

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily
More races soon.

The Benton stables are "chock full." Isn't it about time to arrange for the fall races?

Business is better. The promise for a big fall trade is excellent.

The majority in Silver Bow county for the court house loan reached 800 or 1,000.

The White Sulphur Springs term of court will convene the first Monday in September.

Mr. Jonas Higgins arrived from White Sulphur Springs yesterday, and will remain in Benton a few days.

John Forgy, of Dry creek, Joe Kipp's partner, came up with W. S. Wetzel yesterday. He is after supplies for his post.

Jack Parnell will load at H. J. Wackerlin & Co.'s to-day with stoves and hardware for F. W. Reed & Co., of Clendenin.

Messrs. Donnelly, Buck, Cummings and McIntire will return to-day. They were at Sun River, en route home, day before yesterday.

The Clendenin lumbering company's teams brought in 30,000 feet of lumber yesterday. It was consigned to Murphy, Maclay & Co.

A letter received from Jos. S. Hill yesterday states that he is improving gradually, and an early return to Benton may soon be expected.

Our contemporary sobered up yesterday and presented a little better appearance. There was only a half a column of slush repeated last evening.

H. J. Wackerlin & Co.'s entire force were busy yesterday packing up goods for N. M. Erickson, who has charge of T. C. Power & Bro.'s business at Reedsfort.

Thos. D. Wright, formerly with the Advertiser, leaves to-morrow for a visit to the east, taking in New York and other attractive metropolises.—Bismarck Advertiser.

Anxious Enquirer—We can't say who is responsible for the "funny business" in our esteemed contemporary. We wouldn't care to lay ourselves liable by attributing it to any particular person.

Sidewalk building goes merrily on. To-day, we believe, the time expires for Front street, and walks that are not soon built will be constructed by the city and the costs charged up to the property owners.

The Helena left Bismarck about the 20th for up the river. She will exchange freight with the Black Hills, and the latter boat will come up the river as far as possible. This will most likely be the last trip of the Hills in the upper waters.

Messrs. Belcher and Perse, the Canadian Pacific representatives, took their departure yesterday morning for the upper country. They will first go to Sun River and then to Helena, returning to Sun River, from which point they will start north to Fort Macleod, and thence to Calgary. From Calgary they will return to Winnipeg and report the result of their observations.

Mr. W. A. Cameron will please accept the thanks of the RIVER PRESS for a fine lot of fruits presented this office yesterday. They were the best and freshest we have seen in Benton. Mr. Cameron ships his fruits directly from California, and the lot received Wednesday came through in six days. He will receive one or two shipments a week, and lovers of nice, fresh fruit will find it in abundance at Mr. C.'s stand.

Senators Logan, Dawes and Cameron, with the other gentlemen of their party, except Major Maginnis, went east on Saturday, after their return from the park, and will visit Standing Rock and Pine Ridge Indian agencies before going to the states. Senator Vest and Hon. Martin Maginnis will, after the arrival of the former, visit the Flathead reservation and that of the Piegans, Bloods and Gros Ventres.—Livingston Enterprise, 20th.

Rev. Mr. Mills made the following report of his charge to the conference at Butte: "Rev. Jacob Mills was called and reported his work at Benton and Sun River. A parsonage free from debt has been erected at Benton, and over \$2,000 on subscription and the work under way for the erection of a handsome brick church at Sun River. In Benton a society with over twenty members has been formed and a Sabbath school organized."

We suggest to the city fathers the importance of immediately attending to the street crossings, especially on the corners of Front and Bond and St. John streets. Some six-bit man will break a five thousand dollar leg one of these dark nights, which would knock a hole into the city treasury big enough to drive a ten-yoke ox team through. Come, gentlemen, the property owners are doing their duty well—putting down first class sidewalks—now do yours, and let us have good grade crossings.

O. S. Main, of Montana, cattle ranch owner, and his manager, Thos. G. McLennan, stayed last week at the Commercial, being on their way west. They have been east to see if they could arrange for freight on the C. P. R. They report our ranches as doing "tip-top." "Your country out there is a pretty good place for raising cattle or horses. The Fort Macleod district is equally as good as ranches in Montana. I wintered my herd close to Fort Macleod last winter. My herd is now at Medicine Hat, around which place the grass will well nourish them."—Regina Leader.

W. S. Wetzel returned yesterday from Claggett, where he had gone to meet the Rosebud and receive her cargo. He arrived at that place ahead of the boat and went down on the Black Hills to meet her, coming in sight of the Bud at Dauphin rapids, some twenty-five miles be-

low. The Rosebud arrived at Claggett Tuesday night, the 21st, with 60 tons of merchandise for Fort Benton. She unloaded that night and returned down the river next morning. Giesey's bull train was at Claggett in advance of the boat, and on Wednesday he cleaned up all the freight and pulled out for this city. This is the Rosebud's last trip for the season.

Messrs. Wren & Bumet report their mill at the head of the Teton nearly ready to commence sawing. A hundred settlers on the upper Teton are waiting for lumber from this mill to put their houses in shape for winter. Several weddings will be celebrated as soon as the young men can get the "cages" roofed in and ready for occupancy. This fine section of our country is directly west of Fort Benton, and extends to the base of the main range of the Rockies. It is the finest agricultural land in the territory, as well as the most beautiful. It extends from a point within fifteen miles of Benton to the mountains, a hundred miles away. Its trade is naturally tributary to Benton, and when the mines which are known to exist in the adjacent mountains are opened up and a home market created, the upper Teton will be second to no valley in Montana in natural advantages. Easy of access from the river and the cheap supply point in the territory to buy goods from, mines at its doors and an unlimited stock range on all sides, it is certainly a choice spot, destined to be the home of wealth and civilization that is fast crowding the savage from his last foothold.

We hope the firemen will throw no more water on the mortgaged bricks that shelter our town neighbor, unless in case of fire. The slight dose it received yesterday must have soaked through, and as water is an unknown element to the staff of that paper, the effect was most demoralizing, as was plainly evidenced by the state of its columns. On the editorial page were no less than thirteen items that appeared the night before, and in one case two of these stale paragraphs were run into each other. The local page was just as bad; containing a half column of old matter, commencing with the tail end of an article the head of which had got lost somewhere; even those few items that were new were badly mixed up, and one quarter column of slobbering stuff about a business house that would hardly thank them for "taffy" that is not needed wound up with a reference to "the following report" which does not appear anywhere. The first page gives evidence of general demoralization. We would advise Mr. Shepardson, for whom we have the kindest feelings, either to discharge his entire staff or keep water out of their reach. They are evidently not used to it.

From Sunday's Daily.
Don't throw away your gum boots.

Tom Martin, of the Big Sag, is in town.

Louis Riel arrived from Sun River yesterday.

J. Steinbach arrived on the Helena coach yesterday.

The election yesterday was an exceedingly quiet affair.

Geo. E. Huy, of Minneapolis, is at the Grand Union.

The brick work on the hospital will soon be completed.

John Power takes his departure for the east to-morrow.

Ford & Connell's train arrived from Fort Macleod yesterday.

Milner & Boardman came in from their ranch on the Shoukin yesterday.

A. M. Rowles loaded at T. C. Power & Bro.'s yesterday with merchandise for Sun River.

T. C. Power & Bro. sent out 10,000 pounds of freight to their store at Reedsfort yesterday.

Messrs. T. C. Power, L. H. Hershfield and A. J. Davidson will return to Helena on to-morrow's coach.

T. E. Collins and family will leave for White Sulphur Springs to-morrow to be gone three or four weeks.

D. G. Browne returned yesterday from the hay fields and reports the work progressing favorably on the Sandy.

The First National Bank of White Sulphur Springs will be ready to begin business about the 1st of November.

A large number of government horses and mules will be sold at public auction at Fort Assinaboine next Saturday, September 1st.

Mike Lynch has served his sentence in jail and has now a small amount of costs to "lay out." He will be at liberty in a few days.

The county will receive bids for furnishing wood and coal for the different offices up to September 1st. Only a few more days to put in bids.

Madame Cappiani was caught on the fly by a Bismarck Tribune reporter and interviewed about the great northwest. She gave a glowing picture of it.

Con Kohrs, one of the cattle kings of Deer Lodge, has bought a two-thirds interest in the Davis, Hauser & Co. herd. The price paid was \$266,000.—Independent.

The Montana-bred horse, Jocko, four years old, won the Baldwin stakes, the great four mile race of the Pacific slope, in 7:30, beating, among others, the celebrated Lucky B.

Kyle Price left for the Dearborn yesterday to receive a large band of steers purchased by I. G. Baker & Co. of Con Kohrs. He will drive them through to the Northwest territory.

Billy Rowe came in from his ranch last evening. Owing to the many improvements recently made he hardly knew he was in town and had to get a friend to help him locate the Overland.

Edmund Ingersoll, of the firm of Griffith & Ingersoll, left yesterday on

horseback for Billings. At the latter point he will dispose of his horse and go east for a visit among friends and relatives.

D. G. Browne's teams will arrive from the northwest territory to-day. They bring thirty tons of Whoop-up coal, for which \$20 a ton is already offered. This coal readily sells for from four to five dollars in advance of Montana coal.

County Clerk Murphy requests us to state that all bills against the county must be presented for auditing five days before the meeting of the board, or otherwise they will go over to the next session. Every one interested should make a note of the fact.

Dr. J. W. Culbertson, well known for his skill and success in the treatment of eye and ear troubles, will be at the Cosmopolitan hotel, Helena, September 3d, and remain during the fair. He also treats club foot, spinal disease, piles, fistula, catarrh, and inserts artificial eyes.

The Western Union lines have been completed to Cinnabar, Montana, fifty miles south of Livingston, on the Northern Pacific railroad, from which point messages to the Hot Springs hotel, Yellowstone park, will be delivered free by pony express. The president and party will be the first to use the line.

Messrs. Hershfield and Davidson, of Helena, two of the clear-headed, successful business men of the capital, both of whom are interested in this city, hold a very favorable opinion of Fort Benton and believe that our boom, which is to be a big one, is near at hand. They recognize the fact that several railroads are looking this way, and that it can not be very long until they come. When ground is broken for any of the projected branches the boom will begin, and there will be plenty of Helena capital invested in Benton dirt. We feel confident in saying that this boom period is not very far off.

From Tuesday's Daily.
A. W. Bower and wife of Stanford, arrived in the city yesterday.

L. H. Hershfield and A. J. Davidson took their departure for Helena yesterday morning.

Dr. F. Atkisson and W. J. Minar returned Sunday from their trip to the Belt creek country.

Read A. J. Davidson's "Great Reduction" local. It will be found especially interesting to stockmen.

Charley Green will leave for Fairbault, Minn., Thursday, where he will attend school the ensuing year.

J. H. Rice and Sol. Genzberger took their departure on the Helena coach yesterday morning, en route to the south fork of Sun river.

C. G. Griffith is busy these hot days making a plat of the proposed city of Great Falls. It will be a handsome piece of work when completed.

X. Biedler is still in the city, one of his horses having taken sick, and will probably take his departure for Maiden on Wednesday morning's coach.

Mr. Jonas Higgins, accompanied by Mrs. T. E. Collins and children, left yesterday morning by private conveyance for White Sulphur Springs.

George Wilber and John Zuterem got into an altercation at Gardiner, near the end of the Park branch of the N. P., when the former shot and killed the latter.

John Chinnick, who was shot at Miles city some weeks ago, died a few days since. He made a dying statement to the effect that he shot himself accidentally.

Messrs. Shull and Elston have taken up a good horse ranch near Philbrook and are now at work improving the same. They will drive in a band of mares this fall.

Frank Leslie depicts Arthur as he will appear on his return to Washington—clad in fringed buckskin and slouched hat, and laying with bowie-knife and six-shooter for the office seekers.

Pete Smith is constructing a large machinaw for Joe Kipp & Co., one that will carry 10,000 pounds of merchandise to their post. He is also building a big boat for Swain & Smith of Rocky Point.

The base ball fever has struck the fire laddies, and we understand that there is to be a game between the members of the hose company and a picked nine from the engine and hook and ladder companies.

Nearly all of the Sun river valley folks will picnic at the big falls of the Missouri Thursday. There will be nearly one hundred in the party, and that they will have a merry time does not admit of question.

Mr. S. Kaufman, of Canton, Ohio, and Chas. S. Roth arrived from the great falls of the Missouri yesterday. Mr. Kaufman is one of the purchasers of the falls property and is quite enthusiastic over his acquisition.

Henry Linenkohl will leave to-morrow for Sun river with John W. Power's flyers, the trotter and pacer. They will be kept in pasture a few weeks, under Bob Vaughn's watchful eye, until John returns from the east.

Benton comes to the front with a puglist. In a challenge published in another column Jerry Flowers expresses a firm desire to meet Waite or any other Montana exponent of the "manly art." Mr. Flowers has plenty of Benton backing.

We learn that Mayor W. G. Conrad and family will take their departure for the east, early next month, to spend the winter. They go, we believe, to the old home in Virginia, and it is probable that they will not return to reside permanently in Benton. This latter determination will be deeply regretted by their many friends.

The last fifty miles of track was put down on the Northern Pacific in less than twenty days, beating the time set by the engineer three days. Nine miles and three hundred feet of track was laid

on the finishing day before 3 o'clock, or at the rate of twelve or thirteen miles for a full day's work. This beats the Canadian Pacific all to pieces.

T. C. Power took his departure yesterday morning for home, by way of the Billings stage line and N. P. railroad. En route he will call on the executive of the Judith, Governor Brooks, at his Warm Springs creek ranch; make a short visit to Fort Maginnis; tarry awhile at Billings, and then speed home in time to take a hand in managing the territorial fair.

Messrs. Donnelly, Buck, Cummings, and McIntire returned Sunday from their excursion to the upper Teton country, and report having had a pleasant trip. They unite in pronouncing the upper Teton valley the most beautiful in Montana, and report that it is filling up with people very rapidly. The party returned by way of the falls of the Missouri and around by Belt creek and Highwood. Mr. Buck was taken quite ill the day before his return, and has been confined to his room since his arrival. He is improving, however, and will be all right again in a day or two.

Peter Macdonald has become the owner of the gavel which called the first legislature of Montana together, at Bannack, in 1883. It is made of a second hand wagon spoke and bears evidence of having done considerable service. The gavel was given Mr. Macdonald by J. G. Douglass, who came in possession of it as soon as the territory had become able to purchase a more fancy one. The relic is an interesting one and will some day become very valuable.—The Evening Print.

Since "Evil Eye No. 1" took in Clark Tingley's story about sending his (Tingley's) bull outfit to Edmonton for blankets and hardware, and got taken in by Mike Wilson on the new lead discovered at Barker, nothing equal to the above in the way of a "guy" has occurred in Benton. Shepardson, old boy, you are the victim of a cruel and heartless imposition, and if you don't take that historic "gavel" and rap somebody's head you are not the sort of a Leadville terror we take you to be.

Probably Bonded.

Dick Harley informs us that it was reported when he left the camp that Bell and Chamberlain had bonded the Montana Belle and an adjacent lead to Mr. Applegarth for \$75,000. He did not learn the terms of the bond and has only rumor for his authority for the statement given. We trust it is true.

Champion Hose Company.

The hose company met on Tuesday at the clerk's office and adopted a constitution and by-laws. The name decided on for the company is "Champion, No. 1." The following officers were elected: Foreman—J. F. Murphy. Asst. Foreman—Peter Macdonald. President—C. W. Merrill. Vice-President—Fred. W. Bucksen. Secretary—John C. Tutt. Treasurer—John H. Gamble. Trustees—Ed. Smith, Chas. W. Downing and Sam. Houston.

X. Got His Man.

X. Biedler returned from his excursion to the north last Saturday, having made the round trip to Fort Assinaboine and the Sandy hay fields in two days, returning with a prisoner. Some time ago two horses were stolen from G. W. Hunter, of Maiden, and Mr. Biedler, as deputy sheriff of Meagher county, undertook to run down the guilty parties. Billy Brown and a partner were known to be the thieves, and Billy Brown was traced by X. to the hay fields on the Sandy, where he was in the employ of the contractors as night herder, and was arrested early yesterday morning and then brought on to this city. He rested at the bastille last night. As the offense was committed in Meagher county, X. will take his prisoner through to Maiden at once, where he will have a preliminary hearing. The evidence against him is "straight," and his chances for taking a trip over the range are excellent. Mr. Biedler with his prisoner will leave for Maiden on the invaluable backboard this morning.

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