

Local Affairs.

FORT BENTON OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 2, 1875.

Day of the Week.	Mean Barometer.	Mean Thermometer.	Highest temperature.	Lowest temperature.	Rainfall (No. of inches).	Depth of River.	Prevailing Wind.	Maximum velocity of wind.	State of weather during the week.
Friday	29.92	59	71	45	0	1	W	28	Fair
Saturday	29.89	64	77	48	0	1	OS	26	Clear
Sunday	29.87	66	85	50	0	1	OS	20	Clear
Monday	29.97	67	85	50	0	1	OW	16	Clear
Tuesday	29.99	68	81	49	0	1	ON	20	Clear
Wednesday	30.22	73	87	45	0	1	ON	20	Clear
Thursday	30.26	74	84	40	0	1	E	28	Lt. rain

WILLIAM MCGILLIVRAY,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

Skipper Hill has gone to housekeeping.

Rowe Bros. wants the boys to pony up. See notice in another column.

Benton's great rustler, Mr. T. C. Power, returned by Friday's coach.

"How use doth breed a habit in a man." Directly after the lawsuit the other day, Judge Tattan took to boring post holes. The Judge wields a powerful augur.

A small specimen of lignite found on the Shoukin has been handed us. Send a ton, and we will investigate the claim. More anon concerning the vein.

Mr. Cassidy has constructed a bran new fence around the Benton Corral, Mr. Hunsberger is extending the lumber yard towards the levee, and other improvements are in progress in different parts of the town. Altogether Benton is assuming an air of stability which causes her property owners to feel exceedingly comfortable.

A Dangerous Man.

The other morning, while the barkeeper of a Benton saloon was quietly perusing Judge Tattan's last article on emigration, a dilapidated looking individual, evidently belonging to the class called "bums," rushed hurriedly up to the bar, struck the counter heavily with his fist, and exclaimed:

"I want some whiskey."

The barkeeper glanced over the top of the paper, but made no effort to procure the beverage.

"I want some whiskey," again demanded seedy, growing furious at the barkeeper's apparent indifference to his wants. But as no answer to his second request came from behind the paper, he went on to say:

"I'm a dangerous man, I am. I'm a terrible dangerous man when I'm half drunk, and I'm half drunk now."

Just then somebody struck him under the left ear, sending him about ten feet outside the door. He sprawled around in the dusty road for awhile, but finally picked himself up and sneaked off. He isn't a bit dangerous now.

A Mysterious Affair.

Yesterday, (Friday) afternoon considerable excitement prevailed in town owing to the appearance of a man named W. C. Wilson, a herder employed by T. C. Power and Bro. who reported that while driving cattle along the Helena road, at a point just below Pablo's Island, he was shot in the head by some person unknown, and that after remaining unconscious for several hours he recovered sufficiently to reach town. He has no recollection of seeing anyone about the time he was struck, but remembers hearing the report of a gun. The man has a wound just above his left eye, which Dr. W. E. Turner believes to have been made by a Henry rifle ball. The man was well cared for, and affairs would have been properly dressed had he admitted to the military hospital, where he will receive every attention his case requires. The bullet is undoubtedly still in his head, but is beyond the reach of a probe. His recovery is therefore doubtful. Various opinions prevail regarding the matter, but the general belief is, that the man was struck by a stray bullet from the rifle of some careless hunter. Wilson is a Montana sportsman during the summer. He is a sober, industrious man, and a favorite with his employers.

I. G. BAKER & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Are in Receipt of a Larger

Stock of Assorted Merchandise

THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN MONTANA.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CASH BUYERS

Will Pay the Highest Rates

for ROBES & FURS.

Transact a General

STORAGE & FREIGHTING

Business, and will Contract Freight from Eastern Cities to All Points in Montana.

ARE PREPARED TO TAKE RISKS ON SHIPMENTS

By Way of the Missouri River.

Court Items,

Sept. 8.—Judge R. R. Mills, presiding. T. C. Power & Bro. vs. W. C. Wright.—Action on writ of attachment for debt. Defendant admitted liability, but entered counter claim for house rent. Plaintiff replied to complaint denying any indebtedness for house or any contract for use of any building belonging to defendant. The evidence showed renting of building by J. I. McKnight, also that said McKnight did not represent the firm of T. C. Power & Bro., in this agreement.

Judgement for plaintiff with costs. Mr. Tattan acted as attorney for plaintiff; Mr. Kanouse, as attorney for defendant.

JUSTICE'S COURT.

Sept. 8.—C. S. Sanborn, Judge. Croff vs. Murphy. Action for trespass and damages. Defendant demurred to complaint, the same being illegal. Plaintiff replied to demurrer. Decision in favor of plaintiff. Defendant answered to complaint in denial.

Judgement for plaintiff with costs. Notice of appeal given. Mr. Tattan appeared for Mr. Croff; Major Ilges was counsel for Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Robert Vaughan, of Sun River Leavings, informs us that a party of ladies and gentlemen made a pleasant excursion to the Great Falls of the Missouri, last week. While on the road the party discovered an object on the prairie, which they at first supposed to be a buffalo, and afterwards a Spotted Tail Indian; but Bob says it proved to be only a Buck—that is, the Captain.

A statement of facts regarding the Cypress Mountain affair is in preparation, and the paper will be forwarded to the President of the United States at an early date. An effort of this kind seems necessary in order to save the unfortunate men now confined at Fort Garrar.

Kieselbach's team will have to-day (Saturday) with a load of miscellaneous freight.

NOTICE.

To save costs, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to us are requested to call and settle their accounts, by cash or note, on or before the 1st day of October, 1875. After that date all outstanding debts will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

ROWE BROTHERS.

Overland Hotel, Fort Benton, M. T.

LETTER LIST.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the Fort Benton Post Office. Parties calling for letters will please state that they were advertised.

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| Agos, D D | Delaney, Jo | McKeadie, Wm |
| Atkin, Wm | Deletroy, S T | McGonley, D |
| Aftin, Jas | Everson, Robt E | McDonald, D 2 |
| Band, A | Ell, Lon | Miller, C |
| Burnet, Jos | Elbert, J H | Mrs Maguire, |
| Buckman, C K | Flerly, P | Murphy, C Mrs |
| Bradley, Ed | Fuell, J J | Mullingham, W |
| Brown, Chas | Ferguson, Wm | Parks, L C |
| Burgoyne, H | Forie, F | Peacock, F 2 |
| Beraro, Aime | Gornly, J M | Protast, Peter |
| Brisloc, Chas | Hamblin, P D | Papstors, Wm |
| Bingo, M W D | Hanna, Geo | Quensell, Levi |
| Bruce, Chas | Hank, Geo | Quensell, B |
| Barton, Chas | Harris H J | Roebison, Geo H |
| Bowline, Geo | Hancock, M | Short, Wm |
| Clockhart, J R | Hersey, A J | Stech, E |
| Coborn, Jos | Hildredge, Chas | Shaw, J W |
| Carthares, M | Hammock, J B | Shillington, F |
| Clarke, Jos | Hanne, Jos | Stoddart, J H |
| Crainey, W D | Hites, Geo | Slateneach, Geo |
| Cooper, W | Johnson, | Shingleton, E H |
| Clay, Wm | Jones, Wm | Traver, E D 2 |
| Conkline, C | King, H J | Tomkins, C A |
| Covees, S R | King, F L | Thomas, T |
| Clarke, Chas A | Lewis, J M | Wilson & Macky |
| Cully, Jas A | Leonard, J C | Walrot, F D |
| Dexter, W O | Lanning, C 2 | Williams, L L D |
| Dean, S | Lode, Chas D | Williams, B F |
| Dean, J | Ludoc, A | Williams, J J |
| Darmachel, N | Lynch, J M | Waver, M |
| Williams, J J | McWilliams, Jos | Wingsdale, Mat |
| | Wilson, H | Kennedy, J M |

JOHN W. POWER, P. M.

T. C. Power & Bro.'s train arrived from Camp Baker, by way of the new road, on the 9th instant. The teamsters speak favorably of the route. It is much shorter than the Helena road, and has the advantage of an abundance of wood, water, and grass.

W. W. Alderson will receive proposals for Indian supplies, at the Fort Peck Agency, until 12 o'clock on Saturday October 2d. See advertisement for list of goods required, &c.

Our Local has gone to the Shoukin to inspect the newly discovered coal vein. Our readers will probably hear from him in next issue.

Stoves! Stoves!
CHARTER OAK & MATCHLESS
Cooking Stoves.
EXCELSIOR BOX STOVE.

A complete assortment of the above popular stoves on hand and for sale by
I. G. BAKER & CO.

W. BOURCHARDT,
Fort Benton, Montana,
Dealer in Gentlemen's
READY MADE CLOTHING, HOSIERY, &c.,
and a fine assortment of
PIPES, TOBACCOS, & SEGARS.

NOTICE—CARD.
SUN RIVER CROSSING; MONTANA,
August 9th, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:
I have this day sold to George Steell all my right, title, and interest in and to the following, viz:

All merchandise in and pertaining to my store and blacksmith shop at Sun River Crossing, together with my interest in the bridge known as Largent's Bridge, at Sun River Crossing; my interest in the saw mill, and the lumber business carried on under the name and firm of Largent & Adam's; together with all book accounts, notes or other securities due and pertaining to the above-named business; and the above-named George Steell is hereby authorized by me to collect all debts due me.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me, will call and make immediate settlements and save costs.

JOHN LARGENT.

CARD.

Having bought out the interest of the above-named John Largent, I ask the attention of all who are indebted to him to settle their accounts as requested, and solicit the patronage of all old customers and the public generally.

GEORGE STEELL.

BOOTS & SHOES.

The undersigned will furnish the residents of Fort Shaw and vicinity with custom-made **Boots & Shoes** of finest finish and latest style, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Repairing neatly and promptly executed.

JOSEPH P. SMITH,
Seventh Infantry Band, Fort Shaw, M. T.

ST. LOUIS HOTEL

Sam Schwab.....Proprietor

MAIN STREET, HELENA.

Steamer passengers and other persons visiting Helena will find it to their advantage to patronize this well-known House.

PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the undersigned, at Fort Peck Agency, M. T., until 12 o'clock M., Saturday, October 24, 1875, for furnishing the following articles for the service at said Agency, viz:

- 200 tons Hay.
- 500 cords Wood.
- 700 bushels Charcoal.
- 40 gallons Coal Oil.
- 800 pounds Iron, assorted sizes.
- 300 pounds Steel, assorted sizes.
- 500 pounds Cut Nails, assorted sizes.
- 6 Two-horse Wagons, with whistle-trees and neck yokes.
- 6 Sets Harness, (double.)
- 2 dozen Hand Saws.
- 2 dozen Augurs, 1/2 inch to 2 inches.
- 50 American Cows.
- 3 American Bulls.
- 500 Sheep (Ewes).
- 5 Sheep (Rams).

Separate bids will also be received at the same time and place for the following supplies:
5,000 pounds Beans.
3,000 pounds Hominy.
1,000 pounds Rice.
20,000 pounds Oats.
75,000 pounds Dried Buffalo Meat.
100,000 pounds Penmanican.

All articles to be of unexceptionable quality, subject to a thorough inspection by the Agent or other designated person, and to be delivered at Fort Peck or at Wolf Creek, M. T., upon the requisition of the Agent, as the needs of the service may require, after approval of contracts by the Department.

The cows and bulls to be good American dairy stock, not over 7 nor under 3 years old.
The sheep to be good average American, well woolled and not over 5 years old.

Bids must be accompanied with the usual guarantee to enter into contract and give the required bonds, should the contract be awarded to him or them.

Proposals will be entertained for any or all of the articles enumerated.

All bids must have a copy of this advertisement attached, endorsed, "Proposals for supplies, etc., for U. S. Indian Department," and addressed to the undersigned, at Fort Peck Agency, Montana Territory.
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids; also, the right to increase or diminish the amount to the extent of 25 per cent.
Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of the bids, October 6th, at Fort Peck Agency.
W. M. ALDERSON
U. S. Indian Agent.

September 4th, 1875.

D. W. MARSH,

Having leased and re-fitted the store formerly occupied by W. S. Wetzel & Co.,

ON FRONT STREET,

Is now prepared to offer to the citizens of Benton and vicinity.

Cheap for Cash or Barter,

A General Assortment of

MERCHANDISE

Consisting of

- DRY GOODS
- and
- GROCERIES,
- HARDWARE
- and
- CROCKERY,
- HATS
- and
- CAPS,
- BOOTS
- and
- SHOES,

Notions, Etc., Etc.

Fort Benton, M. T., August 1875

An Institution of the Country.

The Montana Steam Cracker Company North Main Street, Helena, has become one of the institutions of the Territory, and deserving of patronage. They manufacture just what is needed in this section. Hard Tack, Soda, Butter, Pie-Nic, Milk, and Sugar Crackers, Ginger Snaps, &c., &c., and deal in Groceries, Flour, Grain, Assorted Merchandise, and Bakers' Goods Generally. Send to LOCKEY BROS. for anything you want.

Important to the Traveling Public.

It is the duty of all persons before starting on a journey to ascertain by what route they can reach their destination with the least possible trouble, and if there are two or more roads leading to the same point, to decide which is the safest and pleasantest to travel.

We take pleasure in stating that the CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY is the oldest, and several miles the shortest, route between Omaha and Chicago. Within the past two years the road has been put in admirable condition, and almost the entire line has been relaid with steel rails.

The Depot in Chicago is centrally located, and as their trains arrive there thirty minutes in advance of all other lines, passengers can always be sure of making Eastern connections. For all points in Northern and North-Eastern Iowa, you should purchase tickets via Marshall, Cedar Rapids, or Clinton. For points in Northern Illinois or Wisconsin, via Fulton; and if you are going to Chicago, or East, you should, by all means, purchase your tickets by the Old Pioneer Route—

THE CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN.

You will find on all through trains Pullman Sleepers, new and magnificent Day Coaches, and the best Smoking and Second Class Cars now on any road in the United States.

Particular information, with maps, time tables, etc., may be had at any of the Through Ticket Offices in the West, or upon personal or written application to

J. H. MOUNTAIN, Western Traveling Agent, Omaha, Neb., or to
W. H. STENNETT, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.