

HOMESPUN.

There is a rumor in the air that a campaign paper will be started soon. The District Court docket from present appearances will be light this fall.

The First National Bank have put a handsome cabinet in their front office for the reception of specimens of the products of our mines.

The fall iron has come at last. The steamer Butte brought it up on her last trip. It will be received by the County Commissioners after an inspection by Messrs. Donnelly and Moe.

Our old friend John C. Barr is Captain of the Government steamer Emily this year. Johnny will hardly get here this summer, but if he does come he can be assured he will get a warm welcome.

Transactions in real estate in town property are a little scarce just at present pending the action of Congress on the Military Reservation Bill. Things will boom when it does pass, and our citizens want to be prepared to catch on.

It is rumored in political circles here that should the democratic delegation name a Choteau county man for District Attorney and the republican delegation name a Lewis and Clark county man, that the republican nominee would carry the votes of the Lewis and Clark county democrats.

Work on the Wright & Edwards mine continues, and the mine is showing up more favorably every day. The favorable reports about this mine are becoming so unanimous that parties from the Barker District look surprised when you ask them if the mine is doing well.

ME. C. B. Cafron, agent for the contractor of land transportation in Montana, has returned after a few weeks sojourn at Rocky Point and other points requiring his presence.

Major Mellon, of Benton, is the author of a well written work on the Texas cattle disease, the copyright of which he expects to sell to the government for \$100.00.

Messrs. Sam. Kahlberg and Henry McIntire went down the river on the steamer Rose Bud. The gentlemen will go as far as Rocky Point.

H. J. Wackerlin & Co. have shipped this year the largest and most complete stock of Hardware ever brought to our city. Buyers, make a note of this.

Now that the wool clip is commencing to come in, business of all kinds receive a fresh impetus and our merchants will be correspondingly happy.

It is rumored that the headquarters of the Northwest Mounted Police will be moved soon to Fort Macleod where they formerly were.

I. G. Baker & Co. are building an addition to their warehouse on the levee to accommodate their rapidly increasing freight business.

Mr. T. A. Cummings has put up a handsome sign on the Buck & Hunt building on Main street.

For Imported Mixed Bird Seed go to Crane & Green's. They have just received a fresh lot of it.

The steamboats are beating the mail routes. Two or three days, often a week, after a steamer arrives at Benton, along comes the papers announcing her departure from Bismarck.

T. C. Power & Bro. have on route a set of furniture that will have to be sold for \$1.50 to make even. A special photographer accompanies the set to take views for general distribution.

Mr. Fred R. Alley, formerly with T. C. Power & Bro., has gone to the States for a short visit. It is rumored that he will not return alone, but bring a wife back with him. Young men, go and do likewise.

James McDonald, formerly in the employ of Sullivan & Goss, has bought the stock of August Beckman and started Monday to White Sulphur Springs to open a saddle and harness shop at that place. We congratulate the people of that locality on the accession of such a good workman.

Sheriff Healey captured a watch on the Key West that was stolen from John Connolly over a year ago on the steamer "Red Cloud."

Mr. Wm. Toomey, cousin of John F. Murphy, is coming to Montana. Toomey is the champion fute and piccolo performer of the United States, band leader and instructor, and is a thorough musician in every respect. He would be an invaluable acquisition to the Benton band if there was money enough in the position for him.

That this has been one of the most successful seasons, if not the most successful season, for steamboating on the Missouri River no one can deny. Goods are coming through in good time and the vexatious and ruinous delays that have characterized other seasons, and particularly last season, are, we are glad to say, wanting. As a sample of the way goods are being forwarded this year Crane & Green received on one of the last boats goods thirty days on the road from New York City.

Mr. J. C. Bothine, recently from San Francisco, has been in our city several days with a view of engaging in business here. Negotiations are pending between Mr. Bothine and Kilenscheidt & Bro. which may result, if satisfactory arrangements can be made, in his taking their store here. Should Mr. Bothine decide to come here it is his intention to engage largely in general business and to put up a handsome brick store.

We have heard of people so hard to satisfy that they would find fault if they were to heaven, and we always supposed that Benton was a kind of paradise for our colored population, but the wobegone-looking, behind generally lonesome appearance of one of the crew of the steamer Helena, who was put off here, unheeded us. Let it go down to future generations that there was one darky who did not want to stay in Benton. The steamer Helena put off five or six. We want to say to them right here, if they desire to work and become good law abiding citizens of this community, they can do so, as the laboring class are in the minority and men are in demand who are willing to work every day. But if they are very strict law on our statute books regarding vagrants, what?

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OUR GIRLS.

We are in receipt of an order for copies of a back number of the Record containing "Montana Girls." "Reply to Our Girls," published some years ago. We are unable to fill the order, but republish the verses, believing them worthy of publication. The author still resides in this community, but so far as we know has never acknowledged the responsibility.

In Answer to "Our Girls" in a Recent Number of the Benton Record.

BY MONTANA BENTON.

The Boston girls may handsome be, And Baltimore can think and care, That they are sensible and wise, The New York girls may spend in dress, And Philadelphia may say, Her dress is not to make their ease.

Chicago girls are fond of fun, And are considered fast, Toledo's have the biggest feet, And a understanding that will last; The Orleans girls, in sweet, low tones, Will utter words like gospel tone, So, Louis has the rockless girls, Who seek to like adventures too.

Then Cincinnati matches well, By having this so bold and gay; And Louisville's are dignified, With hangings that are dignified; The girls of Indianapolis, For money, are not to be had, While Mayville's are so truly kind, They do not good to great and small.

Detroit has got the wildest girls, Who have the coldest hearts to tell; While Cleveland's are full of grace, They entertain you passing well; The Fresno girls, in brilliant array, To words of love or words of hate; While Mobile girls like company, And gladly greet you at the gate.

Massachusetts has the best, Among the girls who play and sing; And if the Buffalo girls are dull, The Delaware girls will often ring; If Rochester girls are quick to love, They only love the proper one, And if you're looking for the best, Who ever worked beneath the sun.

If Quincy girls do wish to wed, On them the blame should not be laid, For they are brought from infants up, To dress and lead a court of maid; The loving girls of Helena, They will be glad to see you here, But when you say we do not care, We think you had better beware.

For Benton girls are sweet and wise, And quite as good as any the other; We do not say at least one last, To dearly love all men—as brothers, We are not like the glow-worm bright, Who tried to be a light, but star.

Why then call us affected girls? We only affect just what we are.

Large Purchase of Stock. The Northwest Cattle Company, of High River, Northwest Territory, have purchased of S. E. Rippey, Riverside Stock Farm, Lemhi Valley, Idaho, his entire herd of Short Horns. Consisting of eighty head of thoroughbred stock. This herd is thoroughly acclimated and has been bred with great care for a number of years by the owner. The grand bull "Oxford Heir" bred by S. Merideth & Son, of Cambridge City, Indiana, being at the head of the herd. There are several Miss Wiley and young Mary cows of great promise and the entire brand is no doubt the finest in the West. The company have also purchased two thousand head of stock cattle, of three year old steers included, of Col. Geo. T. Sharp, of Chocoma, Idaho, being his entire band on Lost river. One thousand head from Gray Perrell, C. J. Clough and Stroud Bros., of Lemhi Junction. This lot of stock is on the home trail where the able and experienced management of Tom Lynch, of High River, assisted by the manager, F. S. Stinson, Esq. They expect to arrive at their ranch in August.

Death of Samuel Neel. As we go to press the sad news of the death of Samuel Neel, of the firm of Murphy, Neel & Co., comes flashing over the wires. Mr. Neel came to the territory in early times and was book-keeper for the house of Tutt & Donnell, who were then in the wholesale grocery business at Helena. His advancement was rapid, and in 1870 the firm of Tutt, Murphy & Neel was formed. Mr. Thos. E. Tutt, the senior member, retired a few years after and the firm then became Murphy, Neel & Co., which it has remained to the present day. Mr. Neel, as a business man, was honorable and upright in his dealings, and to his business sagacity and untiring energy, may be ascribed the uniform success that all the ventures of the firm have met with. Socially, Mr. Neel was every where a favorite and his death leaves a void that none can fill.

Hint for the P. M. at Clendenin. A correspondent writing from the Barker District, requests us to publish the following: "If the postmaster at Clendenin will take the trouble to keep himself supplied with postage stamps, from other sources, until such a time as a requisition upon the government can be filled, he will greatly oblige the letter writing community."

Now that the hot summer months are here would it not be a good idea to sprinkle Main, Front, and the streets intersecting. Take to-day for instance, with the dust-mountain up in the nineties and the dust blowing in great clouds through the streets not only sadly interfering with the peace and comfort of our business men, who are compelled by their duties to be out, but filling the stores and private dwelling houses with dust and dirt, ruining more goods in the first instance than would pay for the tax levied by a sprinkling cart, and sadly trying the patience of the good housewife whose house is her pride.

Mrs. Nat Collins, accompanied by her mother and Maggie Armstrong, one of the little girls who was present at the time O. H. Morgan and Mrs. Armstrong were murdered and whose testimony Stewart the murderer was hung, arrived in town to-day. Mrs. Collins' mother will go down the river on the steamer Key West to her home in Olathe, Kansas.

Custom Suits. Messrs. Gans & Klein, The Clothiers of Montana, are agents for Messrs. Devlin & Co., The Clothiers of the United States.

The newly elected directors of the First National Bank, of Butte, are A. J. Davis, S. T. Hauser, E. W. Knight, Jas. Talbot, and H. D. Hauser. A. J. Davis, vice-president, and S. T. Hauser, president.

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SHEEP FOR SALE.

I will sell, to deliver in August, or as soon as shown, my flock of about 4,500 fine stock sheep as there are in Montana, fully acclimated and warranted healthy. Address or call on PETER VALLTON, Deer Lodge, Montana.

LOST—\$100 REWARD.

One dark mare, branded W, and one brown horse with a bald face. I will pay ten dollars for the return of these animals, or for any information that will lead to their recovery. JOHN C. LILLY, Gold Run, M. T.

ROCK AND SODA.

Dublin Ginger Beer, all the Mineral Waters and Fruit Chamagnes, Fresh Importers, and the Choicest Seltzer at the Crotteau House Exchange.

SHEEP SHEARERS WANTED.

Competent men only. Apply at Record office.

FOR SALE.

One House and Lot and Residence on Main Street, Fort Benton. Apply to J. W. WHEELLOCK, Dr. J. W. WHEELLOCK.

FOR SALE.

One side bar top wagon, Dr. a celebrated maker. One single harness. One portable forge. Enquire of T. A. CUMMINGS & Co., Record Building.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

The Thomas Ranch on the Dearborn will be sold for \$100.00. A good tenant one year with the privilege of five years; good soil and water. This is a desirable stand, and parties wishing a good location may apply to E. J. THOMAS, Dearborn, M.T. 10/23-30/1

TO HIRE-MAKERS.

The undersigned is a brick-maker of 25 years experience—9 years in Montana. Will make brick, or lay out charge of yard and set and bar. Best of references. Apply to MAT. WOLBERG, Belmont, M. T.

Dissolution notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Joseph Sullivan and V. K. Goss in the saddle and harness business, known as Sullivan & Goss, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. V. K. Goss has sold his interest to Joseph Sullivan, who will continue the business, assuming all the liabilities of the late firm, and collecting all accounts due them. G. R. NORRIS, J. H. SULLIVAN, V. K. GOSS, July 2, 1882.

\$10 REWARD.

Will be paid for return of a dark pacing mare, branded with glass on left shoulder, mane on top neck, withers from behind, hind foot, on right hoof last August. P. H. HUGGLES, Barker.

STOLEN.

By Indians from my ranch on the Teton, on the night of May 11th, One Dapple Brown Stallion, 5 years old, weight 1200 lbs., and hind foot white; when last seen they were in the vicinity of Geo. A. Hildner's ranch, near the mouth of the Snake River. A liberal sum will be paid for his return, or to Harris & Strong's, or to J. G. ALBRECHT, may 1st.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

One Bay Pinto Mare branded 69 on left hip. Also one Yearling Pinto Mare, 60 lbs., no brands. When last seen they were in the vicinity of Geo. A. Hildner's ranch, near the mouth of the Snake River. I will give \$10 for the recovery of the animals, or for any information that may lead to their recovery. Call on or address A. B. HAMILTON, Old Agency, Cor. J. H. HAIN, Fort Benton.

WANTED!

To contract for cutting some Twelve Hundred tons Hay in the vicinity of Fort Assiniboine. Price to be stated for delivery in rock or stock. Apply to BROADWATER, McLELLIN & CO., (left) Broadwater, McLELLIN & CO., Fort Assiniboine, M. T.

H. C. CROWDER.

Twenty-eight-mile-springs. Terms For Tourists to the Falls. New

STRAYED.

From Gibson's ranch, on Otter creek, March 11th, a blue roan horse, 5 years old, crop eared, long legs, and hind foot white, branded H in right eye on left shoulder, the brand of A. Hamilton at Old Agency. Any information leading to its recovery will be rewarded. C. L. SPENCER, Record office, Benton.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between G. R. Norris, Joseph Sullivan and H. B. Hill, in a siding post at the mouth of Little Dry Creek on the Allison-McKoy, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Joseph Sullivan retains the business, and will continue the business, assuming all the liabilities of the late firm, and collecting all accounts due them. G. R. NORRIS, J. H. SULLIVAN, H. B. HILL, Fort Benton, M. T., June 29, 1882.

CHARLES SHERIDAN,

JOB & EXPRESS WAGON, Fort Benton, M. T.

News and Novelty DEPOT.

First in the Field and Still in the Lead! We have just received from manufacturers and importers

The Finest Selected Stock Ever Brought to Benton

And are selling the same cheaper than ever before sold in the city. A complete line of STATIONERY. The most popular brands of

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Proposals for Wood and Coal.

CHOTEAU COUNTY, MONTANA TERRITORY. Office of the County Clerk. Fort Benton, M. T., June 1882.

Proposals to furnish Choteau County with 150 cords—more or less—of wood, 10 tons—more or less—of coal, to be supplied at this office until the 15th day of July A. D. 1882. Both wood and coal must be delivered on or before the 1st day of September A. D. 1882. Proposals to lease the kind and quality of wood and to be addressed to the undersigned. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

JNO. W. PATTAN, Probate Judge and ex-officio Co. Clerk. Gettler.

STRAYED OR STOLEN. \$20 Reward. A buckskin horse, 8 years old, branded T on left thigh, all four feet white, hind hands high. The other a dark iron grey horse, 5 years old, branded N on left shoulder, three white feet, white strip in forehead, 12 lbs. heavy. Parties giving information regarding the above horses will be liberally rewarded, or \$20 for the return of the really rewarded, or \$20 for the return of the really rewarded. Address Harris & Strong, Benton, M. T. 10/23-30/1

STOLEN—\$25 REWARD. From Matt. Moore at Churchill's ranch on the Missouri, opposite the mouth of the Marias, one strawy iron horse; three white feet, small white strip in face, black mane and tail; brand, N on left shoulder, T or "T" combined on forehead. The rider will receive \$25 upon returning to Harris & Strong's stable, Benton, M. T. 10/23-30/1

STRAYED OR STOLEN. From the Shokin range, one buckskin horse brand S. E. left shoulder; white hind foot, white strip in face, ear on left thigh. I will pay \$10 for its recovery or information that will lead to it. GEO. D. PATTERSON, Shokin.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between G. R. Norris and Joseph Sullivan in the soon known as the Choteau House Exchange is this day dissolved by mutual consent. G. R. Norris has sold his interest to Joseph Sullivan, who will continue the business, assuming all the liabilities of the late firm, and collecting all accounts due them. G. R. NORRIS, J. H. SULLIVAN, Fort Benton, M. T., June 20, 1882.

NEW BOOT and SHOE SHOP, FRONT ST., FORT BENTON, (TWO DOORS ABOVE OVERLAND HOTEL.)

Made to Order. Made to Order. In the most substantial manner and fashionable style.

REPAIRING Groceries. All Orders Promptly Attended to.

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DR. GOODRICH, DENTIST. HAS RETURNED TO BENTON and has resumed practice at his old home in "CHOTEAU HOUSE."

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The PREMIUM GALLERY has taken the First Prize of Excellence Every year for the past 5 years, and was awarded THE HIGHEST PREMIUM At the last Territorial Fair held in Helena where THE BEST COLLECTIONS From Chicago and other Eastern cities were exhibited.

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Our prices are way down. We employ none but first-class workmen. All work guaranteed. Orders by mail will receive our prompt attention.

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SPRING OF 1882. FORT BENTON, MONTANA

NEW DEPARTURE. Finding that our rapidly increasing sales are not allowing us to attend properly to all our former lines of trade, we have sold out our Hardware, Furniture and Queensware, and will confine ourselves to

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SPECIALTIES: LADD'S TOBACCO SHEEP DIP, SULPHURED. SCUTT'S THREE STRAND BARBED STEEL WIRE. (Orders for the latter must be in by May 1st.) TENT AND WAGON COVERS, HAND AND MACHINE MADE, all sizes.

We will ship the largest and most complete line of Groceries that ever came to Fort Benton for that trade. We have made our reputation for Fancy Shelf Goods very elaborate, and will undertake to furnish anything in that line that may be called for. Our facilities for filling orders are greatly improved, and all orders will receive prompt and careful attention. Owing our own steamboat transportation we will lay our goods down in Benton this year at one and a quarter cents per pound from Chicago and St. Louis, and we propose to give our customers the benefit of this low rate in prices on our goods. Having gone out of the Indian Trading business we will devote ourselves to the trade of Farmers and ranchmen, to whom we offer special inducements.

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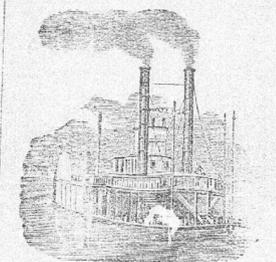
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Orders left with W. S. Wetzel, Fort Benton, will receive immediate attention. HOLTER & ELLS.

THE Montana Bred Stallion Lynx, Jr.,

Will stand for public service at the Park Livery Stables for the season of 1882, commencing May 1st.

Lynx, Jr., is a beautiful dapple grey, 5 years old, 16 hands high, and weighs 1100 pounds. TERMS: Single Leap, \$10; Season, \$15. Insurance, \$25.

Two mares, property of one owner, \$25, the season. For pedigree and further particulars apply to PARK LIVERY STABLES, Fort Benton.

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Fine Cut Chewing and Vanity Fair Smoking Tobacco always in stock. Headquarters for Genuine Imported HAVANA CIGARS, Main Street, opposite the First National Bank, HELENA, MONTANA.

WOOL. Wool!

The undersigned desires to inform the wool growers of Montana Territory that he is prepared to pay the highest market prices for wool at the nearest shipping point. Offices at Cass & Main's, Helena and Benton. All letters will receive prompt attention.