

THE CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL. Episcopal Church services are held every Sunday at the Court House, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Rev. S. C. Blackiston, Pastor.

CATHOLIC.

Catholic Church services will be held at the several churches as follows: Fort Benton—First and last Sundays of each month. Sun River—Second Sunday of each month. Fort Assinaboine and Fort Shaw (alternately)—Third Sunday of each month. First Mass, 8 a. m.; High Mass and Sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.; Evening Service and Lecture, 7:30 p. m. Rev. H. J. Camp, S. J.

IN TOWN AND OUT.

Into the poll-box the ballots dropped, And chanted a melody no one knew. And candidates listened and worked, for fear They would not get into place this year; And said, "Their against us, 'tis very clear, These ballots that drop in the poll-box."

Into the poll-box the ballots dropped, And chanted a melody no one knew. But Weatherwax listened and smiled, for he knew he was getting two out of three, And said, "Tis the will of the fearless Dea, These ballots that drop in the poll-box."

Why is the democratic party like the earth? Because it is flattened at the polls.

The complete returns for Lewis and Clarke county give Sanders seventy-five majority.

It is rumored that the contract for erecting the new jail has been awarded to Mr. Wilton.

Well, the weather is—we are not old prophets, but it is—well, we will say disagreeable, and make no mistake.

The Board of Trade has decided to hold its meeting at some place not yet defined, probably the Court House.

Ten brides will add grace and beauty to the society of Benton during the approaching social season. Count them if you can.

Mr. S. Brown's ox train arrived from Helena Tuesday, loaded with lime and lumber for T. C. Power & Bro.'s new building.

A vander kind, Sir George he was, Yn sweet meates rare dealt he; Yn almonds, ruynsins, candle, dates, And eke yn good bohee. —Geo. Crane.

A number of men are now working on the Government Coulee, on the road to the lower Teton, Marias, Coal Banks and Fort Assinaboine.

Martin Daly is now in his new room, the one formerly occupied by Mr. Glass, and has an attractive and generous stock. He deserves general patronage.

The new and attractive house erected by Mr. Dunne, on lower Main street, is about completed, and will be occupied by Lieut. Krouse as a family residence.

The Commissioners awarded the contract for hauling stone for the new jail to McDevitt & Wright at \$6.90 per ton. The quarry is situated on Highwood, about eighteen miles from town.

The signal service has completed a transcontinental military telegraph line from Bismark, Dakota, to Dayton, Washington territory. It crosses the Rocky mountains by the Sahian pass, over the Mullian road.

The Episcopal church building is nearing completion, and it adds much by its neat and appropriate architecture to the appearance of the town. It is Norman-Gothic in style, and substantially built of brick.

Rev. H. J. Camp, S. J., will deliver a series of lectures during the coming winter. The first lecture will be given some time next month, at the Court House. Invitations will be issued in due season, stating the time and subject.

Gus Senieur proposes to start the Second National Bank of Benton as soon as Billy Rowe pays him back that \$20. He thinks it must be all the money there is in Benton. Gus Senieur will be president and Johnny Murphy cashier.

The increasing demand for coal has induced Messrs. Smith & Castner to make a large addition to their transportation. They have purchased the teams of Mr. Howard, and also those of Mr. John Strong. Send in your orders for coal.

Mr. W. W. Lloyd, one of the discoverers of Yogo, and an inveterate prospector, has just returned from an extended trip, and reports good discoveries of quartz in a new field. He will remain in Benton until spring, when he will further test his find.

There will be an instrumental concert at the "Elite" on Saturday evening, which has the promise of pleasure for those who hear. A solo will be given on the violinello by our artist Prof. Maseburger, who will overdo himself on the occasion.

The road through the Canyon opposite town, which is the main thoroughfare for the miners, stockmen and farmers of this county and the district adjoining, is now in a most excellent condition, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of County Commissioner Mee.

The new residence of Mr. Rufus Payne, situated on the corner of Benton and Franklin streets, and fronting the Court House Square, is now nearly completed. It is of brick, two stories with a Mansard roof, and is one of the neatest and most compact residences in town.

The office of the River Press is fitted with the very best material and is now prepared to execute orders for book and job printing of any degree of magnitude and in a style and finish as much superior to what has previously been furnished in Benton as the paper itself has proven superior to what has preceded it. Our facilities are ample, and we can furnish skill equal to any point in the west.

The Herald and Independent published the vote for Probate Judge, at Benton precinct, as 183 for J. W. Tattan. This is incorrect, Mr. Tattan received 383 votes at this precinct.

Several cases of petty larcenies have occurred during the past week. Overcoats, blankets, gloves, etc., have disappeared. Persons having any knowledge of such depredations should report them to the sheriff. We have no room in this community for petty larceny thieves.

Messrs. Murphy, Neel & Co. are in receipt of one hundred and fifty boxes of choice eating apples, of ten varieties, consisting of white and yellow Belleflower, Culverts, Ben Davis, Wine, Wine Sap, Seutinos, Dominos and Pippins. Now is the time to get your winter apples cheap.

The way the Overland is taking in chips for board and sich is a caution, and we will venture that no other eat and drink shop in Benton is doing half. We were kept waiting half an hour the other night because the seats were all taken. Cause, a good table and polite attendance.

Nothing is needed in Benton so much as a larger milk supply. Even the first hotels are without this necessary article a good share of the time. There is nothing better for a small capital than this opening in this town presents, and we hope some one will soon take advantage of it.

If any of our readers, while in Helena, desire a stock of reading matter or a good cigars or something to embellish their walls, they cannot do better than to call on Fred H. Anderson, at the post office book store. Fred is well known throughout the Territory and is a first-rate man to deal with.

Evans, Hale & Co. have fifteen men employed in cleaning the Shonkin creek for the purpose of rafting logs and cord wood to Benton. This is a very good move, and we trust that the enterprising gentlemen concerned in it will receive the support and encouragement that their enterprise necessarily deserves.

The Martinsdale mail is now carried on wheels, Mr. Olden, the contractor, having provided comfortable spring wagons and buck-boards for that purpose. This line has been continued from Martinsdale to Coulson, on the Yellowstone, and it is now possible for passengers to be taken through direct to the latter place.

The apples and cider promised by Murphy Neel & Co. and T. C. Power & Bro. have arrived, and lovers of this product of Eastern soil and institutions may live their lives over again by the fireside of Montana. There has been doubt that apples could successfully be shipped to Montana by way of Benton, but this doubt is now at rest.

We hope Mr. Solomon, whose ranch is at the mouth of the Marias, will make the next little stake he expects from the thousand bipeds of the feathered sort which he has managed to bring up to the thanksgiving standard, and also that he will loosen his grip on them in time for the jamboree of that auspicious date.

Storer & Storer have taken the contract to supply the brick and construct the building which will be erected by T. C. Power & Bro. just below the store now occupied by the firm. The building will be 25x96, two story, and will be just the same in height and architectural style as the one now used by this firm. The building will require 160,000 brick.

W. S. Wetzel has his store completely renovated, and it now presents an appearance as bright and fresh as a new silver dollar of 4123 grains. He has now separated his goods in their appropriate departments, with groceries and hardware on one side, and dry goods, boots and shoes and clothing on the other, all of the very best and freshest.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade, held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., Messrs. Cummings and Dewey were admitted to full membership, and Col. Moale and Lieut. Crouse were admitted as honorary members. Several matters of interest to the county and town were discussed, and the meeting was the fullest attended the Board has yet had.

Miss Nellie Brightman, the editress, who went up to Benton last summer to take charge of the literary department of the Benton Record, came down on the Helena, bound for old Boston. The people of the frontier city were not educated up to that point where scintillations from a woman's pen driveth the man to distraction.—Bismarck Tribune.

Wackerlin & Co. are selling a large quantity of barbed wire, a commodity which is coming into general favor. They are also selling coal and wood stoves, which the cold weather is making necessary, and report an active market. They have a good stock of general hardware and make a speciality of sheet iron roofing and miners' hardware. Their stock is large and well assorted.

Storer & Storer have ceased making brick, for the season, having set fire to a kiln of 250,000 which are contracted for by W. S. Wetzel to be used in the construction of his new house and for the new hotel building. The demand for their brick is greater than they can supply. They will enlarge their facilities in the spring sufficient to meet the demand, having secured three of the best mechanics they could procure. The rapid growth of this firm is the best indication of the progress of Benton that could be named.

The new brick house of R. S. Price on the corner of Washington and Arnoux street, is nearly completed. It is a neat homelike building with three rooms on the ground floor with closets and pantry, and two rooms in the upper story, besides that greatest of all convenience in a well ordered house—a bathroom. The roof is of tin, and the whole when completed will be a cozy little house.

The proprietors of the "Eataphone" restaurant have been compelled by increasing business to move into larger and more roomy quarters, and may now be found next door to the Extradition, where they have fitted up pleasant and comfortable rooms. Billy Yard and Jimmy Flannegan are experienced caterers, and their house will be found open to the public at all hours of the day or night.

In addition to the charge against the Democratic Central Committee, Mr. McElhinny wants to know why the name of P. H. Luken was put on the Democratic ticket the morning of election, and none of them came to him to tell him or loan him money to defeat Mr. Luken. Mc. wants to know if Gus Senieur didn't have money enough to go round, or whether that \$20 constituted the whole Democratic campaign fund.

We learn that Gen. A. J. Smith, of Meagher County, has shown his willingness to accept the decision of Commissioner Williamson, by filing his relinquishment to his desert land entry in the Judith Basin. This claim was antagonized by the homestead entry of Mr. John Ferguson, and, we believe, would have been contested as a test case. The example of General Smith will undoubtedly be followed by others claiming desert land in the Judith country.

Mr. August Beckman is erecting a large, double, two story brick building on lower Franklin street. The intention is to have two store rooms on the first floor, one to be used by Mr. B. in his harness and saddlery business and the other will be for rent. The second story will be divided into five large and elegant rooms, to be used, we believe, as a private boarding house by Mrs. Beckman. When completed the building will be an ornament to that section of town.

Commodore Wells, of Fort Clagget, was in town the past week purchasing supplies for his famous post at the mouth of the Judith. He has had a huge mackinaw constructed for the purpose of floating his freight to its destination. Mr. Wells is an old resident of Benton, and his visits are highly appreciated by his old companions and friends of earlier days—especially those who are fortunate enough to secure his endorsement on bankable paper, which Mr. Wells has been known to do on at least one occasion.

There is a curious and mistaken idea prevalent among a few of our people, and some from the outside who come to Benton to trade, that the Board of Trade was organized for the sole purpose of advancing the price of coal oil, tape, etc. The Board was organized with the sole purpose of aiding in the development of this town and section; to encourage business, population, roads and all measures tending to the advancement of the country. All of which will tend to cheapen, rather than increase, the values of commodities.

The Episcopal Church committee met at the rooms of the Bank of Northern Montana Monday evening last. There is quite an amount of money due on the subscriptions to the building fund, which it was decided should be collected immediately. Messrs. W. S. Wetzel and Jos. S. Hill were appointed to attend to this business, to commence their labors Wednesday morning. It is to be hoped these gentlemen will be successful, as the building is already enclosed, and with a little more pecuniary aid from our liberal citizens can be finished this winter.

The man Freeman is slightly wrothy at us for showing him up just a little in a late number. Here he is again:

GLENDALE, MONTANA, Oct. 1, 1880.

Hon. Martin Maginnis. DEAR SIR:—What patronage and what cash can be secured to the Frontier Index and the Atlantis if we advocate your cause? Of course you are aware that the balance of power lies in Deer Lodge and B averhead, and with the recent influx of people from the Northwestern States the result is by no means certain. The Republicans are making proposals for the use of our columns. Yours truly, EBER R. FREEMAN.

A Rich Strike.

George Lenhart, a miner operating on Warm Spring Creek, Judith Basin, writes to Mr. Marshall that he has struck five to ten dollar surface diggings. He sends also several dollars' worth of gold in dust, which was generously presented to the editor of the Press. Mr. Lenhart was one of the first who struck Yogo Gulch, and has been in the Warm Spring district about three months. He is very enthusiastic over the prospects of that section for good placer mining—so much so as to urge several of his friends to come at once. We cannot advise people to go there on such slender information, but as every one knows, gold is where you find it, and it is the adventurous and energetic that carry off the cake. Let those who have no particular business or interests to neglect go and investigate, and if the bright anticipations of our informant are realized and a certain prospect found, it will be time for others to follow.

The public may inspect the dust in our possession, and if there are any more who wish to dispose of that same material, they will find in us a careful depository.

PURELY PERSONAL.

The way was long, the wind was cold, Gus Senieur was worn out, not old; His hardened cheek and tresses gay Seemed to have been had used that day. The last of all the men was he Who walked for pure Democracy.

—Ed. Rosser is in town. —Mr. Oscar J. Olinger is sojourning at the Overland.

—Milt. Caruther and Ben. Lambert are in from the mines.

—A. W. Kingsbury is in town, and can be found at the Choteau House.

—Mr. James Irving left for the Barker yesterday. Jim will be absent until spring.

—Mr. Geo. Patterson, from the Shonkin, was in town during Saturday and Sunday.

—Mr. Pat. Donahue bade good-bye to the boys to-day. He leaves for the silver belt.

—Mr. John C. Lilly is in from Hughes City, making preparations for wintering in the Barker District.

—Messrs. Schoppie, Martin and Clark are the lucky owners of the Bismarck mine, Martin mining district.

—Mr. Matt. Price, an extensive stock grower of Arrow creek, is in town purchasing supplies for the winter.

—Mr. P. H. Hughes is registered at the Overland. Mr. H. will make Benton his headquarters for the winter.

—John J. Gampbell, H. Tuttle and Jesse Phelps were in from the Judith this week, and returned home on Tuesday.

—Mr. Milot, a popular merchant of Sun River is in town. He has faith in Benton and reports a good business at the crossing.

—Jas. W. Haihaway, under sheriff of Lewis and Clark county, after a trip to Assinaboine, is stopping among his Benton friends.

—We acknowledge a pleasant call from Misses Allie Conrad and Anna Ford, two of Benton's most charming little ladies. Call again, ladies.

—Mr. Richard Mee has returned from his trip to the Judith and Yogo country. We are indebted to Mr. M. for valuable information concerning the Martin mines.

—Messrs. A. Belcher and Thos. Foley, from their cattle ranges on the Eastern slope of the Highwood mountains, paid a hurried visit to Benton this week after supplies, etc.

—Mr. Isaac Munger leaves on Saturday for his home in Binghampton, New York. He will return in the spring with his family and take up his permanent residence here. Many farewells and a safe return, Ike.

—John Lepley is rapidly gaining strength, and if there should be no relapse he will soon be around again among the many friends whose hearty hand-shake will not do half justice to their feelings of congratulation.

—Mr. Ed. McLean accompanies Mr. Munger East. Mr. McLean goes to Dubuque, Iowa, and we hope he will follow Ike's example, and bring his family back with him So long, Ed. The walking is better now than it was a week ago.

—Louis Heitman, Benton representative of Kleinschmidt & Co., who went East some weeks since, has accomplished the object of his trip by marrying, at Worthington, Iowa, on Thursday, Oct. 28, Miss Carrie Lepley. He will soon return, with his bride.

—Mr. J. E. Wilson, who has been connected with the telegraph office at Benton for some time past, has accepted an engagement in the Helena Post Office. Mr. Wilson is a very promising young gentleman, and carries with him to his present position the respect of the people of this town with whom he has had association, business and social.

—Mr. L. H. Rosencrans will soon start on a trip East. Mr. R. will go via Ogden, and will there be joined by his brother, a prominent stock dealer of Colorado and Southern California, and they will proceed to take in many of the larger cities of the East, dropping into Washington about the time Garfield is inaugurated, to witness that imposing ceremony. Lou. will purchase a very large and complete assortment of his line of goods, and have them shipped to Benton on one of the first boats.

Board of Trade Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Benton Board of Trade will be held on the First Monday in December.

T. E. COLLINS, President.

W. H. HUNT, Secretary.

Our Card Basket.

Benton's new candidate for public favor, the River Press, dropped in this week bringing full and sparkling with news. When we first learned of the new venture we were inclined to discourage it, not that we had not faith in Benton, but because we did not believe there was business there for two papers and we could not see how two were to survive on a scant patronage for one, until such a time as the business interests of the town demanded two. But this is for the people of Benton to decide and not us. If Benton wants two or more papers (and she certainly does or else would not encourage them) we have no objections to offer. If time should prove Montana to be over-taxed with papers we have nothing to claim from priority, let the fittest survive, and we say the same of Benton. The River Press makes an elegant typographical appearance and has a good editorial and local page, and its founders, Messrs. Williams, Wright & Stevens, possess the ability to make it a success, and the only question is are they willing to endure the trials incident to such an enterprise. Mr. Williams is a facile writer and

Mr. Stevens a spicy local, and all three are practical printers who stand at the top of the art. We welcome the new Richmond, as we would a hundred others to the field, where only the brave can live and none can wish them success more heartily than do we.

[New North-West.]

THE "RIVER PRESS."—The above is the title of the latest journalistic candidate for public favor in Montana, making the thirteenth now published in the Territory. It is but just to say it is as handsome a newspaper as ever has been printed in Montana and the first number indicates it will be conducted with more than ordinary editorial ability. Its proprietors are Messrs. H. C. Williams, Thos. D. Wright and James E. Stevens, the latter a very superior printer, and each of the others having, we believe, newspaper experience. The paper is the same size and form of the Weekly Herald, and is published at \$5 per annum. Really Montana is making rapid strides when Fort Benton and the country tributary to it can support two papers like the Record and River Press. The one was a surprise to us; the two constitute an amazement. The Press is to be independent in politics. It has our best wishes for success.

[Madisonian.]

The River Press is the title of a new aspirant for popular favor in the newspaper world. It is printed at Fort Benton, and is a cleanly-printed, newsy sheet. It is published by Messrs. Williams, Wright & Stevens, and if the initial number is a correct index to future issues, will be well [here our friend DeYarmon evidently intended saying something very flattering, but was perhaps suffering from the effects of another smash-up like that on Confederate creek two years ago, and left it for us to infer] doubtful, however, whether the field which it has chosen for its operations is sufficiently extensive to give promise of its immediate pecuniary success, however desiring its proprietors may be. Being the fifteenth newspaper in the Territory, which has a population of only 40,000, it seems to us that it has commenced its labors in an already overcrowded workshop. We wish it prosperity, however, all the same.

Questions for the Author of "Food for Reflection."

To the River Press. SUN RIVER, Nov. 8, 1880.

Below I subscribe a few questions; can "Max" answer them as fairly as they are put, and in plain language, such as the common people can read and understand, leaving aside such words as are not in every-day use.

If "Ben" is a "callow youth," when was his early education neglected? Whose business was it if "Ben" did misspel a word that would floor a Russian grenadier? Was it right to borrow "Ben's" Webster's unbridged, and extract big words therefrom to attack him with? Is it right for a man of mature years to attack a "callow youth" anyhow? Hasn't "Ben" been a friend to you? hasn't he even paid you tribute, and

Who, when your old bones did ache, So willingly did his battery take And rub you over—how gently too— 'Till electricity warmed you through,

if not "Ben." Answer the above questions "Max," and explain why you so cruelly attacked me.

BENTON SCHOOL.

Report of District School No. 1, for the Month ending Nov. 5, 1880.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT. Total No. days attendance.....800 Total No. days absence.....86 Total No. days tardy.....57 Total No. enrolled.....53 Average daily attendance.....40

ROLL OF HONOR. (Giving 100 for perfect scholarship.) A. CLASS. Edward Moale.....99 George Kanouse.....98 Louise Pratt.....98 Anna Schulz.....98 Charles Green.....97 Martha Morrow.....96 Eda Bankman.....95

B. CLASS. J. Foster Moale.....99 Eddie Schulz.....97 Frank Seiford.....97 James Perrin.....97 Aeneus Wheelock.....95 Michael Herman.....95

C. CLASS. Joseph Tatsey.....99 Rena Healy.....98 Samuel Moale.....97 Lizzie Bourassa.....95 Rufus Payne.....95 John Tingley.....95 Aeneus Wheelock and Zephire Melocke promoted from "C." to "B." class.

E. R. CLINGAN, Teacher.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Total No. days attendance.....610 Total No. days absence.....184 Total No. days tardy.....84 Total No. enrolled.....47

ROLL OF HONOR. (Giving 100 for perfect scholarship.) A. CLASS. Jacob Herman.....95 Maggie Currie.....90 Richard Croff.....90

B. CLASS. George Kelly.....95 Christ. Herman.....90

C. CLASS. Mollie Wright.....96 Maud Warner.....95 Maggie Watson.....90 A. B. C. CLASS. John Brinkman.....93 Myrtle Bryer.....93 Lizzie Watson.....93 Paul Smith.....93 Susan McAw.....93 M. E. FINNIGAN, Teacher.