

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.
At present there are but two patients in the county hospital—less than for many months.

John H. Evans, who has been quite ill during the past two weeks, has almost entirely recovered from his illness.

Lieut. Col. Harvey Brown, at one time commander at Fort Assinaboine, died recently at his home in Philadelphia.

A RIVER PRESS reporter recently "caught onto" a case of extensive cattle stealing, but the facts are not yet ripe for publication.

Miss Mary Finnigan has so far recovered that she is about the house again, and expects to attend to her duties as teacher on Monday.

John Hackshaw has taken up a pre-emption and desert land claim on Whitlow creek. He will put a band of sheep on his ranch this coming summer.

P. Lebrain, who has for some time shown symptoms of insanity, has been confined in the county jail until such time as he can be sent to the asylum at Deer Lodge.

Henry Kleinschmidt, who had been paid up at the Grand Union the past two weeks—the result of a kick from a vicious horse—was around on crutches yesterday. He will soon be all O. K. again.

We are now forced to date the WEEKLY RIVER PRESS two weeks ahead, as it takes that long to fold and do up the immense number of copies we are now printing. This is a lie, but when we tell a lie we believe in telling a good one.

While a flock of wild ducks were flying over the river yesterday, four of them flew so low as to strike against Lynch's ferry cable, knocking them into the water, and disabling them so they could not rise and continue their flight.

This week's edition of the "splendid mentality" will be a very valuable one, and we have no doubt its readers in the country will be highly edified with reading six columns of the Benton charter, three columns of "The Egotist and the Ymirrers," two columns of "An Explanation" telling all about Senator Howe's nephew, two columns devoted to harness and saddles, two columns of Dr. DeFreye, Harper's publications and the Sun, all dead, and an entire page of brand advertisements the most of which have been dead over a year.

Mr. George Attwood, F. G. S., Associate Mem. Inst. C. E., F. C. S., etc., consulting Mining Engineer of Ulster Place London, was in Deer Lodge one day this week. He came through from London without stoppage on his way to Helena, to take charge of the Drum Lummon mine for the English company which has lately purchased that property. From our townsman, H. R. Whitehill, Esq., formerly State Miner-geologist of Nevada, an old acquaintance of Mr. Attwood's, we learn that Mr. A. has had great experience in mining matters in this country, having been superintendent of such mines as the Ophir, Central, Crown Point, Belcher and Julia on the Comstock lode from 1861 to 1869.—New North-West.

Gen. William Myers has been chief quartermaster of the department of Dakota nearly three years, having succeeded Gen. Charles H. Tompkins, assistant quartermaster general. Although comparatively a young man, he has been a great sufferer from rheumatic gout, especially during the past year, and for this reason has been anxious to retire from active service. He went east for treatment last September, and in his absence the office has been in charge of captain Charles Bird assistant quartermaster. Nothing is known as yet in regard to Gen. Meyer's successor in the department of Dakota. Gen. Meyer is an affable and efficient officer, and while stationed here made a host of friends who will greatly regret his departure. His retirement will result in promotion of Major M. I. Ludington to be lieutenant-colonel and deputy quartermaster general, and Capt Charles W. Foster to be major and quartermaster, vice Ludington, promoted. It will also create a vacancy in the list of captains in the quartermaster's department, which under the law can now be filled by an appointment from civil life.—Pioneer Press.

From Thursday's Daily.
The city of Fort Benton, if you please. The electric light has "petered out" in the city.

Sun River Lodge No. 14, A. O. U. W., gives a ball to-morrow evening.

Barker will be one of the liveliest during camps in the territory this year.

J. G. Dunlap, of Sun River, arrived last evening and is at the Grand Union.

Judge Galbraith will hold court at Benton the ensuing term instead of Judge Wade.

A boom in the Blackfoot broke last week, letting between 5,000 and 10,000 railroad ties go down stream.

Henry Wright informs us that he has more than 100 feet to go to complete the bunkin tunnel. He will get there before many days.

Freeman and the Inter Mountain company have compromised, Freeman to quit using the name and the company to dismiss their suit about the same.

Missoula voted on incorporation last week and adopted the charter by a vote of 53 for to 5 against—a total of 58 votes. It is even a lighter catch of ballots than was made in Benton yesterday.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Gillis, and children, of Butte, arrived on the coach last evening, en route to Barker, where they go to join their husbands. The ladies have had a disagreeable trip of it.

The trip from Benton to Billings can be made by stage in less than three days. The distance by the route now traveled is about 224 miles. It will not be many months until there is daily service on this line.

Mr. T. Lawrence and George Marden, of Minneapolis, arrived on the coach last evening and are at the Grand Union. Mr. Lawrence is a son of the superintendent of the Fort Benton Boom and Lumber company.

The track of the Northern Pacific is now three or four miles beyond Bozeman, and moving on towards Helena at a lively rate. The denizens of the capital will hear the whistle of the locomotive before the 4th of July.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Churchill, of Sun river valley, on the 24th inst., their first born. The mother and daughter are getting along nicely, and it is hardly necessary to add that O. H. is the proudest cattle king in the valley.

The RIVER PRESS is indebted to Gov. Crosby for a pamphlet containing the bills passed by the 13th legislative assembly of Montana, and which were returned with objections thereto by the executive, also the special message of the governor in reference to custer county affairs. The governor vetoed twelve bills, and for the most part his objections were well timed.

Ed. Dunne is kept as busy as he can be filling orders for seeds. He informs us that the demand for seeds of all kinds this spring is three times greater than ever before (such is the experience of T. C. Power & Bro., however) from which the inference can readily be drawn that there will be much more farming done in Choteau county this season than ever before. The unusual demand for farmers' implements also points to the same fact.

From Friday's Daily
The "splendid mentality" has got 'em again.

Dan Lombard returned from Maiden yesterday.

Mike Lynch is about ready to launch his ferry boat.

D. F. Wilson, of Ulidia, returned home yesterday.

Robt. Edgar arrived from Fort Maginnis yesterday, and is at the Grand Union.

Gus Shaffer, the Barker driver, brought his coach in on time yesterday, as usual.

Gov. Murray, of Utah, and Gen. McCook, commandant at Fort Douglas, are in Helena.

Gen. Meade is at Maiden and will probably remain some time superintending the erection of the mill for the Col-lar company.

J. A. Yore and family returned yesterday from the ranch. They had a pretty hard trip of it through the storm, but were not more than six or seven hours on the road. Good time for a distance of nearly forty miles.

William Mee received a letter yesterday from his brother Isaac, who is sojourning at Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. Mr. Mee reports that he is improving rapidly, and expects to be all right again before many weeks.

We understand that the committee of safety are seriously contemplating running Fred M. Wilson, of the Herald, out of town before he succeeds in raking in all the loose cash of our citizens for subscription to the leading paper of the territory.

O. B. Batten, late representative of Missoula county in the legislature, left for Portland on Monday. While Mr. Batten is expected back, it is not unlikely that he may conclude to make Portland his future abiding place.—Missoulian.

W. J. McCormick returned last week from a trip to his cattle range in the vicinity of Benton, and took in the head of navigation en route. He says Benton is a good town, with better buildings than Missoula, and about the same population.—Missoulian.

Clark, the Fort Assinaboine stage driver, is laid up at the Overland hotel, as the result of his last trip. He became "snow-blind" and had quite a rough time of it, and no ordinary tussle with a snow storm would make Clark surrender. He will be all right again in a day or two.

Orderly Sergeant George C. Diggs, concluded that five years in Uncle Samuel's service was all he wanted in his, hence was en route to-day to his old friends and home in Baltimore, carrying with him an honorable discharge. He has been stationed at Forts Benton and Shaw, in Montana.—Ogden Pilot.

The hard glove contest between Arthur and Cussick last night was a hotly contested battle, and a slugging match from the slying of the castor to the elevation of the sponge. The fight lasted twenty-seven minutes, in which fifteen rounds were fought and Cussick was declared the winner. Both men were severely punished, and at a late hour it was reported that Cussick had sustained very serious injuries.

Warren Evans, for the last six years connected with the quartermaster's department at Forts Ellis and Maginnis, arrived per ambulance from the latter post yesterday. Warren meets many friends here who were boys with him in Helena years ago, and the warm greeting they give him is certainly all he can wish and a sufficient evidence of a regard that has never grown cold. He will remain with us a few days and then go on to Helena to visit his parents, sister and brother. He had better come back by way of Benton if he don't want a first-class newspaper notice, signed by all of his friends here.

Up on the Cour d'Alenes, some giant trees are reported; and it is said California has a few trees that for size are hard to beat. Aaron Harpst, who has been cutting wood for a year or so past up Grant creek, tells of a tree in that neighborhood that is no spring sappling. It is a pitch pine, standing about one hundred and twenty or twenty-five feet high, and at a distance of five feet from the ground measures twenty-seven feet

and four inches in circumference—or about feet in diameter. In the same neighborhood there is a fallen tree nearly one-third longer, but only measuring seven and a half or eight feet in diameter. While these trees may not compare with the California champions, they are big enough to tie in an emergency.—Missoulian.

The Election.

The charter election Wednesday passed off very quietly, no great interest being taken one way or the other. Owing to the disagreeable weather, and the further fact that only those whose names appeared on the tax roll last year were entitled to cast a ballot, the vote was an exceedingly light one, not quite one hundred all told. The following was the result of the balloting: For the charter, 58; against the charter, 33—a majority of 25 in favor. Under more favorable circumstances a much heavier vote would have been cast, but this is sufficient to adopt the charter, and Fort Benton now takes her place among the cities of Montana.

Election of Aldermen.

At last. After many years of doubt and danger, Benton, by grace of the Montana legislature and a vote of the tax payers has become a city. In contemplating the dignities to which we have been suddenly elevated, the question of most serious importance is, who shall discharge the duties which our station now requires? In glancing over the history of the world from the founding of the Roman empire to this year of grace 1883, it is at once evident that the statesmen who have directed the destinies of various nations, have been remarkable for their great development of avoirdupois. Benton will do well in selecting her officers to follow the line of policy which the centuries of the past have invariably honored. Avoirdupois, we emphasize, is the great essential of successful statesmanship, and with the hope that our people will appreciate the suggestion, we take the liberty of nominating for aldermanic honors the following gentlemen:

- F. M. Eastman, Stephen Spitzley,
- W. H. Hunt, S. L. Kelly,
- E. R. Clingan, Jas. Matkin,
- G. P. Fish, J. E. Stevens.

We understand there is likewise a movement on the part of the lean men to capture the council, and that they will put forward the following candidates:

- O. W. Kelly, Rufus Payne,
- M. C. Travers, W. G. Conrad,
- Mr. Hodge, J. W. Dewey,
- John H. Green and "Anti-Fat."

The people can pay their money and take their choice.

Prof. Foss' Lecture.

CLENDENIN, March 24, '83.
Editors of the River Press:
Last night the second lecture of the Barker course was given by Prof. N. A. Foss, the subject being the Formation of Mineral Veins. The lecturer gave a short sketch of the creation of the earth and showed how fissures had been formed, and also gave the different theories as to how they might have been filled. Prof. Foss talked pleasantly for about one hour and a quarter. His lecture was illustrated by drawings and a few chemical experiments. Among other experiments the lecturer showed us was the artificial production of silver-glance, galena, cinnebar and other minerals. The attendance was rather small on account of the weather, only about twenty-eight being present, among whom were quite a sprinkling of the fair sex. The next lecture will be by Prof. Caldwell. R. P. I.

A Terrible Trip.

The Helena coach due Sunday afternoon did not arrive until Tuesday morning, nearly two days behind time, and the trip was without exception the toughest of the year. They did not reach Sun River Leavings until Sunday at 2 o'clock, and that night had to camp out near the Lakes. Monday night they stopped near 8-Mile springs, passing the third night in the coach, in the worst snow storm of the year. There were four passengers, viz: S. C. Edgerton, J. H. Emery, H. D. Burghardt and J. M. Marsh.

The Last Lie.

Years ago the eastern liars used to lay the scene of the fruits of their imagination in Texas or Colorado. Lately they have changed to Montana, and this is the latest:

Jake Roy was to be hanged by a Montana mob. He saw that the rope was thin, and would probably break if it was strained suddenly by his whole weight; so he climbed up the tree, after they had put the noose around his neck, and he dropped a distance of twelve feet. The rope parted, as he expected, but his spinal column was broken nevertheless, causing immediate death.

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