

MONTANA MITES.

[Herald.]

We understand that Miss Terulnia Allen, who died recently of diphtheria, was the first white girl born in Helena.

It is again rumored that the Hecla Company, Glendale, have sold out, and that the transfer will take place January 1st.

There is at present stored in the various elevators along the line of the Northern Pacific about 1,200,000 bushels of wheat.

Miss Rose Smith and Isaac Hazlett were married on Christmas day at the residence of the bride's parents, in the South Fork valley.

The new Alice mill at Butte started up on Monday last, and will run continuously hereafter. Everything connected with it works like a charm.

Col. J. A. Johnston, whose official term has just expired, made during the present term of the District Court a very gratifying "round-up" of criminal cases. Twenty-two indictments were presented, all of which were found good. Five men were convicted of grand larceny, four of petit larceny, and one of murder in the first degree. The Colonel has made a valuable public officer, and he leaves the office of District Attorney with a very satisfactory record.

[Independent.]

Miss Ella Viola Salisbury, who, during an engagement with the Sawtelle Company, turned the heads of so many young men, both here and in Butte, is to play with the Criterion Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the holidays.

The Southern Methodists are taking steps to build a church in the neighborhood of Duck creek, Meagher county. We understand that they have already sufficient cash on hand and subscribed to complete the building. The work will be pushed rapidly forward under the supervision of the Rev. J. M. Spencer.

[Husbandman.]

The springs of this place vary in temperature of 127 degrees Fahrenheit. The water which bears the temperature of 127 degrees is strongly impregnated with sulphur, magnesia, and other medicinal properties, while that which is 40 degrees is as pure, fresh water as ever gurgled forth from the mountain side.

The Musselshell valley failed to get in its supply of grain and flour before the cold weather set in, consequently the road between here and Martinsdale will have to be kept open. Cooper & Reinhardt's teams are kept constantly on the road, but are unable to more than supply the demand. Sheep owners are consuming a large amount of grain and must continue to until spring or allow their rams to die. An excellent opportunity offered to the freighter who has plenty of rusk to make money all the winter through.

The Record thinks the readers of the Husbandman would have had a grand old Thanksgiving November 25th, if they had only known our narrative of "Crossing the plains in 1865" was coming to end so soon. It is, perhaps, judging from the jubilee the Record readers had over the close of the renowned "Frontier Sketches."

B. B. Cook writing from his old home "away down in Maine," says he would not give three blind, toothless old ewes in Montana for the best farm in the State. The health of Mrs. Cook, we are pleased to learn, is improving. They will return to Montana early in the spring.

Granville Stuart, Chas. Stuart and H. Y. Hauser came in from Davis, Hauser & Co.'s herds on McDonald creek last week en route for Helena.

From the experience of last summer it would appear that Montana will not manufacture enough butter for home consumption for several years yet to come.

Owing to the mismanagement of some of our flocks during the summer a number of them commenced the winter in poor condition.

Deer Lodge city sent in another remonstrance against the land grab this week with over one hundred signatures attached.

Montana is one of the finest pastoral countries on earth, and has numerous herds roaming over its hills. Its bunch-grass is the most nutritious and best milk-producing food to be had—yet our people are using States-made butter.

Three American young ladies at an inn in the village of Limpeler filled in the column of the register headed "Occupation" with the words, "Looking for a husband." No fair tourist at Montana's health resort would dare be so reckless.

Dr. Parberry received a dispatch from Dewey & Co., commission merchants of Boston, last week to the effect that the market had suddenly become a little dull, and that 37 1/2 cents was the top of the market. The firm have instructions to hold the doctor's clip for 40 cents.

[New North-West.]

Granville Stuart, Receiver of the People's National Bank, and Col. W. F. Sanders, Special Attorney for the United States, came over this week to appear in the suit against P. A. Largey for liability on stock of that bank. The case had, however, gone over before their arrival.

Mr. John M. McGinty, who was up from Dillon this week, says there are about 500 people wintering there. An excellent two-story frame school house is being built and also a Methodist church. Trask & Graves, Lewis Fyhrle, Ferris and Rourke have each substantial buildings and the town is altogether more substantial than any Terminal town heretofore established. Mr. M. thinks

about 60 men are employed grading this side of Camp creek.

Deer Lodge county scrip is selling at 90 cents.

We stated last week that "in the town of Helena, in July, 1879, one of the proprietors of the Miner threatened a prominent Democrat that if the contract for the Deer Lodge county printing was not awarded to the Miner it would be turned into a Republican paper." The Miner asks us to name the "proprietor." We name as our informant of the above Mr. H. T. Brown, now, we believe, nominal editor of the Miner.

[Avant Courier.]

This comes from the West Gallatin. A little shaver made his debut at school, and soon was in trouble and the alphabet. His mistakes were varied, as is usual on such occasions, and several of them mirth-provoking. He came to the letter O, and to a standstill. He could think of nothing but a hoop, and persisted in calling it that. At last the teacher, in order to impress it upon his memory, asked him what a person says when he falls down. "Oh, I know!" said the youngster; "I always say 'Ouch!' but dad says 'Dam it!'"

For genuine bravery we will match Bozeman young ladies against the world. One of them—living in the suburbs—hearing, in the middle of the night, an unusual noise in the chicken coop, jumped out of bed, and without stopping to put on either dress, stockings or shoes, rushed out into the cold and snow, and reached the coop just in time to rescue an imprisoned chicken from the jaws of a ravenous coyote, which she did with a bravery and coolness seldom equalled, certainly never excelled. She then closed and safely secured the door, which through some carelessness or oversight had been left ajar, leisurely walked back to the house and snugly tucked herself under the bed clothes to warm her feet. We omit mentioning her name, for fear every young fellow in town will want to marry her for her heroism, unmindful of her north-pole extremities.

Interesting Letter From Ft. McLeod.

FORT McLEOD, N. W. TERRITORY, December 6, 1880.

To the River Press:

On the morning of the 5th inst., the western row of buildings of the Police fort, occupied as stables, was entirely destroyed by fire which accidentally caught in the harness room adjoining the stables. In about two hours the entire row of buildings was in ruins and had there been a high wind blowing at the time, the whole fort must have gone up in smoke. The Quartermaster's storehouse caught fire, but through the extraordinary exertions of Captain C. Ebenezer Denny and his force of policemen, the building was saved. A few of the citizens of this place were on hand and aided materially in saving adjoining buildings from destruction. Corporal Patterson won glory and a reward of \$40 for the excellent manner in which he handled the Babcock extinguisher. When the alarm was given Patterson made a rush for the extinguisher, and slung it upon his back, charged across the parade grounds, bucking harder than a three-year old broncho in order to mix the contents, so that there would be sufficient gas generated to make the machine work with all its force. When he reached the burning buildings he pointed the hose properly, turned the cock, and "whiz," no! he didn't "whiz" worth a cent, as he had forgotten to fill the machine with water, consequently there was no gas generated, but he got the reward all the same, for his good intentions.

Except the loss of the buildings, there was no property of any value destroyed, as the horses were all gotten out in time to save them from the flames and there were a good many valuable animals in the stables when the fire broke out.

At noon yesterday Capt. Denny had his men paraded and made a short, but appropriate speech to them, thanking them for the noble work they had done in preventing the fire from spreading. To-day he issued the following address to the citizens, which speaks for itself:

To the Citizens of Fort McLeod:

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to thank you for the kind assistance you rendered me and my men on the occasion of the fire in the Fort and for your valuable exertions in aiding to prevent its spreading. It was first my intention to have convened a public meeting, at which I could have thanked you personally, but thinking, that owing to business, it might be inconvenient for you to attend, I beg in this letter to express to you through Mr. Davis how highly I appreciate your kindness. C. EBENEZER DENNY, Inspector Commanding.

The Larcee tribe of Indians are now here and will remain all winter, or at least as long as the "Great Mother" continues to furnish them with all the "Daisy" flour they can eat. Big Plume.

Here He is Again.

The following letter from Mr. Rowe in answer to a demand for refunding fare from Freeman, and Freeman's reply requires no comment:

FORT BENTON, December 11, 1880.

L. R. Freeman, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of Nov. 27th to hand and contents duly noted. In regard to H. C. Power passing you over the Benton and Helena Stage Line if he agreed to he will do it, but as far as I am concerned I can not stand it. I told you at the hotel that I would see Mr. Power, and if he wished to pass you it

would be all right, but Mr. Power was home sick in his room and I did not get to see him or you afterwards. If Mr. Power wants you to write this country up that has nothing to do with me. Hoping this explanation will be satisfactory to you, I remain, yours etc. Wm. Rowe, Sup't B. & H. Stage Company.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to correct your statement about seeing Mr. Power. I spoke to you in regard to refunding my fare. Your answer was, "That will be all right; I will attend to it in the morning." If you do not care to do as other stage managers do, it is all right. I think your line needs special attention. Called to it any way, and I shall not slight it. L. R. FREEMAN. GLENDALE, M. T., Dec. 16, 1880.

The True Freight Statement.

The following carefully compiled table shows the amount of freight received by the Benton "P," Coulson, Baker and Yellowstone lines, and the points at which they were loaded:

Table with columns: Line, Bismarck, St. City, St. Louis, Total. Rows include Benton "P" line, Coulson line, Baker line, Total, Benton line to Ft. Peck, Yellowstone line via Bismarck.

Total brought into the Territory exclusive of Government freight, 20,072,915. Add Government freight, Benton "P" 7,957,592. Grand total, 28,030,507.

Dentistry.

Dr. P. C. Goodrich has returned to Benton to locate permanently in the profession of dentistry. The doctor is well known to our citizens, and his coming here for permanent residence will be hailed with pleasure by all, as filling a most pressing necessity. We hope that he will receive all the encouragement that can be extended. He will occasionally visit Assinaboia and Ft. Shaw, on professional business. Office at present at the Chateau House.

Efforts will be made to keep the Missouri division of the Northern Pacific open all winter. Snow fences have been placed in position, and it is thought that little trouble from snow will be encountered. There are now seven miles of ties and twelve miles of iron at the end of the track. If the road is kept open all winter, enough material will be shipped to the front to build at least fifty miles of road. Grading will continue all winter in the vicinity of the Yellowstone.

The papers all agree in characterizing Sparks' conduct as that of a blackguard, and call on his constituents to retire him and send a gentleman to Congress in his place. His previous outrageous conduct in the case when Clymer opposed some of his whims, is fresh, and adds to the disgust with which he inspires even his political friends. Weaver also comes in for some share of the blame.



Choteau Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F.

A regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held on Wednesday evening of each week, at their lodge room in this city. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend. J. W. WHEELLOCK, N. G. THOS. D. WRIGHT, Secretary.



Benton Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M.

Regular Communications of the above named Lodge are held at 7 p. m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Members of sister lodges and sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. RUFUS PAYNE, W. M.

H. P. ROLFE, Secretary.

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