

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily.

Bill Blevins brought in the first load of watermelons of the season yesterday. They were fine ones.

Castner's train loaded at Murphy, Maclay & Co.'s yesterday for Peterson & Price, of Little Pittsburg.

The walls of the Grand Union barber shop are decorated with the ads. of our merchants. They make an attractive appearance.

McDevitt & Wright's teams arrived yesterday with a load of stone for the court house. They are from the Highwood quarry.

Capt. William Gould, who made such a good record on the Rosebud this season, is now in command of the government steamer Emily.

Lieut. Guy Carleton, of Fort Assinaboine, with detachment, arrived in the city yesterday and will go out to 28-mile springs to-day to meet the paymaster.

John Glass, an old citizen of Fort Benton, arrived from Deer Lodge on the Helena coach yesterday, and will remain a few weeks before starting on a visit east.

The time having elapsed in which to build sidewalks the city fathers must show their hand and see that the work is completed as the ordinance contemplates.

Jack Comegys was arrested yesterday by Constable Finnegan for driving his team on the sidewalk on Front street, after being requested two or three times not to do so. He settled the matter with Judge Spencer.

Trevanion Hale found a package of bills of lading on the Barker road yesterday, which are supposed to belong to Mr. Perron, whose teams left for Barker yesterday morning. The documents can be had at this office.

J. E. Stevens, one of the publishers of the RIVER PRESS, and now the reporter of that paper in Helena during fair week, has the enterprise to send his paper, by telegraph, a full column of each day's proceedings.—Herald.

The district court docket will be quite a respectable one this time, a large number of new cases having been commenced already. Yesterday a case was filed with District Clerk Spencer involving five or six thousand dollars.

We understand that a couple of our prominent and enterprising young men are about to start a steam laundry in this city. The details of the enterprise are not yet ready to be given to the public, and this general statement is all we can make just now.

Jake Wackerlin put the finishing touches to his galvanized iron boat yesterday. It is a daisy, and no mistake, being scarcely more than one-fourth the weight of a wooden boat of the same size. It skins over the waters of the Big Muddy like a thing of life.

Marshal Healy was around yesterday serving notices on property owners in regard to the building of brick flues, as provided by ordinance. This is a matter of the greatest importance and we believe the ordinance will be complied with readily and with pleasure by all.

Major Ed. Dunne, one of the school trustees, informed a RIVER PRESS reporter yesterday that action would be taken soon to relieve the teachers of the public school, who just now have more than their hands full. Another teacher will be secured, and probably a third room fitted up.

There is a general expression of regret on the part of the boys of the fire department that the engine house was not made two stories instead of one, thus giving them, on the second floor, an excellent fireman's hall. It would certainly be a nice arrangement, and the additional expense would not be very great.

Bob Bell, a colored man who has been in the employ of Billy Yard for some time, took, by mistake, a tablespoonful of croton oil night before last, and has been a terribly sick man since. It is a mystery to the physician that he has survived this long after taking such a quantity of croton oil. He appeared somewhat better at 10 o'clock last evening, and if he lives until this morning, can probably be brought through safely.

From Sunday's Daily.

Judge Tattan returned last evening from a visit to Belt creek.

Messrs. Stuart, Kelly, Early and Peterson, the Great Falls party, returned last evening.

The meeting of the White Sulphur Springs association has been postponed until the 10th.

Assessor Kennerly returned yesterday from the Highwood country, where he has been on an official visit.

Mrs. Samuels returned yesterday from Sun river, where she has been visiting friends for several days past.

The fire laddies made a grand display last evening, and it is evident that after a little practice the department will be a proficient one.

T. C. Power passed through town yesterday afternoon. He has several large schemes on hand, one of which will appear in our columns shortly.—Maiden Argus.

A letter received from John Lepley, who is at White Sulphur Springs, states that he is beginning to improve, and hopes to get around as lively as anybody in a short time.

Bell, the colored man who took an overdose of croton oil, has recovered from the effects of the same, and hereafter will probably be more careful in taking his medicine.

The blacksmith shop of Mr. E. J. Price, of Highwood, was burned to the ground the other day. The tools and entire contents of the shop were destroyed, entailing quite a loss on Mr. Price.

A telegram received from Helena yesterday announces that the land contest between Schneider and Mitchell resulted in a victory for the former.

The Husbandman says that on last Monday M. L. Lohmire left the Springs for the Montana district with a complete mining outfit to perform his contract with Messrs. Hauser, Holter & Co. to do \$1,000 worth of work on the Massachusetts lead, recently bonded by that company for \$15,000.

Mrs. T. E. Collins and family accompanied Mr. Higgins on his return from Benton last week. This is her first visit to the health resort for two years. She has many warm friends here who are extending to her a cordial welcome. She will spend several weeks visiting, berrying, fishing, etc.—Husbandman.

Although Choteau county's exhibit was collected in a day or two, and the idea of having such a show was not sprung until about three days before the fair, it seems to be the most attractive outside display at the fair and is receiving a good share of attention from the press and people. If the committee had had a week for preparation, an exhibit would have been made such as would astonish the natives of the upper country.

Good progress is being made in boring the artesian well, sixteen feet being bored yesterday. The first eight feet from the surface consisted of soil, and the next thirty-two feet of gravel. Below the gravel a soft slate was struck, which has been penetrated, so far, thirty feet. The slate is quite dry, and the contractor is able to bore it without putting down pipe through it. No trouble is experienced from surface water.—Billings Herald.

This experiment will be watched with interest throughout Montana and if a success it will result in an artesian well boom for this territory. The Billings people deserve a big share of credit for their enterprise.

The Herald has this to say in reference to Choteau county's exhibit: Were it not for a territorial fair of this kind, these distinguished visitors would not be able to judge of the great resources and capabilities of Choteau county without a view of its agricultural productions and minerals as displayed by the Choteau commissioners. The display puts this county in the front rank for agriculture. Its stock interests are already known as among the most valuable in the territory, and her minerals speak for themselves.

Yesterday closed the most successful fair ever held at Helena, both with regard to the merits of the exhibition and the attendance. We have no doubt it was a great success financially, and now that the capital can be reached by railroads these annual exhibitions will grow in importance and become in fact as well as name territorial fairs, where the several counties will be represented. Choteau county's exhibit last week was a creditable one, and attracted a good deal of attention. The good example set by our citizens is likely to be followed by all the counties hereafter.

Mr. O'Donald, of Little Missouri, who has been wearing the war belt, has at last "smoked the pipe of peace." A few days ago the report came that O'Donald and the Marquis were armed and watching one another closely. Later the report comes via Mandan that the Marquis invited his enemy to his own house which he refused. Afterward Baron Von Hoffman succeeded in touching the heart of the hardy hunter, and he yielded and met the Marquis and Marquis in friendship and parted in peace. Miles City Press.

A party of men is now at work putting a dam in the Shonkin for the purpose of turning that stream through the hole in the hill, otherwise known as the Shonkin tunnel. Henry Wright informs us that the dam will be completed and the water turned on the valley opposite town next week. There is now, when the water is as low as it ever gets, between 75 and 100 inches of water available in the creek, which is an assurance to the proprietors of the "hole" that their project can be made a grand success. By going to bed-rock a much larger stream of water can be secured, and it is proposed next year to utilize it in more than one way. Just now the water will be run over the valley to soften the ground for plowing this fall.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Phil Gibson is in town.

Robt. Blankenbaker has left for the round-up.

Jack Harris is buying supplies for the round-up.

The Independent says there were 5,000 people at the fair Friday.

Sisters Bertha and Mary Bernard left for Fort Assinaboine yesterday morning.

Ed. Dunne left for the Shonkin yesterday, to take a deserved vacation of a few days.

Ferd. Kaiser came in Sunday from his ranch on Cottonwood and went out again yesterday.

There are 100 tons of military freight for Fort Assinaboine at Bismarck awaiting shipment.

The Josephine is at Bismarck and is being touched up with a new coat of paint for the fall trade.

Messrs. E. F. Tuttle, G. W. Barrow and Ole Tharison, prominent cattle men of the Judith, are in the city.

J. H. Moe has arrived at White Sulphur springs to prepare for the opening of the First National Bank at that place.

Major Comegys, paymaster, with escort, arrived in the city Sunday and left for Fort Assinaboine yesterday morning.

The Rosebud passed Stevenson on the 1st. inst. destined for Poplar river. She is loaded with Indian supplies, having on board 1,500 sacks of flour for Berthold and 1,866 sacks of flour for Poplar river, besides annuities for both agencies.

Joe Cobell, of the Shonkin, finished threshing last Saturday. He secured 5,320 bushels of oats from 100 acres—a wonderful yield.

W. B. Settle and Geo. R. Choate left for Great Falls yesterday, and if there is any land in that vicinity not taken up they will catch onto it.

Dan Thomas and wife, of Wolf creek, arrived in the city yesterday and are at the Grand Union. They have brought in a sick child to receive medical treatment.

Frank Carly and a man named Kelly got into a fight at Muir city, at the Bozeman tunnel, Monday, when the former beat the other to death. Carey was captured at Livingston.

A passenger train on the Park branch jumped the track Wednesday morning and a portion of it went over a steep embankment. A few injuries resulted but no one was killed.

The Indian commission held a conference with the Flathead chiefs on the 7th inst. The latter said they did not wish to sell their lands or be removed from their present reservation. The commission will return to Helena early this week.

Joseph Scott, Royal Tously and George Bell, three hard cases, escaped from the penitentiary at Deer Lodge last Monday, and a reward of \$100 for the capture of any of the prisoners is offered. Scott was sentenced for life for the shooting of Maggie Scott at Butte three years ago. He lived in this city awhile and is well known here.

The steamer Emily arrived yesterday afternoon and is now tied up at the levee. The trip from the Marias here was a pretty hard one, but Capt. Bennett got her through in good shape. There have been boats in Fort Benton later than this, but it can be safely said that no boat has ever before been here when the river was as low as it is now—nearly three inches below low water mark.

HARD LUCK!

Godfrey Bros'. Horses Recovered and Stolen Again en Route Home.

The Young Man Captured by Sheriff McDevitt Identified as One of the Thieves, the Other Being Already Sent Up for Five Years.

Mr. Godfrey, of the Judith country, who has been in the saddle nearly a month, on the trail of sixteen head of fine horses which were stolen from his ranch, arrived in the city Saturday, but without the animals.

He proceeded north to Maple creek and thence to Medicine Hat, and succeeded in recovering his horses by the aid of the mounted police, and at the same time the two thieves who drove them off were taken in. One of them escaped from the guard and made his way south, being the same chap who was captured the other day by Sheriff McDevitt. The other, who gave his name as Henry Wilson (probably an alias), was at once tried for theft, convicted, and sent to Winnipeg for a term of five years, which is certainly a piece of swift justice.

Mr. Godfrey started home alone with his horses, happy in having got possession of them again. He progressed very nicely for several days, and last Tuesday night camped on Sage creek, this side of Fort Assinaboine. During the night, while he slept, his horses were again stolen, with the exception of his saddle animal, and he would probably have been set afoot had he not slept with the picket rope fastened to his hand. Since Wednesday morning he has been searching in every direction for the horses, or some clue as to the direction they had taken, but without any satisfactory result. He came to this city Friday to secure the assistance of the officers and to telegraph to various points in reference to the theft. Mr. Godfrey has already spent a month on this trip, and he does not propose to let them go now without making a vigorous effort to recover them.

Saturday Godfrey went to the jail to see Harris to ascertain whether or not they had captured the right man. The moment he laid eyes on Harris he pronounced him the same man that escaped from the guard at Medicine Hat and one of the thieves that got away with his horses. As the theft was committed in Meagher county Harris will doubtless be taken to White Sulphur Springs, and his prospects for an excursion to the beautiful city of Deer Lodge are extremely good.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Reuben Godfrey, of Godfrey Bros., came in yesterday with all of their horses, reported stolen a second time in our last issue. He found them a short distance beyond Fort Assinaboine, in charge of Broadwater & Co.'s herder, who claimed to have taken them from a party that was driving them north again. Jos. Godfrey, who arrived in town Saturday, was about starting "on the war path" again when he caught sight of the band being driven in by his brother, and he fairly jumped for joy upon sight of them. They will remain over to-day to attend the preliminary examination of Harris and will then leave for their ranch near the Judith Gap, without, we trust, any further trouble. Their horses are large, fine animals, and we do not wonder that they "camped on the trail" of the thieves as perseveringly as they did.

250 Horses for Sale.

The undersigned have 186 horses and 70 colts, all American stock, and most of the grown animals broke, that they will sell at reasonable prices in numbers to suit purchasers. Of the number are three fine stallions, well bred. One, a four year old, is Norman and Clyde stock; a two year old Mambrino, and a two year old Morgan. Horses can be seen at the Park stables.

CHRISMAN & PORTER.

A BOAT BOOM.

A Boom for the Missouri, Our Old Stand-by.

Capt. Jules J. Durage, engineer in charge of the work of improvement on the upper Missouri, arrived in the city Saturday and received a hearty welcome from his Fort Benton friends. Mr. Durage informed a RIVER PRESS reporter that the Emily is now at the mouth of the Marias, "and with two inches more of water," he said, "we could easily come to Fort Benton, as we would like to."

"Where are you working now?" inquired the reporter.

"At Kipp's rapids, building wing dams, and I think we are accomplishing first rate results. As the river is low this is the very best time to work, and we are taking advantage of it. I am pleased to say a considerable improvement is already shown, and a boat that can reach Clagett can come on to the Coal Banks just as readily. The channel between these points is now a fair one, even in low water."

"How long will it be until boats can come to Fort Benton when they can to Clagett?" asked the scribe.

"Not long. Our dredge boats will soon make a channel up here. I will have a dredge constructed this winter and get it up to Fort Benton just as early in the spring as possible. The boat will cost \$5,000 and that it will do good work in making a channel through the Shonkin and other bars that now impede navigation I have no doubt whatever."

"Will this work be permanent?"

"Certainly it will, as it is the intention to keep the boat right here and at work whenever her services are required to make the channel a good one for boats at any time in the season."

Capt. Durage is quite enthusiastic on the subject of upper Missouri navigation, and that he is doing a good work there can be no question. If Congress gives him a liberal appropriation this winter he will make it possible for steamboats to unload at the Fort Benton levee as late as November.

A Bear Story.

The bear and Lyons held a matinee down the Musselshell a few days since. There are acres and acres of ripening berries in this region, and berrying parties can usually roam over them unmolested, but on this occasion there was an accidental meeting, and a most thrilling scene followed. The particulars of the affair is as follows: George Lyons and wife, and Miss Orr mounted their horses and accompanied their team to the pole ground, bent on having a little sport far up the mountain side. The ladies proceeded to picking berries, and Mr. Lyons took his gun and strolled away in search of grouse. After the elapse of some time the ladies found themselves confronted by a large she bear and two cubs, not more than 20 paces distant. The ladies terrified, screamed aloud and started for their horses, but bruin was upon them in an instant and would have been winding her brawny arms around their delicate forms, but for the fact that the faithful canine which accompanied them set upon one of the cubs, which called the monster of the forest to its relief. The cub in safety once more, bruin was off for his fair game, but was intercepted by Mr. Lyons, who, hearing the screams, returned as fast as possible, coming between the ladies and the bear when only a few paces apart, and sent a ball through its heart, killing it instantly. The ladies in safety he then proceeded to dispatch the cubs. Bear and Lyons seldom meet, but when they do one or the other must succumb. This time the Lyons had the good fortune to come off victorious.—Husbandman.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Brondel will Visit Benton.

By a telegram received by Rev. Father Guidi, S. J., we are informed that Rt. Rev. I. B. Brondel, the first Catholic Bishop of Montana, will reach Benton by stage next Thursday afternoon. He will be accompanied by Rev. Father Cataldo, S. J., Superior General of the Jesuit Missions in the Rocky Mountains. The Bishop will hold divine services at the Catholic church next Sunday, and will administer confirmation.

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