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The second and last school exhibition, given on last Friday evening, even excelled the first in the excellence of the entertainment, and was almost as largely attended. The receipts were \$216 gross, which will net a handsome sum for the benefit of the school.

Just as an instance of the fearful rigors of this climate as related by Hazen, Mr. Wm. Hyde informs us he has half a dozen winter pigeons which were hatched in midwinter, out doors, and have all lived and are happier probably than the Brigadier of Buford.

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Personal.

Hon. W. B. Dance arrived from his flock in Beaverhead county on Thursday. Major Shanahan, Indian Agent at Jocko, left Washington City March 3d, en route for Montana and is expected to arrive soon. Mr. Geo. H. Russell, the ever welcome representative of Pond, Reynolds & Co., is here on business. Give him your orders; it's a good house.

Mr. John Anderson, formerly of Red Mountain, has taken charge of the Hotel at Silver Star, and will be glad to see his west side friends who travel that direction. We have advised that the able author of the "Variable History of Hell Gate," now West, has a general invitation to visit Missoula, and bring a shot gun, a pick handle and a surgeon with him.

Among the recent marriages we have heard of is that of Mr. Jas. H. Davidson of Pioneer, M. T., to a Miss McIntyre. The marriage took place in Canada. Mr. Al Randall, of Smith & Randall, Pioneer, was also married recently at Buffalo, New York.

Con Kohrs, Esq., returned from Bitter Root this week. He was unable to make any purchase of cattle, stock men holding their hands higher figures than they command here. Mr. K. had propositions from dealers east to take a large number of cattle from him at certain figures, the cattle to be delivered at Corinne, but the price offered does not leave a sufficient margin to warrant investment.

The personnel of the late Independent is disposed as follows. Mr. Addison Smith will eventually turn attention to mining interests in this County, and meantime settle up the late business, and probably canvass for the Helena paper. Mr. Hathaway will remain until autumn and return to New York City where his family reside. Messrs. McQuaid and Kerley leave for Helena on Saturday morning. Mr. Chauncey Barber, connected with the paper during the winter, has taken a situation temporarily on the Missoulian.

Award of Mail Contracts. From the published list in the Herald of mail contracts awarded in Montana we make the following summary. The figures are wonderfully low, and on some of them we believe it is absolutely impossible to do the service for the amount named.

Virginia City to Gaffney's; 30 miles and back daily; O. J. Salisbury; \$1300 per annum. Virginia City to Bozeman; 75 miles and back; three times a week; P. B. Clark, Kelson, Utah, \$1,450; present pay \$3,370.

Virginia City to Summit; 8 miles and back; twice a week; W. F. Covey; \$300. Sterling to Gallatin; 40 miles and back, twice a week; Hugh P. Galen; \$1,180.

Radersburg to Camp Baker, 61 miles and back; once a week; O. J. Salisbury; \$900. Boulder Valley to Harrison; 45 miles and back; once a week; Alfred Myers, of Whitehall; \$850.

Bozeman to Emigrant; 40 miles and back; once a week; B. F. Root, Bozeman; \$640. Watson (Ryans) to Deer Lodge; 100 miles and back; six times a week; Ed. E. Corbin; \$8,000; present pay \$24,000.

Watson to Bannack; 30 miles and back; three times a week; C. O. Trask, Bannack; \$1,170. Bannack to Leesburg; (L. T.) 31 miles and back; once a week; John McDowell, Salmon City, \$1,472.

Helena to Missoula; 138 miles and back; six times a week to Deer Lodge; three times a week to Deer Lodge to Missoula; H. C. Kennedy, Corinne; \$2,500; present pay \$12,000.

Helena to Benton; 144 miles and back; three times a week; H. C. Kennedy, Corinne; \$2,900; present pay \$9,000.

Helena to Bozeman; 112 miles and back; six times a week; P. B. Clark, Kelson, Utah; \$3,900; present pay \$12,216.

Helena to Lincoln; 60 miles and back; once a week; C. C. Huntley, Washington, D. C.; \$1,200.

Helena to Diamond City; 40 miles and back three times a week; P. B. Clark; \$750. Helena to Trout Creek; 28 miles and back; once a week; L. Beveridge, Helena; \$400.

Helena to Unionville; four miles and back; once a week; Thos. Lalanah, Helena, \$140.

Blackfoot to Washington Grove; 12 miles and back; once a week; Ganley, Deer Lodge \$425.

Deer Lodge to Bearfoot; 50 miles and back; once a week; Geo. Gwendale, Cable and New Chicago, etc.; 100 miles and twice a week; Hugh White, Salt Lake; \$4,875.

Missoula to Forest City; 87 miles and back; once a week; J. A. Robinson Missoula; \$1,350.

Missoula to Skalkaho; 80 miles and back; once a week; P. B. Clark \$880.

Beartown by Yreka to Helmsville; 25 miles and back; once a week; Hugh White; \$1,100.

Corinne to Helena; 450 miles and back; daily; Thomson C. Jackson, Salt Lake; \$15,000; present pay \$47,500.

Routes from Rochester to Gaffney, Callaway to Gaffney, Radersburg to Keatingville, Sprinkville to St. Louis, Superior city to Quartz Creek, and Helena to Buford are suspended; Routes from Bozeman to Musselshell and Missoula to Scribner are announced "unnecessary" and route from Blackfoot to Hortonsville, "not let."

Bozeman Items. From the Courier, March 6. Mr. H. N. Maguire contributes a stirring song to the development of Eastern Montana under the name of "Croakers Clear the Way." It has the right kind of spirit.

J. V. Bogert, Esq., retires from the firm of R. H. Wilson & Bogert. T. J. Dawes, Esq., who has been engaged in business in Bozeman for the last eighteen months, has bought out Story & Hoffman at Judith Basin, and left last Sunday for that place.

We understand that the farmers on Reece creek intend to put in larger crops than they did last year. This information comes from an officer of the Grange in that neighborhood.

March came in like a lion—hope it will go out like a lamb. Eggs were worth only 25 cents a dozen in Bozeman. Butter is scarce and sells at 50 cents a pound.

If the present fine weather continues farming operations will soon begin in Gallatin valley. The Charter Commissioners have appointed the 23rd inst. as the day upon which the Charter shall be submitted to the people.

We regret to learn that the handsome residence of Mr. J. J. Chambers, situated eight miles west of Bozeman, near Middle Creek, one of the finest farm houses in the Gallatin Valley, comparatively new and recently furnished, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with all the household goods, furniture, etc., on Saturday evening last.

Virginia City Items.

Mr. Nat. Wood informs us that he has three hundred and forty head of fine aged beef steers that he is feeding this winter with the intention of driving them to the railroad in the spring and shipping east or west. We understand there are several other stock raisers in this and adjoining counties who contemplate driving to the market in the spring, and from reports gathered in this manner as we can judge there will be several thousand head of beef cattle driven to other markets from Montana in the spring.

Old Wigwag Gulch, deserted since '69, promises to be a pretty good camp next summer. John Ott who is engaged in putting in a flume in the gulch informs us that he is certain he has good pay, and thinks it is very extensive.

Joe Wallbank and Ed Stiles are in from Washington Bar. The boys expect the light fall of water will not trouble them as water is very abundant. Meadow Creek furnishing more than can be used.

Latest reports from down the road state that the snow on Pleasant Valley divide is twenty feet deep and still coming down. More snow has fallen in that section this winter than during any former year since the country has been settled.

Cisler and Zinn, owners of the Lost Lege, Mill Creek, will erect a twenty stamp mill on the ledge as soon as the machinery can be got from 'the east. Mr. Olds is now engaged making a plan of the mill.

Mr. P. A. Large left on Monday's coach for the east. From the Missoulian, Feb. 7. Charley H. Peck has been appointed Postmaster and he will make an accommodating mail.

A lawyer of Montana, recently received a letter from a heart-broken and disconsolate husband inquiring—"Is there any law to punish a man for leaving her husband with two little helpless children and if so how much?"

John Meams, of Junction, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Union Township. An interesting Revival Meeting is going on at Polindexter's School House, Beaverhead Valley. Revs. Riggan and Van Orsdell are officiating. A number have taken a public stand in favor of Christianity, and large congregations are in attendance nightly.

Helena Items. From the Herald March 9th. Mrs. Judge Chumason arrived home Sunday night on the Overland from Corinne, after an absence of five months in the States. I. B. Lyman bought a 15-foot front lot on Main street Monday at \$110 per foot front.

A wooden house on Wood street burned and the adjoining one was razed Sunday night. The first invoice of books for the Library is en route. Everett, the alleged accomplice of Thompson, in the dastardly attempt at assassination of Wm. M. Erwin near Radersburg, attempted to break jail on Sunday night but did not succeed.

Mr. M. A. Meyendorf, C. E., has drawn plans for the two National Bank buildings. On Sunday last the Rev. Mr. Shippen announced from the pulpit that he would locate his residence on next Sunday evening.

He also expressed his belief that the day would soon be inaugurated in Helena. Fever and Ague, Chill Fever, &c. A few months after having commenced the manufacture of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the proprietor began to receive numerous letters from all parts of the Western and Southern States bestowing the most unqualified praise upon it for having promptly cured the writers or their friends of Fever and Ague, or other forms of miasmatic, or malarious diseases. He was repeatedly urged to make known the wonderful virtues of the Discovery in the cure of all these diseases.

He always replied that it was not intended for a "cure all," and should be recommended to people as a remedy for so many different forms of disease, he feared those who had never tested its virtues would to one class it among the numerous humbugs of the day. This answer was satisfactory to no one except the writer, who, who country ought to know it at once, and expressed their astonishment at his indifference to the subject. His ear and heart being all the time open to the call of suffering humanity, he has at last, after having received testimony from hundreds who have been speedily cured by it, and many of them after agonizing and fruitless means had failed, consented to make the matter known.

NEWMAN, JEFF. CO., Kan., Jan. 6, 1873. Dr. P. J. McCarty, Dear Sir—Having used a few bottles of your Golden Medical Discovery, and believing it to be the very best medicine for Chills and Ague, and the best I have by the dozen, please give me your price for it.

REV. THOS. O'REILLY. MARRIED. GERRIE BRIDGES—At Lincoln, Cal., March 5, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth M. Lewis, daughter of Mr. J. E. Lewis, of Lincoln, Cal. Congratulations, Johnny, and welcome back to the mountains with your bride.

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Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. DEER LODGE CITY, MARCH 4, 1874. PETER LEE. DISOLUTION NOTICE. The partnership heretofore existing between J. C. Kerley, Addison Smith, Hugh McQuaid and Mr. L. F. La Croix, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Addison Smith and Mr. L. F. La Croix, having sold their interests in the paper to Mr. E. Kerley, the late of the Gazette, will be removed and replaced by Messrs. La Croix, McQuaid & Kerley, who are advertising and will continue to issue the same with Addison Smith, and will accept of the old firm name as well as to Addison Smith of Deer Lodge, as the office of publication in Helena, and all accounts against the firm must be presented to Addison Smith for settlement.

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