

ADVERTISING RATES.

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Local Matters.

THE COURT HOUSE.

BOZEMAN, MONT., Dec. 10th, 1879. To the Tax Payers of Gallatin County: We the undersigned respectfully and urgently ask your attention, as taxpayers, to the following statement of facts, assuring you that we stand ready to prove the truth of our assertions herewith.

We then, desire to call your attention to the fact that at the late session of the Board of County Commissioners, it finally selected a site regardless of our offers to donate the cost of the building and without notice to us that the selection was to be made, and this notwithstanding the other fact that the site we offer is fully as good a one as that selected—the donor of the latter having been permitted to revise his original offer, while we were given no opportunity to increase ours, as we were prepared to do if necessary.

We state then, that at the last session of the Commissioners, we sent Francis Harper, Wm. H. Babcock and Jacob F. Spieth before the Board, and that they for us made the following propositions: 1st. That if the Court House were built in East Bozeman, we would give the county the land (1 to 2 acres as it might require) and all the bricks needed for the building, or

2nd. That if so built we would give said land and the cash value of the bricks. Either offer was equal to \$7,000 while the site proposed is an eligible one in every respect, as that the Commissioners have selected.

At the time we made said propositions, Wm. H. Tracy offered to give the county, for said purpose, four lots opposite the school house, but at the late session, he was permitted to revise his offer, making it 8 lots and thirty feet off of the eight lots in the rear, while, as stated, we had no opportunity given us to report or increase our proposition, as we were prepared to do.

What then, have the Commissioners done in this matter? They have ignored an offer which, it accepted, would have saved the county at least \$7,000, an offer which we stated to them we stood ready to give in every respect, so that the Commissioners have selected to make secure by good and sufficient bonds.

They have accepted a mere gift of land which, at the outside, will save the county but \$10,000, and land whose title is and always has been disputed, and must remain so until settled by threatened suits.

Do the Tax payers of Gallatin County want to be presented with a law suit, as against a cash value of \$7,000? We think not: and we ask them to reconsider this matter; to examine the site we offer, and to inspect the bond, we have been and still are ready to execute, binding ourselves to perform the promise we make to the county.

We make it in good faith, and in good faith we now appeal to you to investigate the matter.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

On or about the 10th of November I will open my old Photograph Gallery on Main Street.

BIRD CALFEE.

Views of Montana, by a keen Observer.

From a letter recently published in the Cass County, (Mich.) Republican, from the pen of Chas. A. Lewis, who it will be remembered, made a tour of the Territory, several months since as a showman and slight of hand performer, we extract the following:

Through Wyoming, Idaho and Montana we met roving bands of Indians, and as our trip extended north as far as Fort Assiniboine, on Milk River, near the British possessions, and the Bear Paw Mountains, being in the heart of the Indian country, and the "Noble Red Man," being monarch of all he surveys, an sorry to say I cannot record any half breed escapes, although the same cannot be said of the majority of mountaineers, who have endured all the hardships, saved all the perils, and encountered all the trials peculiar to life in an Indian country. How pleasant it is for a stranger when camping on the plains, to extend hospitality to those horny handed sons of toil, and have your aprons revived at a recital of their adventures with the Indians, how they packed their grub on their backs over rugged mountains, the difficulties they had to encounter, how they made and lost fortunes, the many vicissitudes they experienced. Yes, it is interesting to sit by a campfire when men from all countries, from all nations, and especially from all parts of the west, congregate and spin tough yarns, incidental to their lives in the wide of the west, how they took their "standing guard," how they lived on pork and beans, flapjacks and coffee, and the living in expectation of striking it rich, with independent fortunes in the near future. Such is life on the plains. Taking Montana all in all it stands without an equal in mineral and agricultural resources, and it has no superior. New and rich mines are developed daily, and thousands of acres of rich land are taken up and cultivated yearly, by an industrious and good class of people. Many have erroneous notions in relation to the educational ad-

vanages, religious privileges and society of Montana. Enterprise and industry are encouraged. Thousands of dollars are appropriated yearly for improvements.

LOCKEY'S Bozeman Store Has the Largest Stock of TOYS

And Holiday Goods in the Market. Prices as Low as the Lowest.



Sandwiches.

Decidedly cool—28 degrees below zero Tuesday morning. Story is buying flour. Decidedly cooler—38 degrees below zero yesterday morning.

Cloaks and Dolmans, at WILSON'S. The public schools were closed last evening for the holiday vacation. They will be re-opened on Monday, January 6th, 1880.

Imported Brandy at HEADQUARTERS. Tuesday evening when the thermometer was ranging about 22 below zero in Bozeman, it was 29 in Helena and 38 at Fort Keogh.

Caskets and Skirt Supporters, at WILSON'S. F. J. Dunbar, of Gallatin, was up on business this week. He reports about four inches of snow on the lower part of the valley.

The best Whiskey in Bozeman at Ponsford's Billiard Hall, next door to Laclede Hotel. Recently, Mrs. Anson Doherty, of Havana, Ills., gave birth to four daughters. The "Snickers" think this is a clear case of quadruplets.

New Billiard Tables and the Whiskey at Ponsford's, next door to Laclede Hotel. Tate & Smith recently purchased the Gay property on Main street, adjoining Charles Rich's grocery store, paying \$1,500 for the same.

Prints and Gingham without number, at WILSON'S. If this kind of weather is to continue we shall not be in favor of awarding James Gordon Bennett a premium for opening up a North-west passage to the North Pole.

Col. Geo. Clendenin, Jr., agent for Coulson line of steamers, Fort Benton, and Jas. H. Emery, agent of H. C. Tillingslast & Co., dealers in hides and tallow, Chicago, gave us a call yesterday.

Full line of Fancy Stocking Yarn just arrived at A. LAMME & CO'S. A Merry Christmas to all the paying subscribers of the COURIER. May their children be healthy and handsome, their turkey fat and tender, their hens perpetually laying, and their homes the abodes of peace and plenty.

The most complete stock of dry goods in town, at WILSON'S. Gallatin County has no delinquent tax list this year. This is a little rough on the local newspaper, but it speaks volumes for the thrift and general prosperity of our people, and we are excusable for feeling proud of the record.

Genuine Sultan Cigars at HEADQUARTERS. The founders of our beautiful town will never be held in grateful remembrance by the youthful owners of hand-sacks. The location is such as to render counting practically impossible. It's a little rough on the boys, but it's "medicine" for the old folks.

Yarns of every description, at WILSON'S. THE AVANT COURIER has its new steam-power press in operation, and comes to you this morning presenting an elegant appearance, showing careful and intelligent work. We congratulate our Eastern coten, on its evident prosperity, and extend hearty wishes that its shadow may never grow less.—Madisonian.

AT COST: A lot of the Beaver Cloaks for Misses at WILSON'S. We know that the holidays are approaching, for we are almost deluged with generous (?) offers from Eastern journals, patent medicine establishments and advertising agencies, to do thirty-three dollars' worth of advertising for two dollars and thirty-three cents, with the usual discount for cash.

Ponsford's new Billiard Hall and Club Room (next door to Laclede Hotel) now open. Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Underwear, Hosiery, &c., at WILSON'S. Mrs. Robt. Willis this year furnishes Bozeman with most of its Thanksgiving, Xmas, and New Year's turkeys. Mrs. Willis formerly had the most extensive chicken ranch in the country, but during the past season has devoted her time principally to raising ducks and turkeys, and has been very successful.

the Yellowstone divide, and persuaded by Mr. Smith to postpone his trip. We understood most, if not all, of the stolen property, has been recovered.

New styles of Prints, in almost endless variety, just received at A. LAMME & CO'S. Gloves, Ribbons, Fur Collars, and Cuffs, at WILSON'S.

The New North West of last week devotes over six columns of closely printed matter, to a report of the trial of Bennett Degehant for the murder of Samuel Carpenter, near Phillipsburg, in May last. A carefully drawn diagram of Degehant's premises, and the Corral in which the murder was committed, is also given. The case occupied several days, was submitted to the jury on Wednesday the 17th inst., and on Thursday morning the jury, contrary to general expectation, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

The 1872 G. W. Taylor Whisky will always be kept at HEADQUARTERS, at MOUNTS & SANBORN. Water-Proof Cloaks and Shawls, at WILSON'S.

That was a wicked prank of some youngsters who tampered with the celestial laundryman's sign a few nights ago. The name—Lam Foo—was suggestive of nothing save innocence and childlike blandness, but elongating the L into a D and adding an I to the end of the name rendered it as profane as one of Horace Greeley's denunciations. Although at the expense of good morals, it was a "booming" advertisement for the Chinaman. Most of the church members never got their washing done at that house.

The Headquarters Saloon has just received the most thorough stock of Wines, Liquors and Cigars ever brought to Montana. MOUNTS & SANBORN.

Two sacks of XXX flour pays for one year's subscription, in advance, to the AVANT COURIER, and flour will be credited to all subscription accounts at same figure.—As Christmas comes on Thursday this year, the following lines from an ancient manuscript in the British Museum, will be read with interest.

If Xmas Day 79 Thursday be, A windy winter ye shall see; In lively weather in each week, And hard tempests, strong and thick; The summer shall be good and dry, Corn and bread shall multiply; That year that year that year that year, Kings and Princes shall die by kill: If a child born that day shall be, He shall be good without doubt; And if sickness that day betide, It shall quickly from thee glide.

DOWN GOES THE HAMMER. All persons indebted to me, either by note or account, must make payment by the 1st day of February, or down will go the hammer, and deep forget it, and for the next forty days my business will be strictly a P. P. WORSHAM. CASH PAID FOR XXX WHEAT AT THE UNION MILLS. GEO. S. LEWIS. Religious Services.

Mr. C. L. Richards will hold services in the M. E. Church next Sabbath, Dec. 28th, morning and evening. Christmas services will be held on that day. Sabbath School at 2:30 p. m. The Weekly Cottage Prayer Meeting, will be held next week, Tuesday evening, Dec. 30th, at the room of Mr. W. W. Wylie, in the Laclede Hotel.

The first week of January will be observed as "The Week of Prayer." We beseech the people will bear this in mind, and arrange their work and pleasure so as to fit attendance. A programme of subjects, and times and places of meeting, will be given in the COURIER of next week.

Holiday Goods. A carefully selected stock of goods for the Holiday trade just opened at the Post Office Building, amounting to \$50,000. SILVER PLATED WARE, from the well-known firm of Reed & Barton. A choice collection of Toys for Jewels and Adults. Toys and Novelties, a good assortment, and a few choice articles lower than ever before.

Choice Candies and Nuts. ALSO BIRD CAGES, BASKETS, HANDBOOKS, AMP STANDS, CROWD PAPERS, BRACKETS, AND A CHOICE COLLECTION OF BOOKS FOR JUVENILES and Adults. Toys and Novelties, a good assortment, and a few choice articles lower than ever before. Call and examine for yourselves. J. H. TAYLOR. BOZEMAN, M. T., Dec. 4, 1879. Dissatisfied with the Location.

We publish, this week, a communication from citizens of Bozeman and vicinity, who feel aggrieved at the action recently taken by the Board of County Commissioners in the matter of selecting a site for the proposed Court House and Jail. Like other questions where controversy is possible, this matter, of course, is a different version from that given in the article referred to. The County Commissioners, being men of good judgment and honorable intentions, will have had what appeared to them, at least, good and sufficient reasons for selecting the site when and where they did. It is possible that some person or persons may take interest enough in the matter to present the other side of the question. In the meantime it will be well enough for the tax-payers of the county and all others in interest to suspend judgment until they are well informed in regard to all the facts in the case.

Just Received STRASBURGER & SPERLING'S CLOAKS & DRESS GOODS. In all shawls; also LADIES' SHOES. And many other articles, too numerous to mention. They also have a complete stock of BOOTS, CLOTHING and HOSIERY.

To Whom It May Concern. Whereas, I, being ailing and card-playing, brought disgrace on myself and the church of which I am a member, I therefore desire that it may be known that the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints does not tolerate such practices; that I ask forgiveness of all men, and trust that by a Godly walk and conversation in the future, to prove that I have truly repented of these evils, and in time may regain the confidence of all good men.

JOHN J. REESE. DISSOLUTION NOTICE. The partnership heretofore existing under the style and firm name of Ash & Fridley, has this day been dissolved, and each party will collect all debts due and pay all obligations of the late firm. GEO. ASH & E. L. FRIDLEY. Bozeman, September 25, 1879.

HELENA LETTER. HELENA, MONT., Dec. 21, 1879. Merry Christmas. Sleigh bells are jingling. Turkeys that escaped Thanksgiving fearfully await the 25th.

Seven inches of snow on the ground and plenty more coming. The District Court is still occupied with the case of Geo. W. Fox. Christmas trees flourish better than any other Montana timber just now.

Lots of dances are announced to enliven the holiday season in the "outside camps." Through tickets for all parts of America are now sold at the Overland Stage office in Helena.

C. M. Travis, of Helena, was robbed at the Terminus on Sunday, the 14th, of about \$2,000 in currency. For several days the coaches have been delayed by the deep snow. Last night's overland brought no mail.

The Pioneer Club party Friday night was well attended, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The ears, fingers and cheeks of Willie Rule, a five-year-old Helena youngster, were badly frozen on Wednesday.

Among recent departures for the States were S. T. Hauser, C. A. Broadwater, Judge Chumasso and B. H. Tate. Trains on the Utah and Northern are much obstructed by the snow. Freighters are not now received for points north of Logan.

On the coldest morning of last week the thermometer indicated fifteen degrees below zero. For four days the mercury has not run above. The Benton coach, due Monday, got in soon on Wednesday. It was loaded on the side of Fort Shaw, and the passengers, including two ladies, were obliged to last for 24 hours.

J. H. Moe, Register of the Helena Land Office, has been confirmed for another term. Mr. Moe and Mr. Sterling, the receiver, are both excellent officers and universally liked.

A leading Helena physician makes the practice of going hunting at this season, "it's the only time of year that—does not kill anything;" pleasantly observes a brother M. D.

The Episcopal church fair, beginning Tuesday and ending last night, was the notable thing of the week, and is understood to have been as much of a success financially as otherwise.

The sidewalks are in nice condition for the pedestrian citizen, who would suffer from the intense cold but for the enthusiasm excited by his efforts to preserve an upright position regardless of slipperiness.

The Sawtelle troupe was to have played here last night, but the storm detained it at Boulder, necessitating the postponement until Monday night of the presentation of "Stealth, or the Murder on the Cliff."

G. Hutchinson, a Madison County man, on his way to Helena with a load of flour, was thrown from his wagon while descending the divide between Crow Creek and Jefferson City, and badly, perhaps mortally, injured.

"Which is the greater obstacle to progress, doubt or prejudice?" was the question which the Monday Night Club endeavored to decide at its last meeting. The M. N. C. is a literary and debating society, formed of a number of Helena ladies and gentlemen.

"In justice to Bob Eads," your correspondent is requested to state that the Colonel's military experience was acquired in the Union and not in the Rebel army, as recently stated. Col. Eads is not Capt. Jas. B. Eads' brother, as I also stated, but the cousin of that noted personage.

Notice. All persons owing the late firm of Ash & Fridley are hereby notified that such accounts are payable to E. L. Fridley, and are requested to call and settle. "Giras in short, boys."—E. L. FRIDLEY. Obituary.

Mrs. Laura R. Jackson, wife of Mr. Dorman Jackson, died last Saturday morning, Dec. 20th, after a week of painful sickness. Just one week before, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were called upon to bury their eldest daughter, a child of nearly four years. The care, overwork, grief and exposure on the stormy day of the funeral must have over-taxed the strength of the sorrowing mother, for she returned home quickly to seek rest.

On Sabbath evening Mrs. Jackson gave birth to a child, and at the same time was overtaken by the scarlet fever—the same disease with which their little girl was stricken down. At the same time their little two-year-old girl and the new born babe were taken sick. Relatives and friends did all that loving hands and hearts could do to relieve the sufferings of the mother; but she could not rally. Had Mrs. Jackson lived one day more she would have seen her twenty-third birthday. The burial took place on Sabbath morning last, when her remains were placed beside those of her eldest born. The two motherless little ones are doing as well as can be expected, and they, together with the bereaved husband and father, have the hearty sympathy of the entire community.

Gallatin City News. GALLATIN, M. T., Dec. 22, 1879. The thermometer stands all the way from freeze down. Alfred Nichols has returned home from Helena, after a few days absence. For the last few days we have enjoyed a real, old-fashioned "blizzard."

Mrs. Sylvester Weddle of this place has been quite sick, for several days. At writing we learn that she is improving some. Jack Aldrich, an accomplished architect of this place, has just completed a fine structure for Mr. Sharsman. It is an elegant design and fashioned after antique style.

Benjamin Carpenter and Frank Dunbar, left town last evening, Mr. Carpenter going to Horse Shoe Bend, where his cattle are located. Mr. Dunbar goes to Bozeman, where he will remain for a few days.

Paul and Hanly are to have a New Year's Ball, at Shedd's Bridges, Wednesday evening Dec. 31. A grand time is expected—and "don't you forget it."

Come to our dance. To dancing one, And from this dance, Much joy will come. It's off this said, The night is here, The young and old, May meet and part. One day last week George Hutchinson, of Madison valley, while on his way from Helena, was met with a very serious accident, was descending a small hill, unmanageable and Mr. Hutchinson was precipitated from the wagon. In addition to a broken arm, he sustained a severe wound upon the head. He was removed to the house of Mr. Knives, near where the accident occurred. His brother Dell reports that it will be some time before he will be able to come home.

Items from the Terminus. From White Calfee, who returned from the Terminus Monday evening, we glean the following items of interest: The snow from Devil's Dive on through Pleasant Valley was about thirty inches deep when Mr. Calfee left, about a week ago. His teams, loaded with freight for Helena, destined principally for army officers at Fort Assiniboine. The freight had previously been shipped via the Northern Pacific railroad to Bismarck, but arriving there after the boating season, it was re-shipped and forwarded over the U. P. and U. N. railroads. There was but little freight at the Terminus for Eastern Montana parties, but twenty car loads arrived for parties in Butte. The present Terminus—Devil's Dive—is appropriately named, as it harbors, at present, a gang of the hardest characters to be found in the North-west. During Mr. Calfee's stay there, Ches. Travis, who was on his way East, was called to one side by one of the gang, while others beset his face with snow, threw him down, and robbed him of some \$2,000 to \$2,500—all the money he had—by day light. The watchman witnessed the robbery and made some ineffectual efforts to prevent it. He appeared to know the robbers, but fearing personal violence, he refused to divulge their names. Mr. Calfee's teams will probably make another trip to the Terminus during the winter.

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Just received and opened up A LARGE STOCK Choice Family GROCERIES

BLANKETS, Shirts and Drawers, Gloves, Mittens and Notions, CIGARS and TOBACCO, Flour, Oats, and General Farm Produce taken in Exchange for Goods. The Highest Price paid for Furs and Hides.

LOCKEY'S Bozeman Store.

Story & Goewey, Successors to Walter Cooper. We have in stock the most complete assortment in Montana of Guns, Pistols, Ammunition, Cutlery, &c. Everything pertaining to a Hunter's or a Sportsman's outfit. This entire stock is for sale.

FOR CASH! Fresh Bread, Pies, Cakes, and Pastry.

Robes, Furs & Hides. We keep no book account! We will pay the highest price (in cash) for ROBES, FURS & HIDES. Parties at home or from abroad will CONSULT THEIR INTERESTS in getting our prices before purchasing elsewhere.

FRANK HARPER. GENERAL BLACKSMITHING, IRON AND STEEL.

Chain of all kinds, Ox Yokes, Ox Staples, and Hoes, Neck Yokes, Double and Single Trees, Lead Bars, Jockey Sticks, Buggy and Seat Springs, Buggy Axles and all kinds of Buggy Trimmings, Plow and Single-tree Clevises, Cold Shuts, Mining Picks of best quality, Post Augurs, Bells of all sizes, Ox, Mule and Horse Shoes, and

Empire Mill. 1000 Sacks of Flour Per Week!

Now running on new crop. We are running day and night, turning out 1000 Sacks of Flour Per Week! And are prepared to fill orders on short notice for large quantities of any grade. We solicit correspondence From all who desire to contract large lots, as we can furnish from 500 to 1000 sacks of any grade, with ten days notice, if required.

Farmers & Freighters. AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE

Being an old-time resident of the Territory, and having long experience in Farming operations and as Freighters, I am in a position to select such machinery as experience has demonstrated to be the best for the country. I have opened an AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE in Bozeman, and am prepared to sell, at lowest possible rates.

WHITE CALFEE. Fish Brothers Farm, Freight, Spring Wagons and Buggy.

McCORMICK'S HARVESTERS, SELF-BINDERS, DROPPERS AND MOWERS COMBINED, AND THE CELEBRATED IRON FRAME MOWERS. CHALLENGE HAY RAKE—The best in the market. AVERY'S GANG AND SULKY PLOWS. Separate and combined; also the best Hand Stubble Plow in the market. KELLY'S STEEL BARB FENCE WIRE. This wire makes the best and cheapest fence made. You can fence a farm in a single day. HAY LOADERS. Takes the hay from the winnow and carries it into the wagon as fast as two men can load it. HAMPOON FORKS—For unloading and stacking hay. Full Stock of Extras Kept Constantly on Hand. The machinery and stock on hand, and prices and terms ascertained, by calling on FRANK HARPER, Warehouse near Harper's Blacksmith Shop. BOZEMAN, M. T., JUNE 25, 1879.