

Local Matters.

Religious Services.

METHODIST. Sunday School at the M. E. Church each Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN. First Sabbath, at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in the Episcopal Church, Bozeman.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. The undersigned preacher, in charge of Bozeman, will hold religious services regularly in each month at the following times and places:

W. C. SANFORD. Western Star Lodge, No. 4. G. S. H. Osborn, R. S. A. D. McPherson, G. S. H. Osborn, R. S. A. D. McPherson, G. S. H. Osborn, R. S. A. D. McPherson.

Quarterly Meeting. A quarterly meeting session of the M. E. Church South, will be held at Fairview school house, on West Gallatin, on Saturday and Sunday of this week, 18th and 19th inst.

The Bismark Tribune. Holiday number was a double sheet full of interesting and valuable reading matter.

Bad Bereavement. We are pained to learn that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Word, of Virginia City, died last evening of scarlet fever.

General Miles has returned from Washington. The paymaster will be at Fort Custer in a few days.

Christmas and New Year passed over without any exciting times. These Bottoms is being rapidly settled up.

The hay contract at Fort Custer is filled, and but two or three hundred cords of the wood yet remain to be hauled.

It is rumored that General Bull will soon take his position on Gen'l Sherman's staff, and that Col. Brackett, of the 2nd Cavalry, will be in command at Fort Custer.

Allen. Comes out with a holiday number—a large triple sheet—brim full of the most interesting reading matter on all live subjects and from all over the known world.

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Transportation. Ellis & Davis' ox train rolled out on Monday. It double trips across the divide and will leave Bozeman again to-day for Miles City with merchandise for P. W. McCormick & Co.

American Watches. All watches fully warranted for one year. All kinds of Watch Repairing done in a workmanlike manner and warranted for one year.

Jewelry. Ladies' Sets in Solid Roman Gold, Cameo, Ruby, Coral, Garnet and Pearl, solid in Karat Gold, Opals, and best Chain, Roman and Plain Gold Necklaces, Lockets, Crosses, Finger Rings, Buttons, Etc., Etc.

W. G. BAILEY, Helena, Montana.

Personal.

P. B. Clark is in town. J. H. Aylesworth, of Ohio, is in town. Frank Murray returned from Helena this week.

Hon. W. O. P. Hayes, of East Gallatin, is in town this week. Dr. A. J. Hunter and son Davis, left town yesterday on a business visit to the Missouri Valley.

Zed, Daniels was prostrated with sickness this week. He was quite ill Tuesday, but, we are glad to learn, was considerably better yesterday.

Mr. Schaffer and family, of Missouri Valley, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Bozeman for several weeks past, left for home this week.

We received a call this week from Mr. E. J. Stanley, Presiding Elder in Montana of the M. E. Church South. He holds quarterly meeting at Fairview school house, on West Gallatin, on Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Carr returned to town from the Powder river country last week, and has concluded to remain here during the remainder of the winter. He says that he never leaves Bozeman without getting a "case" of cholera.

Mr. David May, of Yakima Valley, Oregon, left town yesterday for his home, Helgoes by way of Helena and San Francisco. A pleasant journey and speedy return is the wish of the many friends he has made during his short visit here.

We regret to learn that Miss Sweet, teacher of the parish school, was so ill Monday and Tuesday as to be unable to keep school. We are glad to know her indisposition was of short duration, and that she has been able to resume her place in the school, which, under her personal and efficient supervision, has become deservedly popular.

Major Fesse, the pioneer of the Yellowstone country, is up from his maling post at Stillwater, on business, and will tarry with us several days. The Major informs us that, in his opinion, considerable illicit trading in whisky is being carried on, this winter, with the Mountain Crows. This infamous business should be investigated and suppressed at once.

The Mountain Crows heretofore have been remarkably exempt from the habits of intemperance and the liquor traffic, and their good behavior and consequent safety of the frontier settlements adjoining their reservation has been due principally to this fact. Let whisky be circulated freely among the bold, independent and wealthy tribe of Indians, and no white man's life on the Yellowstone, or even in Gallatin, would be safe for an hour.

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A new desk at the Laclede Hotel this week. The new Billiard Hall is open.

The soldiers at Fort Ellis are busy cutting and storing ice.

Wanted—To rent a ranch. If you have one to rent call at this office.

A dance was given by the officers at Ft. Ellis on Tuesday evening last.

Parlor Tables at Ponsford's Billiard Hall.

A school of 24 children is being taught in Chibco by Miss Ella Aylesworth.

Indian Views for sale at Calfee & Catlin's View Emporium.

Lockey has just filled an order from Fort Ellis for 8,000 pounds of crackers.

Blake "A" Whisky at Ponsford's. A new sidewalk and awning have been built, the past week, in front of R. F. May's store.

Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Flour, Lard, &c wanted at Lockey's.

Seventeen cavalry horses will be sold at auction at Fort Custer on the 4th of February.

If you want a good suit of clothes made, and warranted to fit, call on the Tailor, one door East of Strasburger & Spurling, Main street, Bozeman.

Brunet is closing out his stock of clothing and groceries. See his advertisement in another column.

If you want peace in the family use Lockey's California Self-Rising Flour.

The citizens of Virginia City are talking of closing the public schools on account of the prevalence of scarlatina.

Horses, Mares and Mules for sale by Brunet: Any kind of grain taken in payment for the same.

Morse arrived from Helena last week with a load of merchandise, and left for Helena with a load on Monday.

Go to Calfee & Catlin's View Emporium for Pictures of the Wonderland.

News received in town this week from Hayden, states that Mr. Ferrel still lies in an unconscious condition, not improving a particle.

Ponsford's Billiard Hall is separate from the Saloon. Entrance one door East of Basinski's.

Religious services, Presbyterian, next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., in the Episcopal Church, Bozeman, by Rev. C. L. Richards.

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A book on Montana is soon to be published by Appleton & Co., New York. The work will be nicely illustrated. Mr. E. J. Stanley is the author.

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Original Contributions.

BOZEMAN, January 14, 1878. Editor Avant Courier: In your issue of November 22d, 1877, I noticed a short poem entitled "The Modern Bride," and after having read it I felt very indignant at the author for his blasphemous column, and would have rushed right then to the defense of our fair friends, but I had a strong hope that some able champion would take the matter in hand. After waiting week after week with no appearing, I came to the conclusion not to let it pass unrebuked, if my humble effort could help it.

This reminds me of an ancient fable. Not Hercules and the Hydra, but— But Eoep's fable of the fox and grapes: The lesson that this fable seems to teach is, not to covet things beyond our reach. And having failed, then call them pads and tapes.

The fox would not give up that he was beat, The grapes were sour and not fit to eat. 'Tis the state of our Missouri friends; 'Tis our delicious fruit while rambling round. And stretched his hand to pull them to the ground. But let them be high and would not bend.

If then says "Original notice" is not good, But not to resent the notice it is vain. And in his disappointment must admit, The fairest flowers that to earth are given, The sweetest and the best in all God's garden, And would have us believe them of no use.

I would advise our friend to try again, But not to resent the notice it is vain. And he will find that modern men care less, Something more grand than "pads and tapes."

"That's all!" For they will say in their arms: they find, Sweet hearts and souls, with sense and tenderness. W. J. DAVIES.

The following is the poem referred to: The Modern Bride.

When Daphne, fainting in the sylvan glade, The impetuous sun-god's passion would evade, And, to resist his ardor, strove to flee, So when some modern bridegroom fondly grasps The long-expected joy, he merely clasps An "Oriental" notice to his breast.

Yet 'neath the laurel's bark, Apollo felt A heart still beating, and, while he kept, The new leaves waved to him a last farewell; Happy the modern lover who can find, Beneath the pads and belts his fair that bind, Or heart, or soul, or sense, or tenderness.

Ye pretty fops! ye fops not even prettier, Who laugh at Modern wives, and deem it witty, To mock them for the lives their husbands lead, To liberate them take no further pains, But let them rest contented in their chains, Till you have made a wiser use of freedom. O. D. V. St. Louis, Mo., October 25, 1877.

School Matters. The trustees of the Bozeman school district have not been able, so far, to secure a suitable principal for the graded school.

The new school house, although not formally accepted by the trustees, is about finished, and ready for occupancy any time. It is to be regretted that the school cannot be opened without further delay.

Money in It. Why don't some of our farmers and stock-men break in some of their fat steers to the yoke? We have heard frequent enquiries, during the past six months, for work oxen, but not a yoke is to be found for sale, although one hundred dollars per yoke is freely offered. When the largest steers are currently in market, they sell for \$30 per head for beef, surely it would pay to break some of them to the yoke if double this amount can be realized.

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