

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily. Al. Lester and Martin Gallagher returned to Barker yesterday. The gross receipts of the Firemen's ball in Helena on the 27th were \$600. There is a good deal more snow in the Dearborn country than around Benton.

Jas. Ryan has purchased Henry Fitzpatrick's ranch on the Marias. Consideration, \$600. The wind is now from the chinook quarter, and the storm may be considered at an end.

After the first of April the Helena and Butte papers will receive the full associated press dispatches.

A lodge of the Knights of Ancient Masonry is to be organized in Helena within a week or two.

The indebtedness of Beaverhead county is 26,263.24, a reduction of \$11,116.98 since last March. A good record.

Jim Whitlatch, an old Montana prospector and well known to many of our citizens, is in Butte, and will visit Helena.

The grand jury of Madison county has resolved in favor of Judge Conger, and asks a revocation of the order by the president suspending the judge.

We are told that Theo. Gibson has become quite an expert as a piano tuner during his recent sojourn in Minneapolis. Theo. put in shape the piano used at the travesty.

School closed yesterday until Monday week, it being the end of the second term of the school year. Both teachers and scholars will enjoy a needed vacation next week.

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The Masons, Knights of Pythias and United Workmen purchased their organ yesterday and placed it in their hall. The investment is a fine one, and was secured of Murphy, Maclay & Co. Among the Masons there seems to be quite a spirit of rivalry as to who shall be organist, and we understand the chances are now about even between Jack Hezakiah and Jim Werrick.

We are told that a new disease has broken out among the horses on some of the ranges along the Helena road, and that several of them belonging to Mr. Stickney have died. We are not informed of the name of the disease, but are told that the cords of the neck become rigid, and that the animals cannot lower their heads; that food and water has to be raised so that they can partake thereof.

We learn from Messrs. Weatherwax, Gibson and Collins, who have just returned from the Marias, that no depredations by the Indians, further than reported, were heard of, except that about 150 horses were stolen from the Piegans on Birch creek. The report as to the loss of horses by Mr. Abbott and others, of Willow Rounds, is an error, as the Crees, happily, gave them the go by.

In answer to a circular sent out from Washington to ascertain the intended action of manufacturers of tobacco goods with reference to reductions to correspond with tax changes wrought by the internal revenue law, sixteen reply that they will reduce to the extent of the lessened tax. This will amount to \$3 per 1,000 on cigars, \$1.25 per 1,000 on cigarettes, and 8 cents per pound on manufactured tobacco and snuff. This is an item that interests the consumers of the "weed" and the trade generally.

Paris Gibson, T. E. Collins and J. D. Weatherwax returned yesterday from a journey up the Marias. The weather was pleasant when they started, but on the third day the worst storm of the season set in and rendered the remainder of the trip very disagreeable. They were upon the road every day but one during the storm, and did not get lost either. This is accounted for by the fact that Mr. Weatherwax was on his "native heath," and his thorough familiarity with the country enabled them to go anywhere, even in such a storm, with perfect safety. They report the snow a foot deep on the level, and all the way in had to make the first track. As to the country—well, they are not able to report. There was too much snow on it.

From Sunday's Daily. James M. Giroux, of Highwood, is registered at the Grand Union.

J. C. Eothine and H. G. McIntire returned from Helena this morning.

J. P. Ford, of Ford Bros., Sun River, came in on the coach this morning, and will remain several days.

Mike Lynch has launched his ferry boat, which made a trial trip yesterday. It will run regularly hereafter.

County Commissioner Arnoux arrived from Highwood last evening. He was an interested looker-on at the convention last night.

The memorial passed by the last legislature, asking that the appropriations be increased for surveys, was received too late to be acted upon.

Wm. Weber, Deer Lodge, and D. W. Marsh, Helena, were among the arrivals on the Helena coach this morning. They are at the Grand Union.

Wetzel's force was busy yesterday putting up goods for J. D. Weatherwax's store at Utica. They will be started for their destination as soon as the roads are passable.

Attention is respectfully called to the report of the condition of the First National Bank of Fort Benton, which appears in another column. The figures

continue to grow in proportions every quarter, showing that the bank is constantly extending its business and influence. The First National of the city of Fort Benton ranks among the leading moneyed institutions of the territory.

Benton real estate has been quite active of late. One ranchman who came into town yesterday had a quarter section of adobe land on one foot, and a desert land claim on the other.

Leave of absence for one month, with permission to apply through division headquarters for an extension of five months, has been granted Capt. M. E. O'Brien, Second cavalry, Fort Assinaboine.

Henry Forhman, the murderer of Jacob Kench, at Helena, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Wade, to be hanged on the 2d day of May, the jury having found him guilty and imposed the death penalty.

We saw last evening a front view of the proposed new Choteau house, and if it is to be anything like the drawing it will certainly be a magnificent building. The house, we understand, will certainly be erected this season.

Mr. William Schofield recently sold to John Giesie, of the Judith Basin, a freighting outfit consisting of two nine yoke teams of bulls with wagons, etc. The cattle are in the Basin. Mr. Schofield has a good sized train left, however.

Gen. Sherman will leave Washington about the 20th of June, on his journey across the continent, the last tour he will make as general of the army. His party will consist of Chief Justice Waite and Justice Gray of the supreme court, and Gen. Tidball and Col. Bacon of his staff. They will go by railway to St. Paul, and thence to Fort Ellis, where they will be provided with an escort and outfit for the overland journey. Gen. Sherman intends to keep near the northern boundary of the United States most of the way, crossing into British Columbia some distance this side of Puget Sound, where the overland journey will end. From Ellis he will probably go to Maginnis, and from thence to Assinaboine, so that our new mayor, whoever he may be, will probably have the honor of receiving the general of the army about the 4th of July.

From Tuesday's Daily. Chas. Boyle, of Highwood, is in the city.

J. H. Emery left for Martinsdale yesterday.

The Bozeman charter was adopted by a vote of 123 to 18.

Gov. Crosby will pay our city a visit before many weeks.

W. G. Jones commenced work on Stocking's new building yesterday.

The Knights of Pythias of Benton are taking steps to institute a Uniform Division.

A man named Armstrong was dangerously shot by a fellow ranchman named Kennedy, near Mammoth Hot Springs, recently.

H. D. Burghardt, manager of the Clendenin Mining & Smelting company, takes his departure for Barker this morning.

Murphy, Maclay & Co., send out another load of merchandise to-day for Phil. A. Manix, the new merchant of Florence.

W. H. Babcock brought in a load of lumber from mill of the Clendenin Lumber company, near Utica. It was consigned to Murphy, Maclay & Co.

Charley Peterson and D. J. Price left for Castner's yesterday to take invoice of stock and make other preparations for embarking in business at that point.

F. M. Wilson, of the Herald, returned to the capital on yesterday's coach. Frank added largely to his list of Benton friends during his sojourn among us.

Joe Dapper, of Barker, is in town again. He reports that the camp is picking up fast, and with everybody else he expects lively times this summer.

The verdict of the jury at the inquest on the murder of Irving Hunter, was that the deceased was killed by George A. Lowe and Nathan Lay. The men are still in jail.

Notwithstanding the bad weather, and worse roads, Benton merchants were generally busy yesterday putting up goods. Orders are coming in freely from the tributary country.

At the auction sale yesterday F. C. Alderman purchased the Austin ranch for \$1,325; J. D. Weatherwax the Preston property for \$465, and Billy Rowe the two Preston lots for \$175.

To-morrow the Walker Opera House company leave for an extended trip through Idaho and Montana, where they have every assurance of a profitable theatrical season.—Salt Lake Tribune 23.

Mr. Wm. Williams bought, this week, of Hempstead & Boyle, Race Track, for Paris Gibson, Esq., there band of about 2,000 sheep. They will be kept in this valley until after shorn.—New North-West.

The freight tariff on goods from St. Paul to Eismarck is almost as great as from New York city to St. Paul, four or five times as far over several different lines. Evidently the N. P. folks believe in charging.

The city election yesterday passed off quietly, and resulted in the return of the entire ticket published in our Sunday morning issue. The city of Fort Benton has certainly a good set of officials to start off with.

Information is wanted of Chas. C. Beaver, supposed to be a resident of Montana. Any one knowing of said Beaver will confer a great favor by writing to his brother, Orrin M. Beaver, Watervliet, Albany county, New York.

Sam Kohlberg returned to Benton Sunday, and was warmly greeted by his many friends. Sam says he was right glad to get back. He didn't realize until

he was away awhile that Benton is about as good a place to live, move and have one's being as the universe affords.

The sheep men of Custer county have organized a wool association similar to that formed at Benton some months ago. The officers are: Perkins Russell, president; Addison Meyers, vice-president; Geo. A. Miles, secretary; W. C. Graham, treasurer.

Mr. W. H. Babcock, one of the prominent wool growers of the Judith Basin, is in the city purchasing supplies. Mr. Babcock reports that the Basin is filling up with settlers, and he expects a large immigration this summer. In fact he is just the least enthusiastic about the Judith country, which will be evident by his prediction that there will be a daily paper published at Utica, or thereabouts, before three years.

Sam Kohlberg came over the new and direct road from Billings to Benton. He says that the new road between Billings and the Gap is almost as level as the floor, and that the stage can make splendid time on it. In fact the entire road from Benton to Billings is the best for its length in Montana, and when daily service with good stock, fine Concord coaches, etc., are put on, passengers will be whirled from the metropolis of the upper Missouri to the magic city of the plains in two days or less. And this will come to pass before three months.

The contract for furnishing government supplies for the Northwest territory was let some time since to I. G. Baker & Co., of this city. Mayor Conrad informed our reporter yesterday that it was not fully decided as yet whether the shipments would be made by way of Benton or the C. P. railroad to the terminus. He said he would much prefer that the supplies for Forts Macleod and Calgary should be shipped this way, and that they would be unless the Canadian Pacific folks offered them rare inducements.

D. G. Browne sent a portion of the bullion received from the new smelter at Barker, to the U. S. Assay office at Helena to be assayed, and received returns yesterday which are highly gratifying to everybody interested. It was supposed that the bullion would run about \$300, but it proves to be twice as valuable as the boys had it put up. The exact value of the bullion as reported by Assayer Harrison, is 574.57 ounces of silver to the ton, with a trace of gold. This is "away up," and nothing more reassuring should be required to stiffen the backbones of the owners and promoters of the new smelter. If they can turn out a goodly quantity of that kind of bullion there is a fortune in store for them. The bullion from which the assay was made was run from May & Edna ore.

Our Governor's View of it. WASHINGTON, March 22.—The governor of Montana sent the following dispatch to the postoffice department to-day: The vigilantes at Greenhorn, Mont., have removed the democratic postmaster by hanging. Government fuel must be scarce, as he was caught barn-burning. The office is now vacant. The sureties have been notified to take charge of the office.

At the last state ball at St. Petersburg the Empress honored a young officer by allowing him to waltz with her. The gentleman was reputed a famous dancer, but on this occasion his skill seems to have deserted him. The Empress and he fell heavily to the floor. The Emperor ran across the room and anxiously inquired if she was hurt. The Empress replied that she had not suffered, but took the arm of her husband and went to a retiring room. Meanwhile the chagrin of the unhappy officer was visible to all the guests. When the Empress returned and saw the distress of her late partner, she insisted on his dancing a waltz with her. This time there was no accident, and the unlucky incident was forgotten in the gracious kindness of the popular Czarina.

"I shall not feel so nervous again about baby's teething," writes a grateful mother. "We almost lost our darling from cholera infantum, but happily heard of Parker's Ginger Tonic in time. A few spoonfuls soon cured baby, and an occasional dose keeps us in good health."—Brooklyn mother.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank AT FORT BENTON, IN THE TERRITORY OF MONTANA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 13, 1888.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts \$159,601 27, Overdrafts 11,937 56, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 100,000, Other stocks, bonds and mortgages 3,574 27, Due from approved reserve agents 24,281 86, Due from other National Banks 2,261 67, Due from State Banks and Bankers 12,670 04, Real estate, furniture and fixtures 7,746 65, Current expenses and taxes paid 2,729 72, Premiums paid 1,220 00, Checks and other cash items 1,357 06, Bills of other banks 2,264 00, Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies 6 55, Specie 4,715 00, Legal tender notes 5,000 00, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation) 3,700 00, Total \$820,821 65. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in \$100,000 00, Surplus Fund 40,000 00, Undivided profits 8,037 71, National Bank notes outstanding 20,000 01, Demand certificates of deposit 54,761 96, Cashier's checks outstanding 1,043 98, Bills payable 10,000 00, Total \$250,851 65.

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, } SS. I, E. G. Maclay, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. G. MACLAY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 1888. HORACE R. BUCK, Notary Public. Correct Attest. W. G. CONRAD, JOHN HENNINGSEN, } Directors. R. A. LUKER.

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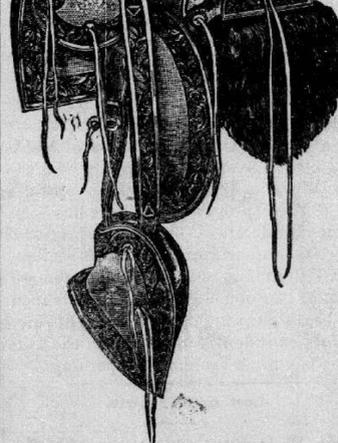
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