

THE AVANT COURIER.

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The fall wheat is looking splendid in the Gallatin valley. It is now in the golden sheaf.

The Helena Brester, which has been idle for a long while, is to be put in operation.

Butte City is looming up, and will soon supplant Deer Lodge as the west-side metropolis.

County offices are in demand in Missouri. We notice a number of candidates announced in the Missouriian.

On account of a lack of rain the grass is drying up, and milch cows are not giving their usual quantity of milk.

One of our neighboring ranchmen is subsisting on black bird pies. They are as plentiful as June bugs in Florida.

Harvest hands are liable to be scarce in the valley this season, and their services will no doubt command remunerative wages.

The tiger has been turned loose in Butte City. The votaries of Faro are having a run. It is a sure sign of prosperity.

We understand that a large party is being organized here, composed of ladies and gentlemen, for the purpose of visiting the National Park.

Several trains have arrived in Bozeman since our last issue, loaded with merchandise. The stores are now well stocked, and our merchants are prepared to give customers good bargains.

Montana has more first-class papers and printers than any other Territory in the Union.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Those Salt Lake papers do stumble on the truth occasionally.

Warm days and sudden wind gusts have been the order the past week. The amount of dust distributed around has been fearful. We would like a change—for instance, "a gentle patter of the rain upon the roof."

Now is the best time in the year to take a drive through our beautiful valley. The green fields of grain, lovely flowers and singing birds will cause the heart to rejoice that nature has done so much to make our surroundings pleasant and productive.

Campaign documents are coming in rapidly from both parties, with requests to publish or notice. We are not running a political machine, and if these parties want their documents published they will please enclose a sufficient sum to cover the usual advertising rates, and their articles will appear under the head of "New Ads."

We should judge that some of our ranchmen have turned their cows out to graze, and substituted as a beverage for the lactated fluid Speith & Krug's excellent. This hypothesis is based upon the fact that, in a large number of country wagons a keg may be seen, branded B. B.

The blatherskite who pretends to be the news grabber for the Madisonian in this place had better drop his personalizing, stop lying and state facts. That is the province of a newspaper correspondent. To shield oneself behind a fictitious name and make personal attacks is cowardice.

The Centennial number of the Irish World, a copy of which we have received, will be notable in the history of newspaper publications. It contains sixteen pages, magnificently illustrated, embracing a chronology of the United States for the past hundred years.

Times appear to be living up in Bozeman. Farmers seem to be pretty well supplied with currency, and our merchants are having a good run of trade. Prices for merchandise have reached a level, and all can enjoy luxuries unattainable a few months ago.

If the Madisonian would devote the space it uses every week to personal flags at the Bozeman papers to the publication of news it would be better appreciated by its subscribers. The galled jareded jades because the number of its Gallatin county subscribers is "growing small and beautifully less."

There has been no rain in the vicinity of Bozeman to amount to much since May, and those who have expected to make crops without irrigating have been grievously disappointed. In many places crops are suffering for water, and unless rain falls in a few days less than half crops will be raised.

To the Public. Goods are cheaper this year in the East than ever before. Mine were bought in New York for cash down; and I am giving customers the benefit of low prices. An selling the best letter and note paper at 25 cents per quire, (35 cents for half quire); best envelopes 15 cents per bunch. School books about 50 per cent less than former prices. Musical instruments 60 per cent less. The figures mean cash, the charging price being much higher.

R. F. MAY.

One who has not visited the Gallatin valley the past two or three years would be surprised at the substantial improvements that have been made during that time. The old log cabins of early days have been supplanted by beautiful frame houses, and the ranches that were cultivated "out doors," are now enclosed with good fences. Yards, which formerly boasted only of traditional bunch-grass and sage are now blooming with chrysanthemums and fragrant flowers. Our valley is yet young in years, but its inhabitants are far in advance of some of the older states in all the improvements of modern times.

The man who lives right and is right has more power in his silence than another has by his words. Character is like bells which ring out sweet music, and which, when touched accidentally, even, resound with sweet music.

We would notify correspondents that Bozeman is in Montana Territory. We receive letters addressed to "Bozeman, Idaho," and some, "Bozeman, Indian Territory." Unless the Government subduces Sitting Bull and his bloody followers this is liable to be Indian territory.

FROM THE VALLEY.

WEST GALLATIN HOT SPRING.

This spring, situated near the ranch of Mr. A. Lund, and about midway between Middle creek and the West Gallatin river, is attracting considerable attention and is daily visited by a large number of persons afflicted with rheumatism and similar diseases. The water has proved highly beneficial in several chronic cases. Your correspondent has been testing the curative properties of the water the past two weeks, and has experienced considerable relief from an aggravating and tenacious attack of rheumatism by bathing and drinking the water. The spring is beautifully located, being flanked by luxuriant forests bordering the West Gallatin and Middle creek, is eight miles from Bozeman, over a level valley road, affording a splendid drive. With a few improvements the spring could be made a desirable and pleasurable resort for invalids and pleasure seekers. The streams contiguous to the spring are alive with trout and white fish.

A MODEL RANCHMAN.

We have been domiciled under the hospitable roof of Mr. John Henry, a model ranchman, who, with the assistance of an amiable, practical wife, knows how to make farming pay. Mr. H. is one of the most extensive dairymen in the valley, and his cheese is the best we have tested in the Territory. He is now engaged almost exclusively in making cheese, and has a demand for all he can turn out. Soon the cheese-making season will be over, when he will turn his attention to butter-making. His grain crop was harvested early in the season by the grasshoppers, hence no time will have to be devoted to that branch of industry. His ranch is well stocked with cows, horses and hogs, and Mrs. H. has the premises covered with turkeys, ducks and chickens.

THE ELK GROVE SCHOOL.

which has been under the efficient tutelage of Miss Maggie Huffman, closes on Thursday, 10th inst. Miss H. is highly spoken of in the community as a teacher. This is the most beautiful section of the Gallatin Valley, and has some of the most thrifty ranchmen, who believe in making pleasant homes as well as accumulating money. The farm improvements are substantial and made with a view of comfort and attractiveness.

Cheap School Books

AT R. F. MAY'S. NATIONAL THIRD READER 90 cts. NATIONAL SECOND " 65 cts. NATIONAL FIRST " 40 cts. The credit price is 50 per cent higher. If any other dealer comes down to these cash prices I will go still lower.

Personal.

Mr. L. J. P. Morrill, of this city, arrived home yesterday, direct from the Black Hills. Thos. P. Street, of the Husbandman, is spending a few weeks at his old home on the East Gallatin.

Mr. Chas. Rich, of the firm of Rich & Wilson, returned from the East Saturday evening, looking hale and hearty.

Capt. R. E. Fisk, the talented editor of the Helena Herald, who has been "doing" the East the past few months, has returned to his post of duty, and his trenchant writings are now enlightening the Herald.

Rev. T. C. Hill preached his farewell sermon to the people of Bozeman Sunday evening. The Church was filled with his old congregation, and the sermon elicited the most profound attention. At the late Conference in Helena, Mr. Hill was assigned to the District of Utah as Presiding Elder. It was a well deserved recognition of his ability and untiring zeal in the cause of Christianity, and while his removal from Montana will be a source of regret to his many friends and admirers here, they congratulate him on being transferred to a more extended field of usefulness. He carries with him the good will and best wishes of the people of Eastern Montana.

A complete stock of

School Books, Copy Books, Slates, &c.

For sale at BASINSKI'S.

We perceive by the Helena papers that parties have fears about going to the Mammoth Hot Springs on account of Indians. Now, there is no more danger in going to these Springs by way of Bozeman or Virginia City than there is from Helena to Deer Lodge. Indians have never been known to be in that part of the mountains. Travel is perfectly safe to the Mammoth Hot Springs.

Chaste and Elegant.

We copy the following extract from the advertisement of the Helena Independent, as it appears in the Missouriian County Fair pamphlet: "It is able on all occasions to speak the truth; is not afraid of the world, the flesh or the devil, and sweeps along in the confident hope of a successful future and a blessed immortality."

It will be a matter of surprise to the readers of the Independent that, being able on all occasions to speak the truth, it never takes occasion to do so. One would naturally suppose, from its general course, that it did not fear "the world, the flesh or the devil," and we apprehend does not fear God.

The Great Southwest, of Sedalia, Mo., says: "The Kansas Land and Immigrant Association, of Atchison, Kansas, is under the management of solid men of that city and State. The city of Atchison makes her reputation on the fairness and honesty of this, their plan of promoting immigration to that city. The prices are grand, and fully worth the prices claimed. We are personally acquainted with John M. Price, the General Manager of the Association, and know that he would sacrifice his large and ample fortune before he would allow any dishonesty in the conducting of their business or distribution of the gifts." See letter of Gen. S. M. Strickler in another column.

A Washington dispatch of the 5th says: The Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment in the Belknap case, gave a verdict of "Not guilty." The administration has been sustained, and Belknap is all right.

A Sad Mishap.

One of the most serious misfortunes that could occur to a country printing office short of a fire visited this office week before last. The forms of the COURIER are locked up two pages in a single chase, with a center bar dividing the pages. After working off the inside of the last issue, and preparatory to washing the type, the form containing the second and third pages was raised from the press, when the center bar gave way, and there was a wreck of matter and a crush of editorials, local and news items, advertisements, etc., presenting a mass of pi, sickening to the sight of a printer. One of our principal compositors jerked his coat and made for the nearest saw mill, and is now logging on the West Gallatin. This will account for the non-appearance of the COURIER last week. These skips and jumps are exceedingly annoying to the publisher, whose illness the past few months has rendered him incapable of attending to the business of the office, but he trusts that "there is a better day coming," when the shackles of disease will be supplanted by vigorous health.

JUST RECEIVED

A large stock of CLOTHING, HATS, AND GENTS

Furnishing Goods, Strasburger & Sperling's.

Bishop Tuttle's Lecture.

The Bishop has consented to deliver his lecture, on "Words and Style," at St. James' Church, Bozeman, on Tuesday evening, August 15th, for the benefit of St. James' Parish School. This school has been kept up since the first of last December. The teacher has been diligent and faithful, and the school has given general satisfaction to its patrons. The income of the school so far has been so small that it has paid no salary to the teacher above necessary expenses. I am very anxious that the school shall be kept up, as such a school is much needed in Bozeman. I have recommended to the church committee to give the proceeds of the Bishop's lecture to the teacher, and I ask all who are interested in the welfare of the school to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear an excellent lecture, and aid us in continuing the school. I have put the price of tickets at a dollar, and they may be found at the principal business places in town.

THOMAS E. DICKEY.

July 31st, 1876.

"O, Where is My Highland Laddie?"

The Fort Ellis correspondent of the Independent, who sniffl'd the battle from afar, and reported Indian raids sanguinary engagements engendered by, and culled from, a lively imagination, has shook the dust of Fort Ellis from his Government shoes and sought a wider sphere of labor—fields green and pastures new. He didn't go to the front; he reported for the Independent, but is supposed to have made a retrograde movement. In fact, he deserted.

Base Ball.

A match game took place at Fort Ellis on Saturday evening last between the Continentals, of Bozeman, and the Star club at Ellis. It was a close game, and both sides played well. Score: Continentals, 33; Stars, 33. Lieut. Jerome was umpire.

Answers to Correspondents.

In answer to "Alphabetical," in your last issue, for a remedy for consumption in its first stages, I can recommend Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," if taken according to directions, for it has been thoroughly tried in my family, and the results were glorious. "Alphabetical" must not expect one bottle to do the work—my wife took three bottles before she could discover any change, but after the third bottle every dose seemed to strengthen the lungs, and now she is well and hearty. If "Alphabetical" will write to me I will get medicines to the above.

HENRY H. M. PATTON.

Lawrence, Marion County, Indiana. (Cincinnati Times, Feb. 4, 1875.)

Information Wanted.

The whereabouts of Allen Shortridge, an old man, who was in Dozeman in May, is inquired for by James Griffin, of Missoula City, M. T. He spoke of going to the Black Hills. Information concerning him will be thankfully received by Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Walter Cooper, of Bozeman, Montana Territory, and Dr. G. H. Cooper, of Vernon, Michigan, are visiting in town, stopping with his brother, Mr. D. E. Cooper, on Fifth avenue. Mr. Walter Cooper has spent all of his life since he was sixteen in the western country, and since 1863 has been in Montana, having been among the pioneers who went to the Territory during the mining excitement of that year. His experience in frontier life has been wide and varied, and includes some thrilling chapters of adventure with the Indians, having been several times wounded by three arrows in one engagement. Mr. Cooper had not seen his brother, D. E. Cooper, for twenty-three years, until he arrived in this city a few days ago. The meeting was an unusual, pleasant and gratifying one on both sides. Mr. Cooper brings with him a variety of rare and curious Indian arrow-heads—pipes of peace, bow and arrow, medicine charms, Indian scalp, etc.—Aurora (N. Y.) News and Democrat.

An excursion to the National Park would not be considered very attractive just at present.—Independent.

And why not? It is the very thing to escape the present heated term. A visit to the land of perpetual snow and cool breezes would be highly desirable just now.

The Madisonian reports that Mr. Moreland, owner of the famous Strawberry mine, has about sold the mine to Messrs. Keating & Blacker, of Radersburg, for the sum of \$50,000.

What crops that were not injured by the grasshoppers look very well, though grasshopper depredations are felt that frost will catch many late crops.

Contracts.

Bids were opened at Fort Ellis on last Monday for supplying the new posts on the Yellowstone. Below are the names of the bidders, and the bids for contracts at each post:

Table with columns for bidder name, quantity, and price. Includes entries for Wood—Upper Post and Wood—Lower Post.

LETTER FROM KANSAS.

Mr. Editor:—I have received numerous inquiries in regard to the Distribution advertised in your paper during the past few weeks by the Kansas Land and Immigrant Association. To save time and the trouble of answering each in detail, I desire to say to all interested, that the Association is chartered by the authority of the State of Kansas, for the purpose of promoting immigration to the State, and that in furtherance of this object, the Board of Managers propose to distribute, by lot, to its patrons, on the 25th of August 1876 prizes amounting to the princely sum of \$770,800. The prizes range in value from \$30 up to \$75,000 each. The price of a share is \$5.00. The "drawing" will be conducted in the most impartial manner, and every shareholder will have an equal and fair chance to secure these valuable prizes.

The Board of Managers were selected from among the most prominent men of the State, and have the confidence and support of all classes of our citizens. They have all been more or less connected with the public affairs of the State, and their character and standing in the community is a sufficient guaranty that the distribution will be fairly and impartially made. I can state most positively that the drawing will take place at the time stated—August 25th. The Kansas Immigrant, giving full particulars of the enterprise, its objects and purposes, with endorsements and references of the highest character, and information regarding the State of Kansas, can be obtained from our local agent in your town, or will be sent free to all who may write for it.

All remittances for shares, or letters of inquiry, addressed to the undersigned, will receive prompt attention.

S. M. STRICKLER, Sec'y, Atchison, Kansas.

Key West Cigars

A Large Stock of Genuine Key West Cigars Just received and for sale at BASINSKI'S.

"La me!" said Mrs. Partridge, beaming merrily through her gold rimmed spectacles, "women do make such a fuss about impairing boy's clothes. Now, there's Isaac, who hardly goes a day without tearing something. He used to keep me about distracted with work till I went and bought me a sewing machine. I was very careful to get one that had plenty of room under the arm, so that when he tore his pants I could put them right under the machine without taking Isaac out of them. The machine is in the rejoining room, Doctor, and I'd like to have you see it," saying which she led the way to where it was discovered seated before a "Light-Burning Domestic," busily sewing the cat up in the good old lady's rag-bag.

Eastern capitalists are investing largely in Deer Lodge quartz.

President Grant says he will go to Galena in November to vote for Huys.

The Indians are raiding on the Laraine plains, killing and stealing everything in sight.

There is no truth in the assertion that Gen. Sheridan intends taking the field in person against the Sioux.

The postal law requiring the prepayment of two cents on newspapers has been abolished. It now takes only one cent for that purpose.

A Clevenne dispatch says: One company of the Fourth Cavalry arrived here yesterday, and five more are expected on Sunday. These troops are destined for the Agencies.

Wasn't it rough on Ella? Just as she was telling Frederick at lunch how ethereal her appetite was, the cork catted out, "Say, will yer have yer pork and greens now, or wait till yer feller's gone?"

A SKIN LIKE MONUMENTAL ALABASTER may be obtained by using GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP, which does away with the necessity for Sulphur Baths. Try it, ladies. It is a genuine beautifier, and very economical.

Montana Produce.

(From the Herald, Aug. 8.) Flour can be quoted from store as follows: Standard XXX, \$5 50; Gallatin XXX, \$5 50; Madison XXX, \$5 50; Union XXX (Mood's), \$4 00; Willow Creek XXX, \$6 50.

Oats, selling from wagon at \$3 50 per 100 lbs., and from store at \$3 75.

Wheat, \$3 50, according to quality.

Butter 30c, per lb.

Potatoes, \$1 50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs, selling at 20¢/doz.

Hay, \$16 per ton.

Advertisement for J. Basinski's clothing store. Text: "NOW IS THE TIME! POSITIVELY CLOSING OUT SALE At Cost! OF MY ENTIRE STOCK OF CLOTHING. Which I have just received. Those desiring to invest should not fail to avail themselves of this rare opportunity. Respectfully, J. BASINSKI."

Advertisement for Walter Cooper's firearms. Text: "WALTER COOPER, Breech and Muzzle Loading Double Guns, Loose and Fixed Ammunition, Giant and Blasting Powder, Pocket and Belt Cutlery, Fishing tackle, Agent for Sharp's Sporting Rifles and Implements. Cash paid for Hides, Furs and Robes."

Advertisement for P. W. McAdow & Bro. Public Auction. Text: "P. W. McADOW & BRO., PUBLIC AUCTION. There will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on Monday, August 21st, 1876, One Steam Threshing Machine. All complete. Sale to take place at the lower bridge on Main street, Bozeman, M. T., at 2 o'clock p. m. 33ds FLAHERTY & BISEL."

Advertisement for J. Feldberg's clothing and goods. Text: "J. Feldberg Wholesale and Retail Dealer in CUSTOM MADE CLOTHING, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, &c. Orders solicited and prompt attention given thereto. HELENA, MONTANA. PONSFORD'S SALOON & CLUB ROOMS. Newly Stocked! Elegant Fixtures. Everything First-Class. Corner Main and Bozeman Sts. ST. LOUIS AND MORGAN COUNTY MINING & SMELTING Company. No. 609, North Sixth Street, Under Lindell Hotel."

Advertisement for First National Bank of Helena. Text: "First National Bank OF HELENA. Designated Depository of the United States. S. T. HAUSER, President. D. C. CORBIN, Cashier. T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT, Asst. Cashier. Authorized capital, \$500,000. Paid up capital, 100,000. Permanent surplus fund, 50,000. We transact a general banking business and buy at the highest rates. GOLD DUST, COIN, and Silver Bullion. SILVER and COPPER ORES. And Local Securities; and sell Exchange and Telegraphic Transfers available in all parts of the United States, the Canadian Great Britain, Ireland and the Continent. Collections made and proceeds remitted promptly. DIRECTORS: S. T. Hauser, Jno H. King, J. E. Blake, F. L. Worden, A. M. Holter, John Curtin, D. C. Corbin, T. H. Kleinschmidt."

Advertisement for P. B. Clark's Stage and Express Line. Text: "P. B. Clark's STAGE AND EXPRESS LINE. CARRYING THE U. S. MAIL. Coaches leave Bozeman for Helena daily (except Sundays) at 7 a. m. Coaches leave Bozeman for Virginia Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 a. m. Passengers and Freight carried at reasonable rates. OFFICES: Bozeman, Helena, Virginia. \$1,200 Profit on \$100. Made every month by PUTS and CALLS. Invest according to your means \$10, \$20 or \$100, in Stock, Real Estate, or other work of the kind in the world. Only 25 cents for the year. Published in English and German. Address, JAMES VICK, Rochester, New York."

Advertisement for VICK'S Floral Guide. Text: "VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE 1876. Published Quarterly.—JANUARY. News just issued, and contains over 100 pages, 500 engravings, descriptions of more than 600 of our best Flowers and Vegetables, with directions for culture, colored plates, etc. The most useful and elegant work of the kind in the world. Only 25 cents for the year. Published in English and German. Address, JAMES VICK, Rochester, New York."

Advertisement for Rich & Willson's Merchandise. Text: "RICH & WILLSON'S MERCHANDISE and Freighters, Corner Main and Bozeman streets. Bozeman, Mont. Agents for P. B. Clark's Express and Stage Line, The Diamond R Forwarding Line, Coan & Ten Broeck's Carriages and gigs (the only reliable carriage makers in Montana); and for T. C. Power & Co's Agricultural Implements. We are now receiving and have on hand the Largest and Best Selected Stock of goods ever brought to Eastern Montana which we offer at WHOLESALE OR RETAIL. A Mammoth Stock of Fancy and Staple GROCERIES and the most complete stock of Tobacco and Cigars ever offered in this market. Every Department Complete. HARDWARE, FARMING UTENSILS. Carpets, Ladies' Furnishing Goods, House Furnishing Goods, Lamps, Crockery and Glassware, Miners' Tools and Outfits, Hats and Caps, Rubber Goods, Boots and Shoes, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Stationery, Notions, &c., &c. A full supply of the ALDEN PREPARED FRUITS 25 per cent lower than ever before. California Dried Fruits of all kinds. A full assortment of the celebrated Cuttling Canned Goods. A full supply of California Blankets and Woolen Goods. Harness, Saddlery, Saddlers' Hardware, Whips and Lashes. The only place to find a genuine Fly-mouth Buck Glove. The Maine River Drive Boot manufactured expressly to our order. The old motto: Quick Sales and Small Profits. Terms cash, or such exchange as we readily convert into cash. Rich & Willson."