

**THE AVANT COURIER.**

The Pioneer Paper of Eastern Montana.

J. W. ALLEN, Editor.

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**VALEDICTORY.**

It is but right and proper in severing our connection as publishers of the AVANT COURIER that we should return thanks to the citizens of Bozeman and Gallatin county for the support and encouragement extended us during the past three months. Since the 25th of August last we have done our utmost to publish an acceptable paper, at one time it looked as if the good ship would go down, but thanks to the friends and patrons who so faithfully stood by us, she weathered the storm and to-day is sailing on a smooth sea, with the port of a grand success just in sight.

GEO. B. WRIGHT,  
JOSEPH W. ALLEN.

**TO THE PATRONS OF THE COURIER.**

We announce that the AVANT COURIER has been sold to W. W. Alderson, Esq., who takes charge of the same after the publication of this number. The paper will be restored to its original size, and it is the intention of the new proprietor to make it a first-class newspaper, sparing no reasonable expense to do so. We ask for the new concern the same liberal patronage bestowed on ourselves, believing that the patrons will be perfectly satisfied with the paper that will in future be furnished them.

The next number will appear Thursday, February 8, and will be published regularly each week on Wednesday.

WRIGHT & ALLEN.

**The Legislature.**

COUNCIL.—January 23.

C. B. No. 16. "To authorize the trustees of school district No. 7, in Gallatin county, M. T., to issue and sell coupon bonds of said district for school purposes passed the Council on Tuesday.

Notices of the introduction of bills were given:

By McAdow, to increase the boundaries of Gallatin County.

By Cullen, a bill for an Act to amend chapter 40 of the codified statutes.

By Ford, a bill for an act in relation to the compensation of witnesses.

O. J. M. No. 1, asking for the establishment of a post route between Helena and Deadwood, was read the third time and passed.

C. B. No. 12, an act for the benefit of common schools, was read the third time and passed.

Mitchell moved to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution postponing action on railroad bills until February 1st; motion prevailed.

The Council, on motion of Mr. Tatem, adopted a resolution that all bills pertaining to railroad matters be postponed until Monday, Jan. 29, 1877.

Brown gave notice of the introduction of a bill for an Act prohibiting minors or persons under twenty-one years of age of gambling or betting upon any game of chance within the Territory of Montana.

HOUSE.—January 23.

The Committee on Federal relations reported H. J. M. No. 1, changing the boundaries of the Crow reservation, and recommended its passage.

Notices of the introduction of bills were given as follows:

By Chatwick, concerning county treasurers' fees.

By Sanders, to amend the act incorporating the town of Helena.

By Steel, to create the county of Dearborn.

H. B. 25, to consolidate the county offices of Meagher county, was, on motion of Sanders, referred to a committee of one from each county with instructions to report a bill general in its application.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported H. B. 2, to pay St. John's Hospital for insurance, with an amendment changing the amount, \$1,575, to \$1,546.50.

On motion of W. F. Sanders, the amendment was adopted and the bill ordered engrossed.

House went into Committee of the whole in regard to the Benton Railroad; word in the chair. Several amendments were adopted.

At a late session of the O'Brien county, Iowa, board of supervisors a bill was presented which read: "To kindling wood job set by court house rate \$7."

**CAPITAL CRUMBS.**

HELENA, January 23, 1877.

EDITOR AVANT COURIER:

Trade is dull.  
A thaw is inevitable.  
Two dancing parties a week delight the lovers of the pollysyllabic art.  
Mails arrive regularly.  
Ice men are laying in supplies.  
Snow is king, but his reign is short.  
Vivion is struggling for the Democratic lionship in the House.

"Down with the statistic law," cries Deer Lodge county.

The school girls and boys took a boss sleigh ride on Saturday.

The legislature and stealing wood were the only amusements in Helena last week.

The minority who buy wood in Helena pay \$5 per cord of about 70 cubic feet.

Skating as a regular amusement has not been extensively practiced in the capital this winter.

Some very adventurous amateur at the art were, however seen practicing on the Broadway side walk.

Their movements were graceful until they reached the embankment, when they apparently lost all regard as to what portion of their bodies they skated on.

There was snow (and ice) on the ground.

Council bill No. 8—an act in relation to wine, was read the third time and passed.

It allows advocates of the printing bill to run at large.

A masquerade ball is on the tapis. It will be conducted after the London fashion, allowing admittance only to those en masque.

Col McLeod commandant British Mounted Police, left for St. Paul yesterday.

From St. Paul he will proceed to Fort Garry and from there by dog sled to Fort Pelly, Northwest Territory, B. N. A.

The saloon keepers are indignant at the Rocky Mountain Swell Club. It takes away their legislature trade.

From indications Montana will have an immense fur trade with British America during the coming season.

HELENA, M. T., January 26, 1876.

Days and icicles are lengthening.

The snow lingers on the streets.

Vivion's parlor entertainments are well attended.

There is a prospect of another news paper in Helena.

Italian skies don't match with arctic streets and polar heat(?).

Roses are in bloom—on the noses of our worthy citizens.

Hays' exemption bill is favorably received by many. The chief exception to the bill is that it doesn't tell how a fellow is going to get the 160 acres with improvements, or the house and lot to exempt.

The Episcopal Church Sociable at Mr. A. M. Holter's residence last night was well attended and a pleasant affair.

The burning of Stoner & Bardwell's shop on Sunday night revealed the fact that the Helena Fire Department needs better organization to be of benefit to the town.

Council Bill 14 is an Act to give the poor man the same rights as the rich man in courts of justice.

That's what courts of justice are intended for; introduce a bill amendatory to the Constitution.

The Assay Office is in active operation and will do considerable work before it is changed into a mint.

The weather not being propitious, slayers are no longer run on the street corners, but many glide o'er the snow.

Sleighers are referred to in both instances.

Prairie chickens have been unusually plentiful around Helena during the past season and sportsmen have pursued them relentlessly.

It is said more have been killed in the past four months than ever before in the same length of time.

Those who know, say that job printing is no longer so profitable an amusement in Helena "as it used to was."

Competition has cut down the price of bill heads from \$18 per 1000 to \$13, and the Legislature should see that the public printing be opened to competition and meet with a corresponding reduction.

WATCHMAN.

**MONTANA NOTES.**

The Butte Miner favors the narrow gauge railroad proposition.

The Davis mill at Butte is completed; and is represented to be one of the most complete quartz mills in the country.

Sieben Bros., of Meagher county lost four hundred head of sheep recently by drowning.

It appears that the band of twelve hundred head was turned out of the corral, no herder accompanying them; they strayed on a pond of water that was frozen over, the ice broke and the sheep were drowned.

Bass & Co's., Ale at Odell's Hall.

St. Louis L. p. m. at Odell's H. K. 44

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOZEMAN.**

At Bozeman, in the Territory of Montana, at the Close of Business, December 22, 1876.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$34,537 85
Overdrafts	7,912 61
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
U.S. Bonds to secure deposits	50,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	5,129 37
Due from approved reserve agents	1,006 85
Due from other National Banks	26,044 98
Real estate, furniture, & fixtures	5,950 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	3,585 88
Premiums paid	14,000 00
Checks and other cash items	211 41
Bills of other Banks	1,471 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	84 21
Specie (including gold Treasury certificates)	86 00
Legal-tender notes	9,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,250 00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$211,270 16</b>

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	5,250 00
Undivided profits	8,405 46
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$20,725 13
Demand certificates of deposit	6,069 00
Time certificates of deposit	25,248 61
United States deposits	19,488 12
Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers	25,083 84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$211,270 16</b>

Territory of Montana, }  
County of Gallatin, }  
I, JAMES G. DOW, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES G. DOW, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1876.

A. D. McPHERSON,  
Probate Judge.

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**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. The diseases of women and children a specialty.

December 10th, 1875.

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