

**A NEW CITY IN BARKER.**

An Interesting Exposition of the Mines and Prospects.

MEAGHER CITY, BARKER DISTRICT, }  
April 7th, 1881.

To the River Press.

Since the first week in March up to date the weather has been all that could be desired. The days have been warm and sunny which have lessened the depth of snow from 5 feet to less than 1 foot on the level, while the south side of the mountain on Dry Fork is bare from base to summit. Prospecting has already commenced on these bare spots and it is safe to predict that another week of this weather will give a large area to the eager prospector.

From the heading of this letter you will notice that a new city (Meagher) has been added to the Barker District. At a meeting held by the miners a week ago it was agreed to consolidate the two cities of Galena and Leadville into one and give it the name of Meagher City. John Fagg was elected Recorder and has already made a plat of the new city, and lots are open for recording. The lots that were located in Leadville last fall are subject to re-location, as the town was never surveyed nor platted until now.

The trail over the divide from Geo. Ellis' to the upper end of Hughes City is now accessible to pack horses. Mr. King deserves credit for the industry and energy displayed in trying to keep this trail open for the benefit of the camp. We understand he intends making a toll-road over the summit on this trail the coming summer.

The Summit and DeSoto boys have gone to Benton on business connected with their lead. Rob. Fezell keeps house during their absence.

Pat. Donahue and Gus Okerman arrived in camp from Benton on the 4th.

It is reported that Capt. Carter has gone to Benton for a barrel of whiskey, and will open a saloon at the upper end of Hughes city on the forks of the creek. If the rumor proves true on Capt's. return, business will be immediately suspended in the camp and whiskey Bob will take a two month's vacation. Capt. will make a good bar-keeper.

It has been the general talk this winter, and we have often heard the question asked, what those men had on the Oxide mine, and why they never "bragged on their lead" or spoke of it except when questioned. The truth is, Joe and Tommy have been putting in some pretty "hard knocks" all winter long, through storm and shine, and an old quartz miner informed us that he visited their shaft a few days ago and found to his surprise that they had free milling ore, and says he should think from the looks of their dump that every pound hoisted from their 75 feet shaft was all paying ore. It was wondered why they went to the trouble and expense to locate a tunnel site with a little galena in sight, as it was supposed that there was only smelting ore in the Barker mines. The owners of the Oxide undoubtedly understood their business and keep their own council, and now the mine speaks for itself. The Oxide is situated near the divide on the new road leading to Benton from Barker, which is being built with the expectation of being the main traveled road this summer. The Oxide is the largest vein shown up in the camp and is cut across by a tunnel near the top which shows about 50 feet of a lead and is widening as they go down. They have sunk several shafts along the vein showing good ore every place that has been exposed, and can trace the float nearly every foot of the fifteen hundred feet. Joining the Oxide on the north is the Whoop Up mine, owned by Messrs. Caruthers, Kane & Lambert, which has been well developed and shows a large body of ore. On the south end of the Oxide is the well-known Boss mine and still south of that, on the same vein, is the Comet lode making it the longest and widest lead in the Territory showing up at the same distance.

The Oxide and Boss mines were taken up and located at the same time and when fully developed will prove to be second to none in Montana.

Messrs. Caruthers, Kane & Lambert left camp a week ago with pack horses loaded with provisions and tools for their Wolf Creek mine. They intend sinking a shaft to further develop this lead.

"Endymion," the *Short Horn Pictorial's* correspondent from the Barker Dist., has already made an enemy in the camp. Hatred, mixed with a desire for revenge, has risen in the intestines of Mike Foley's bosom. Just as though Mike can't shave his hair off if he wants to.

There was rejoicing among the boys on the arrival of the news that a smelter would undoubtedly be built in the camp the coming summer. Hurry up Colonel, you can't bring her too quick. But you had better consult Pat Hughes as to whether you put it in the camp, "out to Castner's," or at Cape Horn.

We receive our mail more regularly now that travel between the camp and Benton is increasing. How long will it be before we can have a mail route established?

Respectfully Yours,

QUARTZ.

Mr. Bootridge arrived by last night's coach, and will probably make Benton his future home.

**BORN.**

To the wife of Patrick Connolly, a son.

**MARRIED.**

On April 12th, at the residence of Mr. Andrew Ackerman, opposite Benton, James Ellis to Susan J. Callen. Rev. S. C. Blackiston officiating.

**MONTANA MITES.**

(Miner.)

John B. Douglas, who brutally murdered Alice Earp, has met with speedy and just justice. Douglas was promptly indicted by the grand jury of Madison county, at the term of district court now in session at Virginia City. The trial of Douglas for the murder of Mrs. Earp came off the latter part of last week, and resulted in conviction. The *Madisonian* of April 23, has the following special paragraph: "Since we went to press the jury in the Douglas case has returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Sentence was postponed."

(Husbandman.)

There is some probability that the business streets of White Sulphur Springs will run north and south, with the business houses about half a mile south of the bath houses.

(Independent.)

The order appointing a general court-martial to convene at Fort Custer for the trial of Major E. M. Baker, of the Second Cavalry, has been amended by postponing the time for the meeting of the court until Monday, May 2d.

Messrs. Gilmer, Salisbury & Co. will within the next few days put on a daily line of coaches from Butte to Fish Creek, over the Pipestone Pass. The new line will be of great convenience to the rapidly growing settlements in the Jefferson valley, and will shorten the distance to be traveled by coach from Virginia City to Butte by over thirty miles. The line will run close to the Hot Springs, which are distant from Butte about twenty miles, and such arrangements will be made that persons desiring to visit the springs will be conveyed thither without delay from the coach road. It is a short, but important line.

(New Northwest.)

Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Third U. S. Infantry, accompanied by his wife, were in town some days this week en route from Fort Missoula to Carlisle, Penn. The Colonel has twelve months' leave of absence on account of ill-health. Lieut. Thompson accompanies them to the Terminus.

What shall it profit a Democratic Legislature if it divide up the banner Democratic county and then both halves become Republican?

The *Deadwood Press* says that J. A. Sawtelle has again made a failure in theatrical business at that place, and has left for Bismarck. The *Press* bears down pretty heavy on the late manager.

Gardening and tree planting in all styles of the horticultural, floricultural and arboricultural sciences has been progressing the past week in Deer Lodge.

(Avant Courier.)

A noticeable feature in Saturday's business was an extensive traffic in furs and pelts, a large portion of which were brought in by half-breeds, who appear to be hunting and trapping on the Yellowstone and its tributaries. The Red River carts, made wholly of wood and rawhide, brought in by the half-breeds, were objects of curiosity to many of our citizens.

Granville Stuart is rendering valuable services to the people of the Territory, by a vigilant pursuit of the thieving bands of Bloods, Blackfeet and Piegan Indians, and compelling them to give up the stolen horses in their possession.

Rev. Geo. Comfort returned on Saturday last from a trip to Sweetgrass, Crow Agency, and other points on the Yellowstone. He reports that the killing of game for the hides only, during the past winter, has been immense, and that it will take but a few seasons more of such work to exterminate the buffalo and antelope in the great valley of the Yellowstone.

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