If you want to buy new furniture or have the old set re-paired, call on Mr. Key. His work is good and prices low.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

Deer Lodge County. [From the North-West, 4th.]

Con. Kohrs has bought of Abrahams & Greenwood 400 head of stock cattle, now near Stevensville and to be delivered here in April. The figures were very low.

Mr. Gilbert and his Episcopal flock have it next their hearts to build that talked-of, much-decried, stone church edifice the coming summer. If they can see the way clear we trust it will be done. The court-room is an inelegant and irreligious sanctuary, and pastor and people would feel nearer the golden gates in a church of their own.

Mr. Robert S. Kelly showed us Wednesday the largest prospect of gold we have seen from two pounds of rock. It was a piece of ordinary looking dark rock, sent down from the Pyrenees lode at Georgetown, and showed no gold visible to the naked eye. Osmebing pounded in a mortar it yielded 1 1/2 ounces of gold 900 fine, worth \$20 per ounce, and a ton of like rock would therefore yield \$30,000.

Meagher County. [From the Husbandman, 4th.]

There are no idle men about this camp, and we believe these are fewer men in the Territory out of employment than there has been for a number of years. This argues well for Montana's climate and people. The time is not far distant when the winter season will be as distinctly employed as any portion of the year.

Again we have flattering accounts from the bar claim of Messrs. Hawthorn & Johnson, White's gulch. They have their tunnel in 80 feet, and the extent of the channel is still unknown. They are taking out good dirt every day.

Goodale & Bennett are getting out timber for the purpose of putting their ranch, on Birch creek, in good shape, with the view of starting a first class thoroughbred sheep ranch. They will engage in importing as well as breeding. The success already achieved, and likely to follow, will, we think, soon induce others to embark in the business.

The people of Helena are kind, courteous and attentive to the Legislators and always of visitors in their midst. We

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