

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

W. S. Wetzel will commence moving into his new house in a few days.

If taxes are not paid in the next week the 10 per cent. penalty will attach.

A man named Frank Hayes was killed at Pony, in a drunken row, Friday last.

The official count in Lewis & Clarke county shows that Dave Churchill is defeated for sheriff by four votes.

Elk are more numerous this year than of late seasons—a band of over 500 having been seen within a few days just over the range from Bozeman.

A coal and wood yard will be among Bozeman institutions, ground for the purpose having been leased on the corner of Babcock and Tracy streets.

It is said the official count in Meagher county will give Botkin three majority. Even one of the "cow counties" has gone back on the perpetual Martin.

One of the door sills for the Bozeman Ma-sonic Temple, from Barrott's quarry, is nine feet long, four feet wide, and ten inches thick. It weighs 6,500 pounds.

A new telegraph wire is to be stretched along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad to accommodate the rapidly increasing telegraphic business along the line.

Crescent Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, has taken steps to establish the endowment rank with a large membership. It is at once a safe and cheap life insurance.

Will Kennedy received a telegram yesterday from his uncle, Mr. J. J. Kennedy, stating he had reached Missoula all O. K.—but was not so fortunate as to be married, as reported by the RIVER PRESS.

Mr. Walter Burke, one of the gentlemen appointed to oversee the expenditure on the road from here to the Musselshell, reports that work is being pushed vigorously, and that the road will be put in good condition in a short time.—Billings Post.

I. G. Baker & Co. received yesterday a large lot of new goods by trains just in from Cow Island. These goods are for the fall and winter trade, and comprise everything new and nice in the way of dry goods, dress goods, notions, hats and caps, boots and shoes, etc. Messrs. Churchill and Overfield are now busy as they can be unpacking and displaying the new stock, and in a short time will have everything in ship-shape. The ladies of Benton and surrounding country are particularly invited to call and see the new goods.

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W. Cooper, of Bozeman, has been awarded a patent for a sight for firearms.

The name of the postoffice at Clark, Gallatin county, has been changed to Livingstone. This is the coming "magic city."

Van Hale is doing his part towards making Choteau a republican county. It is a boy and weighs every ounce of twelve pounds, if not a little over.

Chas. W. Bennett, catcher, and E. W. Hanlon, left fielder, of the League baseball club of Detroit, are in Miles City. They propose making a hunting tour in the Yellowstone valley.

Fort Assinaboine is the only fort in Montana that is included in General Sherman's million dollars appropriation and consolidation of troops scheme. He would give Assinaboine ten companies, but doesn't even mention the other posts of the territory.

Gen Brisbin, of Fort Keogh, who purchased Major Pease's ranch on the upper Yellowstone, is making arrangements with Architect Vreeland, to draw plans for a large residence to be erected on the ranch next summer. The general intends to improve his ranch, and make it the finest in the Yellowstone valley.—Madisonian.

The railroad lines of the Northwest are having quite a "wah," and as a result, passenger rates and freight tariffs are down to almost nothing. On the 19th the price of a first-class ticket from St. Paul to Chicago was only 70 cents, and before the "cruel war is over" it is probable they will pay the passengers a premium for making the trip. It is a little rough on the railroads, but the traveling public can stand it first-rate.

Murphy, Neel & Co. are in receipt of a letter from N. S. True, of Ubat, stating that Indians are killing cattle in that vicinity, and have been caught in the act. He wants Sheriff Healy to give the matter his attention, notwithstanding the fact that the offense has been committed in Meagher county. Sheriff Rader is the man to apply to, or better yet, the stockmen ought to turn out and make short work of the rascally reds.

Mr. Griffith informs us that some 22,000 feet of timber for the Belt creek bridge has been laid upon the ground, and that the remainder will be forthcoming in a short time. Mr. Caldwell, his partner, is now prospecting for "bed

rock" in the stream upon which to commence the pier, but unless a good foundation can be secured the contractors will seek the permission of the commissioners to throw a single span across the creek. They propose to make the bridge secure at all events.

The old Benton horses, Joe Howell and Premium, are running with great success in California. The last race reported they came together, and Howell beat the little mare, though she made him run all there was in him. The following is a summary; the time, we believe, equal to the best on record: Second race, free for all, 3/4 mile and repeat; first heat won by Premium, Forest King 2d, Frank Rhoades 3d; time 1:14. Second heat won by Joe Howell, Premium 2d, Rhoades 3d; time 1:14. Howell took 3d heat in 1:15.

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Horace Greeley, a nephew of the great editor, is a resident of Fort Walsh.

The stage ride between Miles City and Bozeman is now a brief one, only twelve hours.

Buffalo are plenty on Arrow creek, and a number of our citizens propose to give them a chase.

White and Waite, of Butte, are in training for a prize fight, which is soon to come off at that place.

The official canvass in Meagher county gives Maginnis a majority of three. The vote of Neihart was rejected by the board, on the ground that there were but two judges of election.

Nathan Jones, a ranchman living near the crossing of the Prickley Pear, on the Bozeman road, was thrown from his wagon on Monday, while going home, sustaining injuries that caused his death soon afterwards.

In speaking of the prospective railroads of Bismarck, the Tribune says, among other things: "A line is also about to be located from Bismarck north following up the river to Benton, on which work will be commenced next season."

Travel is so heavy on the Utah & Northern that an extra coach has been put on, making three coaches and a sleeper. This morning there were twenty passengers in the sleeper and ninety-eight in the coaches, making 115 passengers on this morning's train.—Ogden Pilot, 17th.

J. A. Massie and M. F. Marsh arrived in Bismarck Sunday night, on their way to Carroll, Mont., one thousand miles up the Missouri river, where they are trading with the Indians. They left for Carroll last evening. Their families will come from Michigan in the spring and locate at Fort Benton.—Bismarck Tribune.

The Billings & Martinsdale stage company received last week three Concord coaches which will be ready to place on the route so soon as the business demands it. Sleights will probably be run by the company during the winter, and these coaches put on the route in the spring. The enterprise displayed by this company is most commendable, and the obliging superintendent, Mr. W. Burke, is indefatigable in his efforts to accommodate the public.—Billings Herald.

We asked the Record yesterday to reprint any article from this paper saying the election in Choteau was a rebuke to wood-be republican bosses. It will not do so because it cannot. That paper makes charges right along for which the only foundation is its own imagination and vindictive jealousy, and cannot substantiate a single one of them because they are devoid of all truth. And now we will tell it that it cannot name a single respectable republican who made public comment about such an article, as it asserts. We will see who will do the squirming this time. The Record says we printed such an article. We deny it, and defy it to prove it.

Wanted—A Dairy.

Montana is justly credited with being one of the greatest cattle countries in the world, and yet the people do not seem to be able to get enough butter and milk to supply themselves. Butter is shipped here from New York state, and in the homes of some of our cattle men is an unknown thing. The same is true of milk. The hotels in some of our towns, notably in what are known as the "cow counties" are forced to provide condensed milk for their guests. Here in Benton this is particularly true. We have, or are supposed to have, two dairies, yet they are insufficient to supply the demand. There never was a better opportunity for an enterprising dairyman, with some capital, than presents itself at this point. Such a man could find a place to suit him not too far from town, and by combining the raising of poultry and hogs, could make a fortune. We hope this will meet the eyes of some one who is able and willing to fill this long-felt want, and that the present year will be the last in which the people of Benton will have to put up with stank butter and condensed milk. "There is millions in it."

PERSONAL

From Wednesday's Daily.

—Harry Brown, who went to White Sulphur Springs some four months ago to find a cure for rheumatism, has not yet thrown his crutches away.

—George Samples and family take their departure Monday for the east to spend the winter, going by way of Helena and the N. P. railroad. Jasper county, Mo., is their destination, but during their absence they will visit many other portions of "America." Mr. Samples has not been home for nineteen years, and he is certainly entitled to the pleasure of a sojourn among old friends and relatives that is in store for him.

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—Lieuts. O'Brien, Adams and Warwick have gone east on leave of absence for a few months.

—John C. Lilly arrived from Barker yesterday. He reports the camp flourishing, and its prospects as bright as can be.

—H. D. Burghardt, manager of the Clendenin mining and smelting company, returned to Barker from Billings Tuesday.

—A. P. Samples returned home Tuesday evening after an absence of several months, delivering cattle at various Indian agencies and at Chicago.

—J. W. Kingsley writes from Barker that he is meeting with good success and will organize a lodge of Workmen with a large membership, at the camp. He expects to return to Benton Saturday.

—Charley Green gave a most pleasant party to a large number of his young friends Tuesday evening. Charley played host in good style, and made his guests feel as much at home as possible. All pronounce it an enjoyable affair.

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—Col. W. F. Sanders and wife were in St. Paul, en route home, on the 16th.

—Col. J. C. O'Connor, who was superintendent of the Peck line of steamers a portion of the past season, died of diphtheria in New York city recently.

—Father Camp returned to Benton yesterday. He will be warmly received by his hosts of friends here. It is over a year since he took his departure.

Death of W. W. Austin.

On Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock the subject of this article, an old-time Montanian, passed from earth, after a lingering illness of several months. His death occurred at the Overland hotel, where he had been during his last sickness, and the funeral took place yesterday at 2 o'clock p. m.

The deceased was about 53 years of age, and had spent the most of his time since 1859 in the west. He was a native of Kentucky, and in '59 went west as far as Colorado to "seek his fortune." In 1860 he returned to his native state and enlisted in the confederate army. The following year he was taken prisoner and was held until late in 1862 when he was released and discharged. Returning to the west at once he was among the first in Alder Gulch after its discovery. He was the discoverer of Hog'em, a camp that proved a good one, and was one of the first in Thompson's gulch. Afterwards in company with John H. Evans, of this city, and a few others, he went to the Yellowstone country and spent several years there, the party being among the first white men to explore that region. He made extensive explorations in what is now the National Park, and of course during those years of isolation and hardships suffered not a little. In 1871 Austin and Evans came to Benton and together operated in the northern country about two years, living with the Indians, etc. In 1873 or '74 Austin located his ranch on the Missouri, a few miles above town, where he resided until recently taken ill, passing his last days in seclusion and contentment. He had never been married, and we believe has no living relatives.

For the above facts in the remarkable career of the deceased we are indebted to John H. Evans, his companion through many years of hardship on the plains, and his warmest personal friend in his last years. The deceased made a will before he died, of which Mr. Evans is executor. Peace to his ashes.

The Gallatin Canvass.

The majority for Botkin in Gallatin county is likely to run up to 400 instead of 157 as it has been announced. The Cross River precinct where Maginnis had a big majority (railroad vote) is within the limits of the Crow reservation, and hence the vote is plainly illegal. The county canvassing board did not throw out the precinct, but sent the returns to the territorial board with the protest filed.

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