

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Rev. C. S. Fackenthal returned from Fort Shaw yesterday.

R. L. Edwards, a Miles City druggist, has failed in business.

M. E. Milner, of the Shonkin, made a flying visit to town yesterday.

M. T. Marsh, of the firm of Massie & Marsh, Carroll, came up on the Helena.

Advices from Barker state that the smelter will start up again on the 10th inst.

Bacon, beer, and other articles that have been scarce in the market, are supplied by the Helena.

Sheriff McDevitt seems to have gotten away with both the hay and wood contracts at Fort Assinaboine.

The dance given by the Knights of Pythias at their hall Monday evening proved to be a very pleasant affair, there being a good attendance, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

J. D. Weatherwax's teams will load to day with merchandise for the Judith. He takes also a few thousand brick for Stanford and Utica.

The steamer Helena carries the electric light but it has not proved an eminent success this trip, and after a few experiments it was voted "no good."

John C. Tutt is entitled to the credit for booming the cannon yesterday upon the arrival of the Helena. He rustled the subscriptions to buy powder and helped fire her off.

Jacob Hoover, the Nimrod of the upper Judith, arrived in the city Monday with about 2,000 pounds of hides and skins, nearly all deer. It is almost safe to say that Jake slays more game annually than any other man in Montana.

J. W. Matkin arrived from Great Falls yesterday, his first visit to Fort Benton in a year. We are pleased to see him enjoying much better health than he has for some months past, and he informs us that he is steadily improving.

J. B. Stocking, of Michigan, a brother of W. S. Stocking, of this city, and his son; also Allen Nixon and wife, the former a nephew of Mr. Stocking, were among the arrivals on the Helena. They come to Montana to stay and to build up homes for themselves.

For the three months ending April 30 Territorial Treasurer Weston paid out \$3,351 as bounties (authorized by territorial statute) for the killing of wild animals. The animals for the killing of which these bounties were paid were 56 bears, 52 mountain lions, 2,143 timber wolves and 688 coyotes.

R. H. Mitchell, a practical and experienced man at sinking deep wells, has taken a contract to sink the Helena artesian well, started last year, to a depth of 1,500 feet unless a sufficient flow of water be found at a less depth. Work has already recommenced, and if there is any artesian water in that particular part of the globe in which the well is being sunk, Mitchell will find it out.—Independent.

A railroad from Bismarck north and west along the Missouri slope is one of the necessities of the near future. This region is fast filling up with settlers. The land is excellent for general farming, and the natural grasses afford fine pasturage. The winters are milder and spring comes earlier than in regions on the same lines of latitude further east. The beneficial influence of the chinook winds is felt even at this great distance from the Pacific coast.—Northwest.

From Thursday's Daily:

H. P. Rolfe returned from Great Falls yesterday.

S. A. Beachley arrived from Great Falls yesterday.

J. W. Matkin, mayor of Great Falls, returns to the "future great" to-day.

Dr. Fairfield of Minneapolis arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Grand Union.

The Bank of Montreal has closed its Portage branch and is opening one at Calgary.

J. C. Hammond, who runs the fast freight train to Barker, arrived in town yesterday.

C. A. Smith, C. S. Thornwait and A. E. Bryan, Helena, arrived on yesterday's coach.

Hosea Fisher and bride were at Billings on the 1st, en route to their home on Wolf creek.

Tom Coatsworth loaded his train at F. C. Power & Bro.'s yesterday with supplies for Belnap.

The bull trains of Ed. Smith and Mr. Giesey are en route to the city loaded with bullion from Barker.

Mike Lynch's new ferry boat is fast assuming form, and it will not be many days before it is launched.

A skiff tied up at Mike Lynch's ferry boat landing was stolen a few nights ago, and nothing has since been heard of it.

Norman Jones has just completed a neat frame residence for L. H. Rosenkrans on his Teton ranch, a few miles from the city.

Tom Morgan went down on the Helena yesterday to some lower river point. He took his horse along and will "cut across" the country to Stanford.

It is reliably reported that the smelter at Clendenin will close down at the conclusion of the next run, not to start up again under the present arrangements.

Gilmer & Salisbury have taken an outfit of stage stock to the Canadian northwest and will operate a line of stages over the Rocky mountains between the two ends of the Canadian Pacific track.

We regret to learn that Governor Crosby is quite ill, having been confined to his bed for some days past, with strong symptoms of pneumonia. On Monday he showed no evidences of improvement.

It is claimed that gold in paying quantities has been found on the Yellowstone, near Livingston. Several claims have been staked off and some excitement created over the alleged rich discoveries.

Mr. A. E. Bryan, who arrived from Helena yesterday, is an assayer, and has a complete assay outfit with him. He is en route to Neihart, where he will remain during the summer as aide-de-camp to B. C. Kingsbury, who has bonded the Queen of the Hills.

Some person, on mischief or maliciousness intent, cut the rope that held the Helena, left before last, and the boat drifted down stream a considerable distance before she could be checked and brought back to place. If the vandal should be found out it would not go easy with him.

In the trial of Black Wolf, the Cheyenne chief, and accessories, at Miles City, for the burning of Alderson's ranch, Black Wolf was found not guilty. Howling Wolf, White Bear and two others pleaded guilty. It is understood they did so to save others as guilty as themselves. Each will be sentenced to five years.

In the match trotting race last Saturday, mile heats, best 3 in 5, between Scott's Black Abraham and the gray mare entered by E. T. Nash, Scott's horse won the second, fourth and fifth heats 3:24, 3:23 and 3:24. The purse was \$200. The race drew a considerable assemblage to the race track.—New North-West.

R. J. Casey, of Medicine Hat, N. W. T., arrived from the north by private conveyance day before yesterday, and is at the Pacific hotel. Mr. Casey reports that the Hat is making a steady march in the way of progress, and that times have been reasonably lively there the past year. Mr. C. comes to Fort Benton to look after his cattle interests on the Shonkin range.

The county commissioners have authentic information that a case of small pox (the party coming from Phillipsburg) had developed at Anaconda. The patient was taken to a remote cabin and quarantined. Dr. Leiser has him in charge. It is not apprehended the disease will spread, as the case was almost incipient when discovered. Where did the case originate?—New North-West.

Col. V. Bausenwein, who was for years a leading spirit in the engineering department of the Northern Pacific, arrived in the city yesterday from Helena where he is now interested in the Helena & Fort Benton railroad. The Colonel has many friends in this city, his good nature and originality winning for him pleasant remembrances all along the line of the Northern Pacific.—Miles City Journal.

From Friday's Daily.

George Bert returned to Fort Benton yesterday after a sojourn of several months at Butte.

H. D. Burghardt arrived from Clendenin yesterday on business connected with the smelter.

Butte shipped bullion last week to the value of \$124,000. The best mining camp in the world continues to improve.

Miss Maud Waterman returned last evening from Helena, where she has been in attendance at the Helena classical school for several months.

The boom is now all ready to receive the timber when it comes down the Missouri, and there is no doubt but that it will do its work in good shape.

Eleven teams from Livingston, owned by J. J. Donnelly, of that town, will arrive in the city to-day, en route to the Canadian Pacific. They came by way of the Judith.

Paymaster Clayton and escort returned from Fort Assinaboine yesterday. Col. Coppinger accompanies the major, on his way to Helena, where he will meet Mrs. Coppinger.

Mr. L. C. Brown, of Des Moines, Iowa, was one of the arrivals on yesterday's Helena coach. Mr. Brown expresses himself as highly pleased with this portion of Montana.

William Altham and Tim O'Leary are the names of the men who died by poison at the ranch of D. J. Hogan, south fork of Sun river, recently. Clay Kearns barely escaped with his life. They ate some wild parsnip, a poisonous plant.

E. R. Clingan, of the RIVER PRESS, was in town last week. Mr. C. has been riding the range in the interest of his paper, and we learn with good success. The RIVER PRESS is a first-class paper, and deserves its large patronage.—Sun River Sun.

C. A. Broadwater had it all his own way in the matter of bidding for the beef at Forts Assinaboine and Maginnis and Camp Poplar river, his bids being 9-93, 12 and 16 cents per pound respectively. No other bids were received at Fort Snelling.

Mr. Stephen Spitzley and Al. Shulz, of Helena, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Spitzley is in good health, and says he is feeling better than he has for many months before, and we are pleased to say is resuming in his business at the capital. He will remain in the city about a week.

Gilt and Bonnie Australian have been keeping up the reputation of Montana flyers—Gilt last week winning two good races at New Orleans, and running second in another, although she pulled up somewhat lame. Bonnie Australian ran second twice and first once. Thady also won a race at Fort Worth, Texas, last week.

The official report of the convicts in the United States penitentiary, enumerated according to the three judicial districts of Montana, shows the following condition of that over crowded institution: First district, 27 convicts; Second district, 23; Third district, 31; United States prisoners, 10. Total number of convicts, 91.

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From a gentleman who has just returned from Fort Macleod, we learn that one of Cooper & Brown's sheep herders, working on Birch creek, set a spring gun for a certain thieving redskin, and got his work in on him Thursday last. The Indian is not expected to live, and his brother redskins threaten retaliation. We do not vouch for this report, but give it to our readers for what it is worth.—Sun.

We are pleased to see that steps are being taken to reorganize the band. A meeting will be held Saturday evening at Stocking's hall of the old members and some new ones, when, it is probable, a band will be regularly organized. We have a fine set of new instruments and plenty of musical talent, so there is no good reason why such an organization should not be formed at once. We trust the boys will receive all proper encouragement.

The Northern Pacific on the 3d inst. took out of St. Paul a special train of twenty-three cars. The cars were loaded with groceries and mixed merchandise, shipped by Glidden, Griggs & Co., of St. Paul, to Thompson Falls, Mont., the new supply point for the Coeur d'Alene mining district. This is larger than the thresher consignment sent out the Friday previous, and is, consequently, the largest single consignment yet made by the Northern Pacific. The twenty-three cars were neatly decorated.

Hon. A. B. Hamilton, of Choteau county, returned last evening from a winter's visit among eastern relatives, looking as fresh as a rose. It was Mr. H.'s first visit east in twenty years, and he was entitled to the holiday he so thoroughly enjoyed. Taken altogether, that was an unusually pleasant Montana party that made its headquarters at Washington last winter, and they all desire to return their sincere thanks to Major and Mrs. Maginnis for kindness to them during their sojourn.—Independent.

Col. M. J. Leaming has returned from Bozeman, where he rendered a good account of his stewardship as one of Choteau's delegates to the republican convention. He took quite a prominent part in the convention, and was honored by being made an alternate delegate.

Col. Leaming was elected a delegate at the county convention as a pronounced Arthur man, and he stuck to his text all the way through. He was the acknowledged leader of the Arthur men at Bozeman, and though few in number, they made a manly fight for the "perfect gentleman" now in the White House, whose administration, as all must admit, has been an excellent one. Col. Leaming and his colleague, Mr. McIntire, are entitled to the thanks of the republicans of Choteau for the able manner in which they represented this county in the convention.

Convention Notes.

(Herald.)

Col. Sanders is credited with the Blaine-Edmunds vote—the four from Deer Lodge excepted. The votes which swelled the tally to twenty-eight on the fourth ballot in part are credited to Custer. The one vote lacking, supplied on the fifth ballot, is credited by some to Beaverhead and by others to Choteau.

Col. Leaming, of Choteau, who declared for Arthur, received in the Bozeman convention seven sturdily attached votes for delegate to Chicago. In the choice for alternates he loomed up as a favorite, and was elected. The Colonel is remembered as one of the Missouri delegates at the Cincinnati convention eight years ago, where his vote counted for Blaine on every ballot.

Bank Statements.

We publish to-day the report of the First National Bank of Fort Benton to the comptroller of the treasury, as shown at the close of business on the 24th of April. The resources of this institution foot up nearly half a million dollars, their loans and discounts being over \$310,000, while the deposits reach the handsome sum of \$140,000—a good showing for these hard times. The First National of Benton, as shown by its report, maintains its high standing among the financial institutions of the territory.

It is claimed for Helena that it is one of the wealthiest cities in the world in proportion to population, and a glance over the bank statements published during the past few days is calculated to convince one that the claim is not without foundation. We publish to-day the report of the Merchants' National, and the figures given are worthy of inspection. The total resources of the bank are nearly \$1,000,000, about one-third of which is available cash. Of this \$158,129 is in their safe, and as much more is due from other banks and approved reserve agents—a remarkable cash showing at this time. The deposits foot up \$624,637.76. In the face of these figures it is not necessary to add that the Merchants' National, of Helena, is a prosperous institution.

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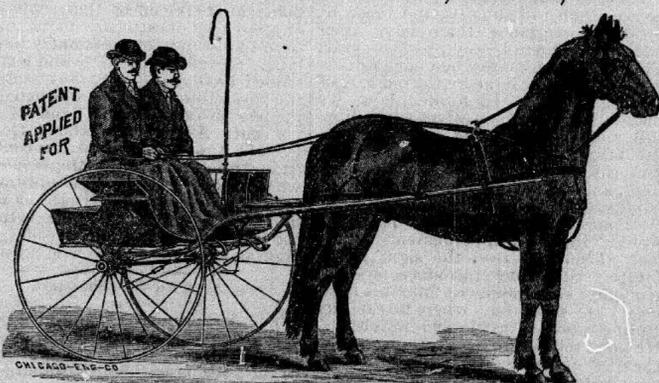
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