

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

James McDonald killed five buffalo on Cottenwood day before yesterday.

William Rowe and Howell Harris yesterday purchased Crook's entire brand of horses, 165 in number.

William Mulcahy, the republican candidate for commissioner, is building one of the finest houses in the Sun river valley, which he expects to have completed in a short time. Mr. M. is yet a bachelor but the indications clearly point to the fact that he will not continue as such very long.

While workmen were engaged yesterday in tearing down the old building adjoining Bryer's barber shop, the roof of the latter building fell in and created havoc in the shop, damaging to the amount of probably \$200. Bryer has moved out and the building will be torn away and replaced at once by Rowe Bros. with a fine two story brick, adjoining the Masonic temple. Bryer has leased the front street room of the Benton hotel.

"Hello! old sport! What is the matter with you?" "Oh, I am all broke up; I have got a pain in my back and side." "Your liver and kidneys are affected, the next thing you know you will have Bright's disease of the kidneys. Go to the drug store and get yourself a few bottles of Dr. Halliday's Blood Purifier." "Is it any account?" "You bet! It is the boss of the business." W. J. Minar, wholesale and retail agent, Fort Benton, M. T. S. Blackford, proprietor, 274 East 7th street, St. Paul, Minn.

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Charley Bryer is fitting up a nice barber shop in the new hotel.

The work of excavation for the Masonic temple commenced yesterday.

It is expected that the Utah & Northern track will reach Deer Lodge on the 15th.

It is expected that the term of the district court will continue about two weeks.

The territorial fair at Helena commences on the 25th inst. and closes on the 30th.

George W. Sweet and S. C. Edgerton were admitted to the bar yesterday on order of the court.

Col. Broadwater is in Helena. Broad is the best pleased man in the territory over Martin's success at Butte.

Mrs. Will E. Turner and children are on their way east to visit relatives and friends in Kansas. They will spend the winter in the states.

It is stated that Col. Donnelly received \$20,300 for his interest in the Wright & Edwards mine being about a one-tenth interest. The Colonel is in luck.

Dr. H. B. Bardley, of Bedford, stabbed George Stawson, of that town, on Sunday last, inflicting a wound that may result fatally. Barkley has been arrested and taken to Radersburg.

The Cochrane ranch company have purchased A. W. Kingsbury's beef herd, some 400 head or upwards. They will be delivered October 1st, and driven to the company's ranch on Bow river.

Robert Vaughn, of Sun River, has returned from Chicago, and has brought with him his fine trotting stallion, Prospect, and has already entered him for the races at the Helena fair. Prospect has a record of 2:27 in the east.

From Friday's Daily

Nellie Boyd's company will play at Helena during fair week.

The grand jury does not expect to complete its work this week.

Harry Hill left for Butte yesterday morning to attend the republican convention.

Duke Deutriele takes his departure this morning for Butte to attend the republican convention.

A horse belonging to a man named Phillips was stolen near Fort Assinaboine on Monday night and no trace of the animal has yet been found.

John LaMott sent us in yesterday from Arrow creek a nice large tomato, perfectly ripe, which was grown on his ranch, showing what that section can do in the way of producing vegetables.

James Rowe brought in a large load of very fine melons yesterday, and found ready sale for them at one dollar and six bits apiece. Mr. Rowe informs us that his melon crop this year is the best he has ever raised in Montana.

Besides his fast stepping stallion Bob Vaughn has brought with him from the east a span of fine buggy mares and six splendid brood mares. Mr. Vaughn's stables and stock farm will soon show as good stock as any in the territory.

A "prominent democrat" at Benton telegraphed the Independent that "the news is glorious; Choteau county can be depended upon for a majority of 500 or Maginnis." Divide the estimate by ten and it will be a good deal nearer the mark. As a prominent democrat of Helena remarked to a RIVER PRESS representative yesterday, "the people are getting tired of that fellow Maginnis."

From W. C. Swett, of Chestnut, who, with his family, is at present visiting the capital, we learn that large fires, beyond the control of the stockmen in the vicinity, are sweeping over the prairies and foothills in the neighborhood of Sand Coulee and Freeman creek. Letters received by Mr. Swett from parties in that section state that the "fires are raising h-1 with the ranges, and have attained such headway that no human means can stop them. The whole country is ablaze between Sand Coulee and Freeman creek—cattle are driven before the fierce conflagration, and even all the grass, on the winter range for cattle grazing in that district, is in danger of being entirely destroyed."—Herald.

J. D. Weatherwax, arrived in the city yesterday from the hay fields, having concluded his contract and turned over to Broadwater, McCulloch & Co. some 1,200 tons of hay. It is only a few weeks ago since Mr. Weatherwax started in on this work, and the rapidity with which it has been accomplished shows that he has lost none of his reported rustling qualifications. At one time some 800 tons of hay in the stack and all the valuable meadow was endangered by fire, but by good management and hard work it was saved, only a little over a ton being burned. When the danger of the situation was realized Mr. W. sent out his reapers and eight swaths were cut a mile in length. The stubble burned and the fires set out extinguished, by which means the entire lot of hay and much that was standing was saved.

PERSONAL

From Wednesday's Daily.

John C. Lilly came in from Barker yesterday.

J. C. O'Brien arrived from Neihart yesterday.

T. C. Poole, a prominent wool grower of Surprise creek, is in the city.

William Norris came in from Fort Maginnis on the Benton Southern stage yesterday.

Judge Wade, District Attorney Lowry, and Hon. J. K. Toole arrived on yesterday's coach and are at the Overland.

Wallace Taylor, of the upper Teton, arrived in the city yesterday, and met many of his former Helena friends to give him a hearty welcome.

J. A. Price, mine host of the Largent house at Sun River, is in the city, and yesterday made the RIVER PRESS a pleasant call. Mr. Price informs us that he steps down and out of the hotel business in a month and will be succeeded by Mr. Gibb.

Hon. William H. Clagett, a former delegate to congress from Montana, arrived in Butte Saturday, and remained over to take in the convention of the un-terrified. Mr. Clagett is the gentleman who defeated Warren Toole, and his advent at this time will tend to revive old and unpleasant memories.

Charley Cook, of Smith river valley, one of the most prominent wool growers of the territory arrived in Benton yesterday on the Helena coach. He tells us that the ticket nominated by the democrats of Meagher county last week will be overwhelmingly defeated. He also thinks that Maginnis is a gone gelling.

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Hi. Wright will leave for Barker in a day or two.

Charles Rhodes, of Maiden, arrived in the city yesterday.

Jacob Herman, of Helena, is in Benton in attendance at court.

C. H. Austin, of Chestnut, the well known stockman, arrived in Benton yesterday.

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Joseph H. Cutting arrived from Utica yesterday afternoon.

Sam Kohlberg and W. H. Burgess left for Barker and other points in that section yesterday on a business trip.

Ed. Dennis, of Old Agency, is in the city. He reports that there are no prairie fires in that section of the country.

Phil Gibson and bride arrived in Benton yesterday by private conveyance from Clagott. The RIVER PRESS extends a cordial welcome to the young couple.

H. D. Burghardt takes his departure for Barker this morning, and will do his full share towards making the camp lively this fall and winter. He tells us that the roads from Gold Run to the Montana district and from Barker to Wolf creek, affording a more direct route to the Judith, will be built this fall and as soon as possible.

Frank Strong got back yesterday from down the river, having come up part of the way on the Rosebud. That boat tried to reach Clagott with twenty tons of freight, but had to give it up, and drop down to the next landing. The engineers are at work on the river, and the probability is that a couple of weeks from now the boats will be able to come

up further than at present. The utter, loaded for two feet and a half of water, was unable to reach Clagott, and so unloaded at Rocky Point.

Robert Tingley returned yesterday from the Chestnut country, where he been for several days looking after some horses on that range owned by Tingley Bros. He was with the Judith round up party the past month or two. Mr. Tingley reports that there has been no fires of consequence in Sand Coulee, but says there is now a most destructive fire raging on Hound creek, between the stream and the mountains, and it is not hardly possible that it can be successfully checked by human agencies. The fire is burning what is considered the best winter range of the Chestnut stockmen, and for that reason it is considered especially destructive.

The Wright & Edwards.

The annual meeting of the Wright & Edwards mining company was held Wednesday, and the following board of directors elected: Joseph S. Hill, T. E. Collins, H. D. Burghardt, J. H. Emery, F. W. Reed. At a meeting of the directors held afterwards the following officers of the board were chosen:

President—Joseph S. Hill.
Vice-president—T. E. Collins.
Secretary—H. D. Burghardt.
Treasurer—J. H. Emery.

The stock owned by Col. Donnelly, J. J. Healy and W. H. Buck has been purchased by the Clendenin mining and smelting company, giving that company under the present arrangement the control of a majority of the stock. Under the new management we believe the mine will be developed systematically and rapidly, and that it will constantly increase in value. It is the purpose of the company to put up hoisting works at the mine at once and work it for all there is in it.

Tom Harwood Acquitted.

The case of the territory vs. Thomas Harwood for assault and battery with intent to kill, H. K. Edwards being the prosecuting witness, occupied the attention of the district court Thursday. The particulars of the affair are well known to most of our readers and need not be set forth here, further than to say there is a woman in the case and that woman Harwood's wife, with whom Edwards' relations are of the intimate order. Prompted by the green-eyed monster Harwood got after Edwards with a Winchester and shot him in the leg, and they have had other encounters of a like character. The case yesterday occupied the entire day, the jury retiring about five o'clock and bringing in a verdict of acquittal a few minutes afterwards.

If Martin Maginnis had not been sent to congress several successive terms Choteau county would not have an existence; only the buffalo and other wild beasts would have roamed her broad pasture lands, and her fertile valleys would have remained in nature's state. All the honor must be ascribed to Maginnis for the change that has taken place in ten years. The pioneers in the various branches of business, who blamed the way for others to follow, had nothing whatever to do with it; the men who put boats on the upper river and made Benton the entrepot of Montana had nothing whatever to do with it; the enterprising merchants of Benton, who made this the best market in the territory, had nothing whatever to do with it—the "own and only" Maginnis made the county and "is responsible for its very existence." Of course nobody but the Mighty Maginnis could have done anything for Choteau county. No other distinguished citizen of Montana could represent the territory at Washington and do anything for Choteau county. Of course not. Maginnis is the only particularly mighty man in the territory. What nonsense, anyhow!

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