

LOCAL NOTES.

From Sunday's Daily.

The railroads are gradually closing in on Benton, and it will not be long until this will be the railroad town of Montana.

A Montreal special says: The Canadian Pacific Co. yesterday raised its capital stock from fifteen million to one hundred million.

We saw a party of five wending their way towards the reservation yesterday, and it looked very much as if they were on a lot jumping expedition.

Professor Foss, of Barker, has been awarded a patent for a window blind of some kind which he thinks (of course) will be one of the biggest things of the nineteenth century.

Attention is called to the insurance ad. of T. A. Cummings in another column. Mr. Cummings represents a number of the best companies in the world, and his rates are always reasonable. He is building up a nice business in that line, and certainly merits the patronage of the citizens of Benton.

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Squire Bywaters, of Sand Coulee, is in the city.

The Frontier club gives its next dance at the Chateau house.

Our merchants are beginning to display their holiday goods.

Most of the Barker prospectors are now busy representing their leads.

There is a good deal of rustling for town lots in the new addition just now.

Rev. Demarest held services Sunday evening in the spacious dining room of the Pacific hotel.

Frieds & Neehoff's train were at the Marias yesterday on its way to Benton, returning from Fort Belknap.

The almanac for 1883 has put in an appearance, calling to mind the fact that the old year is drawing to a close.

The brick work on the Odd Fellows building is completed, and a few days more will finish the Masonic temple.

John Tresch, of the Judith, has returned from the Gallatin with a herd of cattle with which to stock his new ranch.

James A. Yore, wife and child returned yesterday from a trip to Sand Coulee. Mr. Yore has become one of the wool growers of Chateau county.

Since Father Camp has been in Benton, about two years now, he has baptised exactly one hundred children, a pretty good baby record for Benton.

The board of county commissioners met yesterday and adjourned until Saturday on account of the absence of Jos. S. Hill, the president of the board.

Scotfield's train of nine teams, loaded with goods for T. C. Power & Bro., will roll in from Billings in a few days. This outfit is making its first trip to northern Montana.

Some of our young men are desirous of taking lessons in the saltatory art, and would like to see some dancing master come along. It is believed a good class could be organized.

Max Waterman who returned Sunday from a short trip to Sun River, reports that there are a great many people in and about that place, and that times seem to be pretty lively.

L. Rotwitt, who made a trip to the Judith valley last week, heard the testimony in fifteen cases of final entry. This gives some idea of the increase of settlement in that region.

The Miles City Press evidently got too lazy to hunt up local items one day last week, and so rustled up all the old cuts in the establishment and put them in to fill up. Poor journalism, that.

Peg Leg was arrested last evening and lodged in jail. We had supposed that Peg's yeoman service during the campaign would have afforded him immunity from the minions of the law.

The Montana district has been lost sight of for some time past, but it will come up serenely next season. Some of the best mines in the Belt mountains are in this district and they will be heard from in due time.

G. W. Crane, clerk of the school board, has completed the census for school purposes and reports 595 children in the district, 425 of the number being of school age. The list shows there are twelve colored children in the district.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the RIVER PRESS Publishing company last evening, the following board of directors was elected to serve one year: W. J. Minar, George Steell, H. G. McIntire, Jerry Collins and J. E. Stevens.

The matter of taking the first steps towards securing the erection of a Sisters' hospital at this place will be delayed until the return of Father Camp from Fort Assinaboine, early next week. It is then proposed to call a meeting of the citizens and see what can be done towards forwarding this most worthy object.

The Thanksgiving ball of the Knights of Pythias was more of a financial suc-

cess than the members of the lodge anticipated. It was thought that they would do well if they managed to come out even, so heavy were the expenses, but a settling up showed a balance of \$33.35, with which everybody was well satisfied.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Deep Creek Coal Mining company, held at Sun River last Saturday night, the following named gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: J. H. Rice, W. J. Minar, John Moffitt, W. N. Jones and G. J. Knight. The place of business was changed from Sun River to Benton, and it is the purpose of the company to open up the mine in good style and be prepared next season to supply in part the Benton market.

Messrs. S. W. Langhorne and A. K. Yerkes, editor and business manager of the forthcoming democratic publication at Bozeman, have gone to St. Paul, at which point they intend purchasing the presses and material necessary to commence the issuance of the paper. Rooms have been secured in the second story of the Rich & Wilson building. We understand the new paper will have a capital stock of \$12,000, of which amount the two gentlemen named have taken \$4,000 each.—Courier.

PERSONAL

From Sunday's Daily.

John Patterson returned from a brief trip to Fort Shaw yesterday.

We are pleased to report that Jim Matkin is now improving steadily.

Mike Wilson arrived from Barker last evening, and brings favorable reports from the camp.

S. A. Krueger, Frank Harrison and Lee Scofield, Fort McLeod, are registered at the Overland.

Mrs. S. Duffin has been dangerously ill the past few days, but we are pleased to state she is now much better with prospects of speedy recovery.

It looks natural to see Charley Dean "rustling" at W. S. Wetzel's again. He returned from his eastern trip, by way of Billings, day before yesterday, and is right glad to be back in Benton.

The genial Bob Stelle, of Fort Macleod is in the city with his teams, and loads back with supplies. He reports that Macleod is prospering, and that times are better there than ever before.

A Fine Road in a Splendid Country.

A St. Paul special of the 29th says: The U. S. commission appointed to inspect the recently completed 100 miles of the Northern Pacific railroad, reaching west to within seven miles of Livingston, arrived at St. Paul to-night en route home after the performance of their official duty. Colonel Smith was interviewed, and said he was much surprised to find so fine a road traversing such a splendid country. He had traveled the Southern, Union and Central Pacific railways, but none of them passed through so fine a territory as the Northern Pacific. While people only staid in Texas, they could live in the favored Northwest, and the people generally would need to enlarge their comprehension of things before they could fully appreciate the certain future of that remarkable country. He could estimate their was, comparatively speaking, no waste land between St. Paul and Livingston.

Mysteriously Missing.

In August last Herbert L. Wright, a prospector, left Barker for a trip to the mountains near Chestnut, where he had heard of some rich "float rock" being found by stockmen. He had a pony, a prospector's kit and three weeks' grub—and did not expect to be gone longer than that time. In fact important business matters—the bonding of a mine in which he was interested—demanded his return within that limit and he had promised faithfully to be on hand. But strange to say he has not been seen or heard of since the day he left Gold Run for that trip, and although persistent efforts have been made to ascertain his whereabouts not a word has been heard of him. Inquiries have been directed to various camps in the territory and to his friends in the east without eliciting any information concerning him, and his friends have now come to the conclusion that he met his death in some way on that last prospecting trip. The fact that business matters of considerable importance required his speedy return to Barker goes a long way to establish this theory—which we hope may be disproved by the re-appearance of Wright on the scene. If anyone who reads this knows aught of him they will confer a favor by communicating with the RIVER PRESS.

Found at Last.

An agreeable dressing for the hair, that will stop its falling, has been long sought for. Parker's Hair Balsam, distinguished for its purity, fully supplies this want.

PROPOSED SISTERS' HOSPITAL.

A Project that Should Meet the Hearty Co-operation of the Citizens of Benton.

Father Camp informs us that active steps will be taken immediately to secure the erection in Benton of a Sisters' hospital. He expects the willing co-operation of our citizens, and in connection with other gentlemen will make a canvass of the town early this week to secure subscriptions from those who are willing to assist in so good a work.

For the present a building is contemplated which would cost about \$4,000, exclusive of the ground, which will be presented by the Catholic congregation in their block on Baker street and Chateau avenue. In the course of a few years this building will not be adequate to the demands of the city, when it may be enlarged, or the Catholic congregation will purchase it for a school house or residence for the priest, and a new one can be erected. This is the beginning from which other hospitals, for instance those in Denver, Laramie and Salt Lake city, have risen to their present imposing proportions.

Strangers and parties throughout the county, outside of Benton, will reap the same benefits as our citizens, and they will also be given an opportunity to subscribe something to the good cause. To that end subscription lists will be opened in the hotels and stores, and it is to be hoped the contributions will be general. The want of such an institution has long been felt in Benton, and there is no telling which one of the subscribers will first receive his reward in the way of attentive and patient nursing at the hands of the good Sisters.

If the expected encouragement is received a building committee will be elected, consisting of members of the different denominations, plans and specifications secured and the contract let, so that in early spring the structure may be commenced and pushed through to speedy completion.

The Canadian Pacific.

Frank Strong who has just returned from the north informs us that there is no let up to the progress of the C. P. railroad which is moving west at the rate of two and three miles a day. The terminus is now about sixty miles east of Fort Walsh, but the grade is completed some fifty miles in advance of that point. The winter terminus will be at Maple creek, only twenty-eight miles east of Fort Walsh, and about directly north of Benton. The latter will probably be the junction of the Benton branch. A map recently issued by the railroad company displays a line running from the crossing of Maple creek to this city, and it is the opinion among those best informed in the premises, that the company will not long delay the construction of this line. There is quite a rush of settlers in advance of this road, and several new towns are springing up. Regina, the new capital of the north-west, is the chief of these, and at the crossing of Belly river another flourishing settlement is springing up. Next summer when this road is completed and in operation to a point north of Benton, the people of this section will have another outlet to the east—with the railroad only 160 miles away. This will then be the best route for shipping cattle from northern Montana, and no doubt our stockmen will take advantage of the fact. The drive north in good weather would be much more easily made than south to the Northern Pacific.

Patents.

The following cash patents for agricultural lands have been received at the U. S. land office at Helena, M. T., and will be delivered to the person surrendering the duplicate receipt, with name written across the back of the same, viz: Jonas Higgins, Alexander Pambrun, Orrin G. Robie, Charles G. Holt, Thomas Clary, Walter R. Morgan, Elizur Beach, Frank See, Samuel Silvey, Wm. B. Cissel, Cornelius Mannix, John Francis, Moses Girard, Francis A. Janeaux, Walter E. Jackson.

A Dazzling Display.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A representative of the RIVER PRESS dropped into the dry goods department of T. C. Power & Bro. yesterday afternoon, and was immediately struck with the beautiful appearance of the room and the tasty manner in which the goods were arranged. When he expressed his admiration he was informed that it was not all as fine a show as they could or had intended to make, as their time had been so occupied in attending to the wants of their many customers that the clerks were unable to dress the store as was proposed at the first. However, to the uninitiated eye of a bachelor it was as near perfection as a dry goods store could be. And the variety of the goods—the ribbons and laces, the suits and cloaks, the jewelry and toilet articles, the

varigated hose and the (what do you call them, anyhow?) the furs and the shawls, the handkerchiefs, muffs, cloths, gloves, feathers, calicos, and a thousand and one other things that a poor lone bach. doesn't know the names of was enough to make a lady crazy with anxiety to buy, and a single man resolve never to get married. We have just one word of advice to the married men of Benton—don't let your wives go down to Power & Bro.'s or you will have bills to pay which will make you wish you had never been born. It would be utterly impossible for female nature to resist the temptation which this store is presenting in this line.

Who is to Blame?

Six teams belonging to T. C. Power & Bro. with Tom Clary as wagon master, brought in eighteen wagon loads of wood from the Marias yesterday. It was the intention of the firm to start them out after coal immediately, but they have three mule teams already out at the coal mines of Belt creek which were obliged to wait for a load. And so they concluded to turn the teams out for the winter. We are informed that I. G. Baker & Co. had two or three teams which they had

also meant to send to the coal fields, but had to turn them out for the same reason—no coal to be got there. Somebody will be to blame if a fuel famine strikes our town this winter, and it will not be the merchants who took the proper steps to fulfill their agreement to furnish transportation. The transportation was at hand, but the coal could not be procured.

Professor Foss.

It is reported that Prof. N. A. Foss has resigned his position as superintendent of the Clendenin Mining and Smelting company at Barker, and that he will enter the employ of a California company which is soon to commence operations at that camp. This is simply a rumor we heard upon the streets last night and is not given as a fact. The professor is expected in Benton in a few days.

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