

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily.
 Jerry Wetzel is in town.
 Clark Tingley will leave for the Hot Springs, Arkansas, in a few weeks.
 John LaMott, of Arrow creek, has been in town a few days this week.
 Tom Martin and J. G. Anderson, of the Big Sag, are at the Grand Union.
 W. H. Hunt, Jr., left for Barker yesterday morning to take a hand in the legal fight for the Silver Belle.
 John Cook was tried for petty larceny (stealing a watch) before Judge Kanouse yesterday, and being found guilty, was sent up for thirty days.
 M. D. Chambers leaves for the east this morning on the Helena coach. He will buy a mammoth stock of furniture for F. C. Roosevelt & Co.
 General Ruger arrived on the coach at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and took his departure for Assinaboine early yesterday with Lieut. Cabaniss and escort.
 Although Judge Tattan agreed to accept bail in the sum of \$4,000 in the McCowan case, the latter is still an inmate of the jail, as bondsmen have not been forthcoming.
 John Harris returned day before yesterday from a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Norton, of Stuart, Deer Lodge county. Mr. Harris spent about four weeks in the upper country.
 Mr. G. W. Settle received more valentines than anybody else in Montana, and he indignantly scolds the idea advanced by some parties that they were sent by his young lady friends.
 Mr. Duncan, of Helena, arrived yesterday to take a bench at A. S. Davidson's saddlery establishment during the absence of Andy Carson on a visit east. The latter leaves this morning.
 Yank Smith, who had been snow bound on Highwood all winter, showed up in Benton yesterday. His appearance does not indicate that he was short of grub during any of the time.
 Clark Tingley has concluded, after hearing John Green's report of the cattle on the Shonkin range, to establish a candle factory in Benton. He thinks there is big money in the enterprise.
 The directors of the Missoula Fair association, at a recent meeting, decided to offer a programme of races for the coming 4th of July, and also to hold a fair on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of September, of this year.
 The fool killer has not made the rounds of the river metropolis lately or the public would have been spared that "Reply to Rev. Blackiston." But we warn the author that she cannot escape his (the f. k.'s) wrath much longer.
 We understand that some town lot speculators are about to file on the 8-Mile Springs property, and will have the same surveyed and platted and annexed to the Benton townsite. The next thing we know Jimmy Arnoux will have his Highwood ranch annexed.
 The *Miner* says that an examination of the books of Judge O'Meara, who suicided Sunday morning, disclosed the fact that during the entire year of 1882 only two cases tried in his court had been recorded on the docket, although cases were tried before him almost every day.
 There are fourteen prisoners in jail now, eight of whom are held in durance vile awaiting the session of the district court. The latter are: Wm. McCowan, charged with murder; Mike Lynch, assault with attempt to kill; Frank Labee, Thos. Bryant and four Indians, horse stealing.
 During their recent session the commissioners visited the jail and found everything in first-class order. They ascertained just what irons are lacking to complete the cages and corridors, and during his trip east Mr. Wetzel will secure the same, and have them shipped up the river.
 A Miles City man opened correspondence with a woman in the east with a view of matrimony. Arrangements were finally consummated and he sent her \$300 to come west on. She came, but she hadn't been twenty-four hours in Miles City before she married some other fellow.
 The *Livingstone Tribune* furnishes the following piece of startling news: Six hunters, writes Ben R. DeVoe, froze all in a bunch between Miles City and the Missouri river on last Monday night. Their mules were also found frozen to death. During the storm they cut up and burned their wagons for fuel. They belong to Dillon's outfit.
 Attention is called to the change in Ganz & Klein's ad. in this issue. This firm announce a big reduction in the price of their clothing, as they desire to make room for the immense stock which Mr. Kohlberg, who is now in the east, will start coming on the first boats. This firm is one of the most reliable in the territory, and our readers can depend on it that they will do what they say.

The annual election of municipal officers for Virginia City was held last Monday, and resulted in the election of S. R. Buford, Mayor; Thos. Deyarmon and George Thexton, Aldermen in the first ward; J. H. Baker and J. M. Herndon, Aldermen in the second ward; J. B. Lowman and Stephen Edmund, Aldermen in the third ward.
 The Bar association, or probably the committees appointed, have from one to half a dozen meetings every day. The reports will be fulminated Monday night. The committee on fees will fix the minimum rates in the different cases, and it will be "unprofessional" to accept a smaller fee, entirely professional to bleed a client for as much more as possible—even if they take all he has and run him in debt.
 The Helena coach which got in yesterday morning was from supper to breakfast time in making thirteen miles over the Birdtail divide. The drivers on the road regard it as a good joke on their superintendent, Mr. Powers, who handled the lines on the drive. But the passengers tell us it was a human impossibility to keep the road in the midst of the blinding snow storm, accompanied by a brisk wind, with which he had to contend.
 Jack Brown's people—the Gros Ventres—went back on him the other day, and hence those scratches on his genial countenance. It seems that he got to ordering four or five bucks around rather promiscuously, and probably resorted to force to insure prompt obedience, when the copper-colored citizens turned on him and threw him over a cut bank down into Beaver creek, about fifty feet. Jack may deny this story, but Tuck Lambert tells it on him, and makes it even worse than we have.
 Last week three Chinamen from Horse Plains came to Missoula hunting two of their countrymen who are charged with murdering the paymaster and dangerously wounding a member of the Wing Sing company. It is supposed the paymaster (who was a Chinamen) was robbed of some \$3,000, but the pursuing party gave no information concerning the amount. The murder was committed on the 29th of January. The company offers a reward of \$400 for the murderers.
 We are pleased to welcome Mr. M. C. Travers to the ranks of Benton business men, Mr. T. having just become one of the lessees, with Messrs. Spitzley & Todd, of the finest hotel in Montana, the Grand Union. Mr. Travers is a most pleasant gentleman, and has hosts of friends throughout the territory, not a few of whom are in Benton. He has been for some time clerk to Major Blaine, U. S. Paymaster, and in his official capacity has visited almost every town in Montana, and he is just such a genial gentleman as will make friends wherever he goes. It seems to us that nature endowed him especially to be a landlord, and the RIVER PRESS believes he will make a most popular one.
 From Sunday's Daily.
 John Maguire, the monologue, is at Bismarck.
 Phil. H. Whaley, of Hughesville, arrived in the city yesterday.
 The infant child of William Copesticks died yesterday, and will be buried to-day at 10 o'clock.
 During Mr. Chambers' absence east M. J. Keith will fill his place at F. C. Roosevelt & Co.'s.
 One of the drivers of the Benton Southern coach was lost for three days recently, between Ubet and Philbrook.
 Mr. Richardson, H. J. Wackerlin's book-keeper, will bring his family to Benton as soon as the boats begin business.
 Among the arrivals at Billings on the 10th we notice the names of Mrs. Jacob Severance, Oka, and Mr. A. McGregor, Martinsdale.
 "Broncho" is the name of the postoffice to be established at George Hyde's ranch on Froze-to-Death creek, a tributary of the Yellowstone.
 "Micky, the Mike" was sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the county jail yesterday, for indulging in a little funny business with an ugly looking knife the day before.
 Some heartless wretch caught two cats, tied them by their tails, and flung them into the cellar of a church. The residents of the vicinity heard the noise the animals made, but thought it was the choir rehearsing.
 Our county fathers will expend between six and eight thousand dollars on the roads leading to Benton this year. They have a fund of this size and propose to apply the money where it will do the most good. Correct.
 Bismarck *Tribune*: And now Montana is trying to get into the union. By all means let her in. Next to being one of the "grand sisterhood" herself, Dakota knows nothing more agreeable to her feeling than to be sandwitched in between two of the sisters.

It was announced in the territorial council a few days ago, that a company is organizing for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Miles City to Fort Assinaboine and the British Possessions, and another from Miles City to Deadwood.—*Miles City Press*.
 Capt. Woolfolk, who went to St. Louis to see if there would be any sale in the spring for the two transfer boats belonging to the railroad company, has returned. He finds they can be sold to good advantage, and will therefore take them down as soon as the river breaks.—*Bismarck Tribune*.
 We are pleased to report that Mr. Jos. S. Hill and family have at last got started from Sun River and are now en route to the sunny south. If they continue to make as rapid progress as they have thus far, we may confidently expect to hear of their arrival at Charleston, S. C., by the Fourth of July.
 A recent order from General Terry's headquarters announces that Second Lieut. J. F. Bell, 7th cavalry, Fort Buford, after leave of absence has returned as far as St. Paul, and will conduct all the recruits and casuals now at Snelling to Fort Buford, they having been assigned to that post and Forts Custer and Keogh.
 A general knock down occurred in the court house at Glendive, on Thursday. The judge of the probate court and a young attorney by the name of Trumbull, recently from Mandan, were the belligerents. The difficulty arose over a point of law, in a case that was being tried before his honor. The judge came out best, but now has one of his fingers shingled. He says the dignity of the court must be protected.
 Says a Miles City dispatch: Already several car loads of dressed beef and dressed sheep have been slaughtered here and shipped in refrigerator cars. A stock company is also organized who will, in the spring, build large slaughter houses here, and go into the business on a large scale. It is claimed that this way of shipping meat to market is 20 per cent. more profitable to stock men than shipping cattle on hoof.
 Superintendent Conger of the National park has been instructed by Secretary Teller to prevent the killing, wounding or capturing at any time in the park of the following list of animals and birds: Buffalo, bison, moose, elk, white tailed or black tailed deer, mountain sheep, Rocky mountain goat, antelope, beaver, otter, martin, fisher, grouse, prairie chicken, pheasant, wild goose, duck, robin, meadow lark, thrush, gold-finch, flicker or yellow-hammer, blackbird, oriole, jay, snowbird, or any of the small birds commonly known as singing birds.
 In a lengthy article on the Musselshell, the *Billings Herald* says: "Paris Gibson, one of the leading wool growers of the territory, has described this region as being better adapted for sheep farming than any country he has ever seen. In a few years the Musselshell ranges will support immense flocks of sheep, while the ranches along the river bottom will produce crops sufficient for the sustenance of the settlers, with, perhaps, a certain amount of grain to supplement the vast exports of mutton and wool.
 From Tuesday's Daily.
 Billy Claggett was in Deer Lodge last week.
 H. P. Rolfe reports that investment in ranch property about Benton is pretty lively just now.
 Col. J. J. Donnelly took his departure for Barker yesterday morning to give legal support to the "jumpers" of the Silver Belle.
 Griffith & Caldwell commence work on the boom to-day with a full force of men. They will have six or eight teams hauling rock, and expect to make rapid progress with the work.
 James DeWolf is making arrangements to open up a brick yard back of the butte, on J. J. Kennedy's ground. The work of manufacturing brick will begin as soon as possible. Mr. DeWolf has already contracted to make 400,000 for W. S. Stocking.
 W. S. Wetzel, John W. Power and E. G. Maclay took their departure for Helena on the coach yesterday morning. Messrs. Wetzel and Power are en route east to make their purchases for 1883, and Mr. Maclay's journey will end at the capital, where he will remain a week on business.
 The following item from a San Francisco paper is believed to refer to a former resident of Helena: "Wes. Travis, an old Nevadan and Sheriff of Lincoln county during the palmy days of Pioche, was brought in from Gold Camp, Arizona, a few days since, adjudged insane, and sent to Stockton.
 Stuart, the new town in the Deer Lodge valley, is to be made an important town on the Utah & Northern railroad. The company has ordered the construction of a commodious depot, a water tank, stock yards and freight and

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telegraph offices, which will be erected forthwith, and the little burg promises to become, next to Deer Lodge, the most important point in the valley."

Phil. Gibson returned Sunday evening from Belt creek, and brings the report that the sheep in that section are in fine condition and that no losses whatever have occurred. Phil. brought in quite a trophy in the way of the hide of a huge mountain lion, killed last week by Sanford Allen, manager of the Belt creek sheep company. His lionship was making way with a nice thoroughbred ram when Mr. Allen spied him and one shot from his trusty rifle brought the animal to the ground and released his victim. The skin measures over six feet "from tip to tip," and Mr. Gibson proposes to have it preserved as a relic.
 W. S. Stocking informs us that he will begin the erection of his two-story brick business house, on Front street, adjoining the Masonic temple, just as soon as the season permits. The lower room will be suitable for business purposes, and the second story will be converted into a hall, adapted for shows, concerts, dances, etc., and it will certainly "fill a long felt want" in Benton. The hall will be provided with stage, seats, and other essential belongings, and after its completion Benton can offer some inducements for theatrical parties to pay us a visit. On Saturday last Mr. Stocking let the contract for the brick for his building to Jas. DeWolf, and the other material necessary will be on the ground as soon as the building season begins.

It looks very much as if the criminal expenses of the county were piling up at a rapid rate. The jail is full nearly all the time, and a few, at least, of its inmates are parties who are rejoiced to get three square meals a day at the county's expense, and a comfortable place to put up at. You couldn't please Peg Leg better than to send him up for thirty days—unless you made the term even longer. We would respectfully suggest that some other punishment should be meted out to these professional dead beats, a punishment that will not please them as well as a month's board and lodging at the jail. If these fellows must be provided for, it would be a good deal cheaper to pay their board at a first-class hotel. The interest of the taxpayer should be considered in the premises.

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