



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. CHAS. CRAWFORD, N. G. JOHN P. MURPHY, Secretary.

THE TIDE OF TENDERFEET

Is Already Flowing into Montana, and Promises to Swell to Vast Proportions.

It is estimated by knowing ones that 30,000 people will come to Montana this season, and the indications at this early day are that the number will far exceed this estimate. The pilgrims are arriving already in large numbers, even before old winter has taken his departure, and the tide will swell rapidly with the approach of pleasant weather.

BY THE UTAH AND NORTHERN. The following from the Butte Inter-Mountain will give an idea of the influx of new comers to the Territory by the Utah and Northern route, and the tide of travel has but fairly started:

"From Mr. W. Pinkham, who arrived last night from Dillon, it is learned that the pilgrim immigration is beginning this year at an unusually early date. For the past four days the Utah & Northern passenger coaches have brought into the Territory an average of 100 newcomers, coming from all parts of the Union. One-third of the number leave the line at Dillon, intending to leave for Virginia City, Bozeman, Silver Star, Helena and other minor points. The company has great trouble in furnishing the required transportation facilities, and is even unable to accommodate its own employes whose business requires their presence at various points along the road. As a result, an order has been issued to pass only ten employes on each train. In addition to the heavy passenger traffic, an immense amount of freight is being hauled over the road, thus taxing the rolling stock to its fullest capacity. Last night four passenger coaches, containing 75 passengers and seven car loads of freight arrived at the Butte depot, and the railroad forces are kept busy night and day."

BY THE NORTHERN PACIFIC. This seems the more popular of the railroad routes, if we may judge by the reports furnished by our Yellowstone exchanges. The Glendive Times says over 800 immigrants landed at that place on Friday of last week, making 1,200 arrivals in the three weeks prior to that date. But this is only the advance guard of the grand army coming, not only for settlement in the Yellowstone valley but in various portions of Montana, north and west. The new mining districts tributary to Benton—the Barker, Montana, Judith and Yogo districts—will attract thousands who will enter the Territory by way of the Northern Pacific. The movement promises to assume the proportions of a stampede, a considerable start in that direction having been made already. By the first of August the N. P. will be completed to Coulson, and will then afford the shortest and easiest route to Northern Montana, when a large share of travel by that line may be expected. As the amount of business and travel will doubtless demand it, there will then be a first class stage line from Benton to Coulson, and a journey to the States will be shortened from two to four days. Our mails will also come this way, arriving several hours sooner than by the other route.

THE RIVER. There is still another inlet to Montana—the river—and it will play quite a part this season in swelling the population of the Territory. The travel to Benton direct will be mostly by this route. It is also the cheapest and most convenient route to the Barker and Maginnis mines, and doubtless many of the fortune hunters will take advantage of it. It is only seventy miles from Benton to Barker, and the Maginnis mines are but forty miles from the river. Those who go by way of Glendive, Miles City or Coulson must travel over many a weary mile before they reach the mineral fields, and the expense will be at least double. But apart from the immigration to the mines a large influx of people to Benton by the river route may be expected. They will come to engage in business, stock raising or agricultural pursuits, and no better field for operations is presented in the boundless West.

STOCK ITEMS

We learn of three families of Gallatin county, who will take up their residences on the Shonkin this spring. They will bring about 700 head of cattle with them.

Mr. A. W. Kingsbury, who recently made so large a stock purchase in Texas, is again in Montana and will receive a hearty welcome from his many friends in Choteau county.

Mr. Franzman, of the firm of Jackman & Franzman, who has a dairy ranch on the Judith valley recently sold his interest in the ranch and herd, numbering 38 head, to Dan Hurd, for \$1,000.—Exchange.

Major Wallace a few days since purchased 600 head of wethers from W. T. Ford of this valley, for the firm of Wallace & Hatch, drovers. The price paid was \$4 per head. They are a very fine lot of Cotswolds and it is said will shear from 8 to 10 pounds per

head. They were purchased for the Chicago market and will be shipped soon after shearing time.—Husbandman.

J. H. McKnight & Co., largely engaged in the cattle business in Northern Montana, last season disposed of \$15,000 worth of beef steers, and of their herd's increase upwards of 7,000 calves were branded. Mr. McKnight, now in Helena, is of opinion that the herd of stock cattle owned by his company will command to-day \$25 a head for the entire lot. He reports a favorable wintering of cattle, the opening of spring finding all present or accounted for, and in fat, healthy condition.—Herald.

An Eastern Oregon cattle ranger, owning about 3,000 head, who recently went East, asked Morgan, the New York banker, to lend him some money on them, so that he might increase his stock. He told the banker how much the cattle were worth; how they doubled in value every five years, and made a large annual profit; but when he told Morgan that they didn't have any fences, he exclaimed in a tone of horror: "No fences! Why, good Lord, young man, I'd as soon take a mortgage on a school of codfish off the banks of Newfoundland."—Exchange.

Assinaboine Notes.

FORT ASSINABOINE, March 7. Editors of the River Press:

A large hunting party, consisting of Capt. Lloyd, Dr. Johnson, 45 enlisted men, 5 Indian scouts, Murray Nicholson, and nine six-mule teams, started on March 2d for the Rockies. The party is provided with 15 days' rations, and if this cold snap does not interfere with their sport they will doubtless come home loaded.

March 12.—A large expedition left the Post on the 9th, under the command of Maj. Kline. It consisted of two companies of cavalry and six of infantry, all of the government transportation and all of the available transportation of Broadwater & Co. We understand that Sheriff Healy and party are in trouble, hence the turn out. The hunting party from Rocky Point has returned, loaded with meat. All the officers and the most of the enlisted men will join the expedition at once; they will start to-morrow morning for the field. FRED.

RIVER RIPPLES

The Red Cloud, we are informed, leaves St. Louis to-day loaded for Benton.

The contracts for carrying supplies to posts along the upper Missouri and Yellowstone will be let to-day, the 15th.

A telegram received by Mr. C. E. Conrad announces that the ice moved out at Bismarck yesterday. Steamboat men will soon be preparing to start up stream.

The following items we take from the Bismarck Tribune of March 3d:

John K. Martin, who was in the engine room of the Gen. Sherman last year, reached here last evening. He will run on the Butte this season.

Geo. Faulk, formerly the engineer of the steamer Batchelor, arrived from the east yesterday and will this year ride on the Butte with Jack Martin.

The Butte's new cylinder timber has been got in place and her displaced engine was put back yesterday. Now she is ready for the flood, either of ice or business.

John Shackel, the old river engineer, has been overhauling the machinery on the Montana, during the past ten days. He will preside at engines of that craft this season.

The "woodhacks" along the river are getting out a large quantity of fuel for the steamboat trade. Every timbered point, our informant assures us, is occupied by a wood yard. The "hacks" have been industrious during the winter. They have been working for a stake, and the result of their industry will be flush times on the upper Missouri.

Alf. McLean, for thirty years a faithful engineer on the Missouri river, and one of the most competent in his profession, besides being a good egg on general principles, takes charge of the Nellie Peck's machinery this season. He will be assisted by J. H. Ambrose, also a competent and reliable engineer. Between the two the Nellie will never lack steam.

Not True.

The report published some time ago in the Main street What-is-it that Hank Atchison, well-known in Benton, had been frozen to death between Forts McKinney and Custer, turns out to be without the least foundation in fact. Joe Atchison, of Highwood, brother of the reported dead man, was in town yesterday, and received an answer from a telegram sent to Fort McKinney, to the effect that his brother is at that place and presents rather an animated appearance for a corpse. Not only is Atchison not dead, but he had never been in the slightest danger of freezing to death. Joe was well pleased to receive the good news.

Off Wrong.

George Farmer, George Scott and T. Van-Hale provided themselves with rifles one day last week and started for the Shonkin to arrest a few Indians camped near the ranch of Milner and Boardman. They succeeded in overawing the "braves" and brought three of them, together with a number of Indian ponies, to town and incarcerated the outfit, the first in the jail and the others in Crawford's corral. It seems that they acted without any authority in the premises and that when

exact status of affairs was ascertained the Indians were given their liberty and ponies, and soon made themselves scarce in this vicinity. Gentlemen should not be too fast about "arresting" Indians, especially without any warrant of law. We have two or three military posts in this vicinity and if there are any Indian troubles to settle probably it would be best to turn the job over to them. At any rate Choteau county wants to avoid as much expense of this character as possible and we would advise self constituted Indian fighters to keep their hands off when not backed by the proper warrants and authority

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA. March 10, 1882.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Helena, M. T., on April 25th, 1882, viz: Alexander Werk, pre-emption declaratory statement No. 3749 for the W 1/2 of the N W 1/4 and W 1/2 of the S W 1/4 Sec 9, Town 19 North, Range 2 East. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles L. Johnson, Chestnut, M. T., Kyle Price, Ulida, M. T., David F. Wilson, Sun River, M. T., and Willam H. Clarke, Helena, M. T. J. H. MOE, Register.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T. March 11th, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Helena, M. T., on April 19th, 1882, viz: John E. Morgan, pre-emption declaratory statement No. 3729, for the Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 Sec 30, Town 19 North, Range 1 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John B. Taylor, Isham B. Porter, James P. Porter and Louis Kaufman, all of Helena, M. T. J. H. MOE, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL ENTRY.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T. March 10, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Helena, M. T., on April 25th, 1882, viz: David F. Wilson, pre-emption declaratory statement No. 4377, for the E 1/2 of S E 1/4 Sec 6, the N E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec 7 and Lot 2 and 3 Sec 8 Town 19 North, Range 3 East. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Alexander Werk, of Sun River, M. T., Kyle C. Price, of Ulida, M. T., William H. Clarke, and Wilson H. Uim, of Helena, M. T. J. H. MOE, Register.

First National BANK

OF Fort Benton.

W. G. CONRAD, President; JOS. S. HILL, Vice-President; R. A. LUKE, Cashier.

Authorized Capital \$250,000; Capital (paid in) 100,000; Surplus Profits 28,000.

WE TRANSACT A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

Will issue Exchange or Telegraphic Transfers, available in all parts of the United States, Canada and Europe. Buy at the highest rates, Gold Dust, Coin, Gold and Silver Bullion and Local Securities. Keep current accounts with merchants, stockmen, freighters and others subject to sight drafts. Will pay special attention to collections, and all other business entrusted to our care. Will pay interest on time deposits, and discount notes or bankable paper. Will make advances to merchants, stock dealers and others, as are suited to their requirements. Will give freight rates on wool to all Eastern cities, and make liberal advances on same at a low rate of interest.

DIRECTORS: S. T. HAUSER, JOS. S. HILL, T. C. POWER, J. W. HUNTSBERGER, W. G. CONRAD, R. A. LUKE.

MONTANA STABLES REOPENED.

The well known and popular Montana Stables, on the corner of Main and Butte streets, have been reopened under the personal management of Chas. Crawford.

The best Hay and Feed to be had always on hand, and careful and attentive hostlers in attendance.

Thanking my many patrons for past favors while in the business, I will be glad to meet them again, and as many new friends as may come, and will always try to deserve their patronage. CHAS. CRAWFORD.

RIENICKE HOUSE, Sun River Leavings.

This House is situated on the Helena and Benton road just a nice day's drive from Benton, making it the most convenient stopping place on the road. It is kept in first-class style, and has the very best of accommodations for travelers on the road.

STOCK BRANDS.

Benton & Helena Stage Co

R. & Co. Branded on Right Shoulder. Range—Lewis and Clarke and Choteau Counties. Wm. ROWE, Supt., Benton, M. T.

AZ R. S. PRICE, Range—Judith Basin. Brand on either right or left ribs. Address Fort Benton. Also owned by purchase of the following brands: U on left hip, formerly owned by P. D. Keayon and Charles Lehman; T on right ribs or right hip, formerly owned by Joe Gehardt. All persons are hereby warned against using either of said brands in any way.

JAMES MEREDITH, HORSES. Range—HIGHWOOD. Brand on left shoulder. Vent same, low down on left shoulder. Postoffice address BENTON.

TRADE TOPICS.

Read Gans & Kleins instructions from New York, and take advantage of them.

A good ranch for rent two and a half miles above Benton, on the Missouri river. Apply at the drug store of Dr. Will E. Turner. 18

Gans & Klein's stock of clothing, furnishing goods etc, is still complete.

All orders sent by mail to Gans & Klein will receive prompt attention; goods and prices guaranteed.

Gans & Klein ship more clothing to the Territory than any three houses in Montana.

Two houses for sale; also mining property and lots in all parts of Benton. Inquire of H. P. ROLFE.

Gans & Klein's motto: The best goods for the least money.

A full line of Cheyenne goods at Rosen-crans'.

Everything pertaining to a first class clothing house can be found at Gans & Klein.

All well dressed men buy their clothing of Gans & Klein.

Save money and get gentlemanly treatment by dealing with Gans & Klein.

AH SING, Benton Wash House

COR. MAIN AND ST. JOHN STREETS.

WASHING AND IRONING

Done with neatness and dispatch. FAMILY WASHING SOLICITED.

CROSS THE RIVER AT THE BENTON FERRY,

At the Upper Crossing. Messrs. David G. Browne and W. H. Todd, having purchased the "Benton Ferry" of Ed L. Smith, are now putting it in first-class order, and will be prepared to cross the traveling public without delay.

Day or Night.

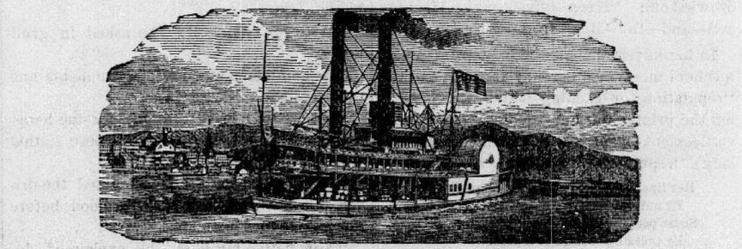
The crossing of HEAVY FREIGHT TEAMS and LOOSE STOCK a specialty, the boat being large and staunch, and supplied with Railings and Gates, and fully adapted to any kind of heavy work. The patronage of the traveling public is respectfully solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.

BROWNE & TODD.

Benton, March 13, 1882. 21-1f

1882

BENTON P LINE!



Will run four of the Fastest and Best Boats upon the Missouri River during the coming season, leaving

Bismarck and Benton EVERY SATURDAY.

T. C. POWER, Manager, 193 S. Water Street, Chicago.

JOHN H. CHARLES, Supt. Sioux City, Iowa. I. P. BAKER, Gen. Agent, 415 Cham. Commerce Building, St. Louis.

Rates guaranteed, taking quantity and quality into consideration, whether contract is made or not before shipping, and all goods shipped on or before June 15 from Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul and other points, reaching Bismarck on or before July 1st, will go through to Fort Benton on time; (usual transportation risks excepted) or will make good the extra delay and non-delivery, the Manager claiming only the privilege of stopping the mentioned agents from taking too much freight, should there be a rush in the latter part of the season.

Str. Butte leaves Bismarck, Saturday, April 8.

Str. Black Hills leaves Bismarck, Saturday, April 15.

Str. Helena leaves Bismarck, Saturday, April 22.

Str. Benton leaves Sioux City, Monday, April 10.

And will run regularly from Bismarck during the boating season. For freight or passage, Apply to JOHN H. CHARLES, Sioux City.

T. C. POWER & BRO., Benton. I. P. BAKER, St. Louis.

T. C. POWER & CO., Helena. THOS. S. RATLE, Contracting Agent C. & N. Ry., 60 Clark Street, Chicago.

NORTH PACIFIC R. R. OFFICE, St. Paul.

Mark goods—Benton [P] Line, care of N. P. R. R., St. Paul.