# THE AVANT COURIER.

*The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.*

J. W. ALLEN, Editor.

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## OBITUARY.

Captain Joseph Wright died in Bozeman on Friday last, December 29, 1876 He was born in Knox County, Kentucky, August 9, 1840. He learned the printing business in Somerset Kentucky. in the office of his uncle, John P. Bruce, who was then editor and proprietor of the Somerset Gazette.

Capt. Wright's first appearance as editor was on a Democratic paper, published at Stanford, Kentucky, which was in 1861. The war of the late rebellion breaking out, he united his fortunes with the South, and with other young Kentuckians went to Richmond, Virginia, and was engaged in the battle of Bull Run, under Gen. Joe Johnson. He was also engaged in the seven days fight near Richmond, wherein Gen. McClellan was forced to retreat. He continued with the Confederates until taken prisoner near Rome, Georgia, in 1864. He was released through the influence of Gen Lawrence Rousseau, a relative of the family, and came to St. Louis, Mo., where he again engaged in the printing business, and was married to Miss Sarah White. In 1867 he came to Montana, and became connected with the Virginia City Democrat. After that paper changed hands he started the Montanian. In 1871 he removed to Bozeman, and commenced the publication of the AVANT COURIER, with which he was connected up to the period of his death.

For the past twelve months he has been in infirm health, and was rarely able to be in the office, and suffered greatly from the severity of his sickness. He, however, bore his afflictions with patience, and those who attended him, are satisfied that his death was peaceful, both with his God and fellow-men. He leaves a wife and five small children to mourn their loss

Joseph Wright was a man of more than ordinary sprightleness and intellect. He was a fluent and able writer, and occupied a front position in the editoral ranks of Montana. As a practical printer he had no superior in the West. In the conduct of the "COURIER" he was dignified, and despised personalities. He believed a newspaper should be conducted on elevated ideas of propriety, and so acted.

He was generous, kind and amiable, and all who knew him, were his friends. The large concourse that attended his funeral was an evidence of the sincere regard of the citizens of Bozeman for him, with whom he associated for the last six years. He has gone, however, to that borne from whence no traveler returns, and his friends have an abiding hope that he is with God the Father, which is far better, and enjoying a peaceful and happy rest from all the cares of earth.

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A correspondent wants to know which is the Butt(e) end of the Helena wagon road.

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In the Pacific railroad bills now before Congress government reserves the right to regulate freight and fares.

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The Crows are in a starving condition, so says Rev. Bridger and others. Whose fault is it? Is'nt it about time to send another Smith on a mission to Africa?

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Nine men were killed by Indians on Big Wind river recently. The bodies of three were recovered by Capt. O'Neal and his company of Wyoming Rangers.

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Four freight teams were attacked by Indians on Hat creek, Wyoming, on the night of December 20th and two men, B. C. Stephens and a German named Fritz were killed.

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The last plan broached to settle the Presidential muss is that Congress shall not count the electoral vote at all, but shall declare that there has been no lawful election, and then alter the law of 1792, so as to provide for holding a new election in May next.

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A special Telegram from Hat creek, Wyoming., states that two hundred and forty-eight Arapahoe and Sioux scouts from Red Cloud Agency, in charge of Louis Richard, the well known half-breed scout, passed there on Sunday, en route to join Gen. Crook.

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It is again reported that Sweeney has arrived in New York, or soon will, and give up his plunder to the city on condition of immunity from being proceeded against.

## New School House.

The Trustees of School District No. 7, (Bozeman) have decided to submit the question of raising $8,000 by special tax, for the purpose of building a new school house, to the electors of the district.

As to the immediate and pressing need for a new building for school purposes, none can deny that have given the subject a moments thought. The amount proposed is not large, in fact is not sufficient for the purpose of securing a suitable site, and procuring the needed furniture, and the only opposition we have heard of is for the reason that these last things were not provided for. We have heard that several individuals, non tax payers, stand ready to subscribe liberally to furnish the building, and surely if there remains a deficiency, it can be made good. The financial interests of Bozeman demand that this building be erected; this is the trade center of Eastern Montana, and our customers look to us for educational facilities for their children, and stand ready to pay for it, when those facilities are furnished. As an investment, this building will pay a large dividend to the business men of Bozeman, for it would add to the population of the place to the number of at least one hundred, the moment the announcement was made, that its doors were open for the reception of scholars. The election will take place on the 20th inst.

## Railroad Disaster.

Another tale of horror comes from the east; this time a railway train is wrecked and its hundred victims sent without warning into eternity. The scene of the disaster is near Ashtabula, Ohio. An iron draw bridge on the line of the Lake Shore railroad, which spans Ashtabula creek 75 feet above the water, and on both sides are high banks. Conductor Henn left Erie for Cleveland, with the Pacific Express, consisting of seven coaches, baggage and express cars drawn by two engines. A blinding snow storm was falling driven before a furious gale, which made it impossible to see more than a short distance, and with the exception of one engine all went down the sheer plunge of 75 feet, and as far as can be learned, all were burned. The citizens of Ashtabula went to the rescue, but little could be done that night on account of the storm.

The haggard dawn which drove the darkness out of the valley and shadow of death seldom saw a ghastlier sight than was revealed with the coming of morning. On either side of the ravine frowned the dark, bare arches from which the treacherous timbers had fallen, while at their base the great heaps of ruins covered the hundred women and children who had so suddenly been called to their death. The charred bodies lay on thick ice or bedded in the shallow water of the stream, and the fires smouldered in great heaps where many of the hapless victims had been all consumed, while men went about in wild excitement seeking some trace of a lost one among the wounded or dead

All witnesses so far agree as to the main facts of the accident. Suddenly, without warning, the train plunged into the abyss, the forward locomotive alone getting across in safety. Almost instantly the lamps and stoves set fire to the cars, and many who were doubtlessly only stunned and who might otherwise have been saved, fell victims to the fury of the flames.

## Business.

We clip the following from the Missoulian:

The lowest sum for which any office in Montana is run; including the type setting, stock, fuel, lights, etc., is $40 per week. It costs this office considerably more than that amount: and we shall be glad when the patronage shall justify an increased weekly expenditure. The Missoulian, in its typographical appearance and amount of reading matter, will continue to be just what the people of this section choose to make it. The ability with which it is conducted cannot be increased until the profits of the business shall justify sending for some outside lightning-striker. But this class of fellows generally go to larger fields, where the grass is not so short. So, in view of the situation, there can be no immediate and radical change in the journal which represents the interests, thought and enterprise and life of this immediate section, and we must content ourselves to leave matters as we find them, and wish one and all "A Hapy New Year."

We have but few remarks to make on the above, and commend the general facts set forth. We believe there are some individuals who expect all newspapers to be a New York Herald or Tribune, in size appearance, and in ability displayed in its editorial columns. To such we say, try your hands at editing, localizing, bookkeeping, type-sticking, soliciting and doing the general work of a printing office, where the business will not justify employing trained men for each department. Try it.

## FROM FORT ELLIS.

### News From Tongue River.

### Lieut. Doane Heard From.

FORT ELLIS, M. T., Dec. 31, 1876.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

Sergeant Leepyer and party arrived from the mouth of Tongue river on the 28th. They bring no news of a shocking nature. McCormack and Borchardt were ordered to leave the Reservation, and Frank Murray and Jim Brewer bought their stock of goods.

Col. Black's train had gone to Fort Buford and would return laden with goods for Black and Pease. The Sergeant and party had a very hard trip, but arrived all right.

Mr. Flannagan received a letter on the 30th inst. from Mr. Davis, one of Lieut. Doane's party, stating that they had lived on horse meat for three weeks. Their boat was wrecked, and during three days they had nothing at all to eat, but were all right now.

It is muster day to-day, and we expect a visit before long from our good Uncle Sam's paymaster.

Mr. Dawes' goods have been coming to hand for the last three or four days, and he now has a complete assortment of general merchandise on his shelves.

Sergeant Nelson, wife, niece and child arrived a few days ago from the States, and from his conversation I should judge that Montana is the best place yet.

Ever thine, TUMBLETOIT.

## EMIGRANT GULCH.

CHICO, M. T., December 26, 1876.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

Thinking that a few notes from Emigrant might be interesting, therefore I will attempt to narrate some.

We have been visited by a severe storm and mining operations have about suspended for the season, and the miners have gathered together in the lower part of the gulch enjoying themselves as best they can.

A great many miners in the Upper District have been prospecting the past season with very flattering indications of good diggings, and expect to push ahead again in the spring with vigor.

The Drain Ditch Company in the lower district are running on very good pay.

Cone, Lee & Co. have suspended mining for the season on very rich ground.

Glidden & Shaffer have run a long flume and drain, and are now running a tunnel for drain to bed rock, with good prospects ahead.

The little village here is improving. Mr. Woods has built a very nice little residence, and failing to find it convenient to build on the public domain, built his house in the road, rather disagreeable to some but diverting to others.

Mr. Aylsworth has built a fine store house, and himself and family christened the same by presenting a splendid dinner to the people of Emigrant and vicinity on Christmas day. We had a very nice little sociable dance the evening of the same day, and in the absence of older ladies to dance we substituted children, and us old bald-headed bachelors and little girls had a splendid time.

Fearing I will weary your patience, I will conclude.

Yours Truly, V. HARDUP.

## Bozeman Market Report.

GROCERIES.

Sugar. $20@22½ Coffee, 35 cents. Bacon, 23@25; Ham, 25, Shoulders, 22; States Salt, 9; Dried Apples, 22½; Dried Peaches, 20@22½; Dried Currants, 16@17; Dried Grapes, 18; Dried Pears, 22@24; Beans, 8a10; Fresh Corn Meal, 9; Oat Meal, 15; Hominy, 11.

Bright navy tobacco, 68@80c; black, 55@65. Teas—Japan 65@75. Young Hyson 80@1 25, Imperial 95@1 30. Gunpowder $1@1 40. Salt 6c, Brooms $5@5 50.

Pickles, 5 gallon keg, $4@4 50; Rope, 17@18c; Syrup, 5 gallon kegs, $7@7 50. Candles, $9@10 per box; soap, $8 50@9 per box of 60 lbs.

PRODUCE.

Flour, XXX, per sack, $5.50@6; Oats, $1.75@2.00 per cwt.

Potatoes, 1c per lb, Butter, 35c per lb.; Eggs, 40c per doz., Cheese, 20c per lb.


## Dr. James Shaw,

*U. S. Army, Fort Ellis, M. T.,*

For near twenty years a regular Physician and Surgeon of the city of Philadelphia, and for some time a resident Physician of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and Consulting Physician in other public medical institutions of that city, with a number of years experience as a Surgeon in the volunteer service and regular army of the United States. Can be consulted on long standing and chronic diseases at that Fort

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## J. B. Finch,

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J. B. FINCH.

BOZEMAN, M. T., Nov. 30, 1876.

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