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Rates for Transient Advertisements given at office.

THE emperor of the Mongolians has got his mad up, and unless fiery France backs down a little there will be war, sure. "So far thou canst go and no farther," is the Chinese ultimatum.

CANDIDATES for the various subordinate offices in the constitutional convention are already in the field. The subordinates do not have to work for glory alone, but receive the usual per diem. Fort Benton, we believe, is not troubled with any aspirants for the places at the disposal of the convention.

THE Herald and Independent are now indulging in a little discussion as to which paper has the larger circulation. Challenges and counter-challenges have been issued to determine the vexed question, but there is no danger of an acceptance. Both are good, and no doubt "widely circulated" journals, and neither will gain anything by trying to decry the other.

JUDGE WADE, in his opinion read in court this morning, effectually squelches the so-called printing law, rendered in the case of the Territory of Montana, ex rel. Robert E. Fisk et al. vs. Joseph P. Woolman, territorial auditor. The opinion in full text will be printed in the Herald to-morrow.—Herald.

This is something that should have been done long ago. When the decision comes to hand the subject will be worthy of more extended notice.

GENERAL ROSECRANZ believes in the bar'l. He has developed a grand scheme to organize the unterrified democracy into small groups and grand armies, with a grand collector for each division, who is to gather in the shekels at the rate of twenty cents a democratic head per annum. This brilliant scheme, he thinks, would raise a corruption fund great enough "to turn the rascals out," to quote the stereotyped phrase of the New York Sun.

It is said that sly Sammy Tilden has in prospect an extensive yachting trip to the Yosemite and other points. It is to be strictly a social affair, with a number of the fair sex as guests. This is probably a rumor akin to many others set afloat concerning Mr. Tilden, but we have no doubt he has in prospect—after March 4th, 1885—several pleasant excursions up and down the placid Potomac, the nearest stream to the white house. It is probable that Samuel lies awake o' nights thinking of the pleasures of this period, but his hopes, if he indulges in such, are likely to be blasted.

In discussing editorially the rumor regarding the sale of the Manitoba railroad—and it is simply a rumor—the Pioneer Press pays a high tribute of praise to President J. J. Hill and speaks as follows of the possibilities of the road and the great country (of which northern Montana is a part) which it is soon to invade: "There are to-day few railroad corporations in the country which can look the future in the face as confidently as can the Manitoba. Skillful as has been the financiering behind it, there is much more than that involved in its great prosperity. Genius cannot evolve a paying traffic out of a desert, nor brains maintain the price of stock permanently if business is wanting. The Manitoba is the commercial outlet of a vast fertile region whose resources are of the greatest, whose capacity for development has not yet been even measured, and whose requirements will tax for a generation to come the ability of the highest talent. It has now a field as profitable as that tributary to almost any road upon the continent. The limit of the possible extension of its system cannot be foreseen. With the completion of the lines now contemplated, and with the extension of the Dakota system to the boundary line and through the vast expanse of territory lying to the north of the line of the Northern Pacific, traffic will almost overwhelm its already crowded lines. And the possibility of still other ramifications and combinations is one that must be most alluring to the daring imagination that keeps pace with the imperial railroad projects of the age."

Horses for Sale.

Having purchased the Green band of horses, 75 head, and removed them to my ranch a mile and a half below Fort Benton, parties desiring saddle or work animals will find that I can readily supply their wants. Call and see me.
W. S. EVANS.

THANKSGIVING.

Of the national holidays only two can be classed from their origin as American. Those two are Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. Of these two it cannot be doubted that the former carries off the palm for its general popularity throughout the whole country. The reason for this is plain enough. It is, in fact, celebrating the anniversary of our birthday as a nation, and in this all lovers of their country will unite. Whether living in the north or south, east or west, all feel the same pride in giving Uncle Sam a proper send-off as he passes each recurring mile of his existence.

Thanksgiving, on the contrary, is a holiday of more local origin, but which has grown with time until its observance is measured by the extent of our republic. The proclamations of the president of the United States and the governors of each individual state and territory call upon all good and true citizens to give thanks for the good that has fallen to our lot in the past year, whether it be bounteous harvests, good health, or escape from disaster in any shape. The New England states, the birthplace of to-day's festival, are still the scene of its most sumptuous observance. As you drift away from there, either south or west, one will notice an increasing laxity in the long sermons delivered and the feast of good things provided for the proper observance of this last Thursday in November.

The early pilgrim fathers, on their first settlement of this country, had suffered dire disasters which were enough to appal the hearts of the stoutest. Disease, inclement winters, the hostile red men, and almost starvation from failure of crops had made them all faint-hearted. What wonder then that the harvesting of the first good crop of the products of the soil should be welcomed with an outburst of thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts for this much needed blessing, or that their offspring should still perpetuate the custom thus auspiciously established.

We as Montanians have cause for thanks, and can well afford to set apart one day out of the three hundred and sixty-five for the observance of this time-honored custom. The present year has witnessed the completion within our borders of the great transcontinental highway, which binds us with ribs of steel to the sister territories and states. Fields have yielded bountifully, and have been spared the ravages of flood and tempests. The flocks of sheep and herds of cattle have increased without the ravages of disease to diminish them. The business interests of our young, thriving communities have been in the main successful. No epidemic has spread among our increasing population.

Taking our general prosperity as a criterion if any section of the country has just cause for returning thanks for feasting and self-congratulations then Montana should have a joyous holiday on this Thanksgiving day.

Indian Civilization.

The following from a Montana exchange shows a move on the government in the right direction. This will tend to break the Indians of their nomadic habits, and in time will no doubt lead them to a pastoral and agricultural life. We hope that some steps of the same kind will be taken for our northern Indians: "George R. Milburn, special United States Indian agent, who is superintending the work of erecting 'Maschee-la-teepes' for the Crows, has already erected thirty-four buildings on the Little Horn river, and will build 18 more on the Big Horn, between now and the first of January. The buildings are built of hewn logs, covered with shingle roofs, contain panel doors and several windows and cost the government about \$135 each. The lumber for this purpose was bought at Miles City and Billings and was shipped by rail to Custer station, thence hauled by government teams to that favorite locality, which will be the future home of the Crows, and where they intend to engage in agricultural pursuits."

Meagher County Vote.

The following is the official report of the vote of Meagher county for delegates to the constitutional convention: District delegates—Power, R., 309; Hundley, D., 211.

County delegates—Haase, R., 291; Fergus, R., 289; Cook, R., 188; McClintock, D., 313; Gorham, D., 237; Tierney, D., 222.

This shows conclusively on which side of the political fence Meagher county will jump, at the next general election, as Mr. T. C. Power leads Mr. Hundley by a good majority, and two out of three of the county delegates are elected. Haase and Fergus are republicans.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

CLOTHING

We wish to inform our Customers and the general Public that our stock of

FALL and WINTER CLOTHING

FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN IS NOW COMPLETE.

WE ARE PREPARED TO SHOW YOU THE LARGEST STOCK IN STYLISH DRESS AND BUSINESS SUITS, OVERCOATS, ULSTERS AND ULSTERETTES IN THE MARKET, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH GREAT CARE, AND PERFECT FITTING GARMENTS ARE THEREFORE GUARANTEED.

Our Stock of Racoon, Buffalo, Lynx, and Wild Cat Overcoats is full and complete.

In Gloves, Mittens, Fur Caps, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Arctics, Snow Excluders, Monitors, Rubber Boots, Rubber and Oil Clothing, Wool Boots, German Socks, and Home-made Socks, we have a large assortment.

OUR STOCK OF GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS

Is very large and has been selected with special care; it embraces all the novelties of the season.

WE HAVE IN BLANKETS, QUILTS, LAP ROBES AND DUCK CLOTHING (LINED AND UNLINED) FULL AND COMPLETE LINES.

ALL OF THE ABOVE-NAMED GOODS HAVE BEEN MARKED LOW DOWN.

QUICK SALES AND SMALL PROFITS WILL WIN THESE HARD TIMES!!

Come and See us. Orders by mail or express will receive careful and prompt attention.

HIRSHBERG & NATHAN.

Front St., Fort Benton, M. T.

Living Witnesses.

The hundreds of hearty and healthy looking men, women and children that have been rescued from beds of sickness, pain and well-nigh death by Parker's Ginger Tonic are the best evidences in the world of its sterling merit and worth. You will find such in almost every community.

Annoyance Avoided.

Gray hairs are honorable, but their premature appearance is annoying. Parker's Hair Balsam prevents the annoyance by promptly restoring the youthful color.

Laffin & Hand Powder Co.

This company have established an agency for the sale of their powder in northern Montana at Fort Benton, where they will keep constantly on hand in their magazine a full supply of the celebrated orange, rifle and ducking powder; also a full stock of blasting powder. The agency will be in charge of H. J. Wackerlin & Co., who have built a large magazine for the storage of powder.

Notice.

Parties knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Harris & Rowe are requested to call at our office at once and settle, thereby saving further cost and trouble.
SETTLE & SETTLE.

Good Team and Wagon for Sale.

The undersigned has a good team, new Schuttler 3 1/2 wagon and a first class set of harness and collars, that he will sell CHEAP. Apply at once.
WILLIAM YARD.

For Sale.

A desirable building site, between the city hall and Baker & DeLorimier's. Apply to W. S. Wetzel.

Notice of Dissolution.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between J. C. Walker and Jno. B. Terhune, under the firm name of Walker & Terhune, is hereby dissolved.
J. C. WALKER.
JNO. B. TERHUNE.

Good Reading for Cow Boys.

The following letter from a number of the most prominent stockmen of the Judith basin speaks for itself, and is decidedly complimentary to Mr. Glassman:

JUDITH BASIN, M.T., July 20, 1883.
Mr. Wm. Glassman, Fort Benton:
DEAR SIR:—We, the undersigned cow men of the Judith basin, having used your saddles for the past year, find them far superior to all others for durability, workmanship, and for being the best cow saddles for general use.
Horace Brewster, Jesse Phelps,
Charles Brewster, David S. Phelps,
Perry Westfall, Ed. Olden,
James Howard, Ensign Sweet,
John Campbell, Sim Campbell,
Jim Smith, Wm. Rowe.

Dissolution Notice.

The co-partnership hitherto existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Myers, Buck & Co., is dissolved this date. Any member of the late firm will pay all liabilities and collect all bills due.
IRA MYERS,
D. W. BUCK,
M. CARROLL.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the partnership heretofore existing between William Yard and Frank Yard, under the firm name of Yard Bros., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, William Yard retiring. Frank Yard continues the business and will collect all debts and assume all liabilities of the late firm.
Fort Benton, M. T. WILLIAM YARD,
Nov. 19, 1883. FRANK YARD.

Fine Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office.

BAKER & DeLORIMIER,

MAIN STREET, FORT BENTON, M. T.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

DRY GOODS

NOTIONS,

Hosiery, Corsets, Gloves,

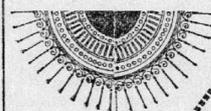
FANCY TOILET ARTICLES,

LADIES AND CHILDREN'S

SUITS AND SHOES

MILLINERY,

ETC., ETC., ETC.



DRY GOODS!

CARPETS,
CURTAINS
SHADES,
WALNUT and EBONY POLES
Adjustable Cornices, Stair Rods,
AND EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

House Furnishing Goods

Agents for all kinds of Sewing Machines.

LUMBER AND SHINGLES!

BIG CASINO MILLS,

Four Miles from Reedsfort, M. T.

SPLENDID TIMBER.

FIRST-CLASS MILL.

COMPETENT WORKMEN.

AND FAIR PRICES.

Full Stock Constantly on Hand. Dimension Stuff to Order.

W. H. WATSON.