

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

C. D. Ladd returned from the Little Rockies yesterday.

Hon. T. A. Wall returned from Great Falls this afternoon.

G. A. Hammett, a prominent sheep grower of the Judith, is in town.

Dr. Fairfield accompanied Howell Harris to the Highland ranch to-day.

James McDevitt left for Choteau on business connected with the sheriff affairs.

That excellent journal, the Benton RIVER PRESS, has entered on its fifth volume.—Miner.

Every one should bear in mind the ball for the benefit of the Fort Benton library on Thanksgiving evening.

I. G. Baker & Co. yesterday received a train load of apples. They were all sold as soon as they were unloaded.

Joe Kipp loaded his five bull teams to-day with 75,000 pounds of merchandise for his stores on the Marias and Birch creek.

Jack Miller loaded three teams yesterday with 20,000 pounds of merchandise at I. G. Baker & Co.'s, for Hamilton & Hazlett, Choteau.

In anticipation of stormy weather the proprietors of the Grand Union hotel have had storm doors put in at the main entrance of the hotel.

Jerry Collins, editor and manager of the RIVER PRESS, left this morning on a business trip to Choteau, Sun River, Great Falls and Sand Coulee.

Frank Coombs will shortly start for the east. He will visit at his old home in Brooklyn, New York. Frank has not been home for about twelve years.

Within the past ten days the price of cattle in the Chicago market has advanced, sales having been made at from \$4.90 to \$6.50. This is a good indication and will give the late shippers the benefit of the raise.

We have been assured that a stage line from Fort Benton to Maple Creek would be a paying investment. It is to be hoped that some enterprising citizen will commence running stages in the spring. We need connection with the Canadian Pacific railroad, and should have it.

The finest assortment of jewelry ever brought to Montana is now displayed at G. P. Reeves & Co.'s, Helena. Any one visiting the capital city should not fail to call and view the display of so many beautiful articles. Whether you wish to purchase or not, do not fail to take a peep at them.

Attention is called to an advertisement which appears in another column, announcing the speedy publication of the memoirs of Father Ravalli, by the Rev. L. B. Palladino, S. J. The book when published will be sold for the low price of twenty five cents; every person in the territory can then secure a copy. The proceeds from the sale will be devoted to the Indian schools in Montana, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers.

The reservation seems to be attracting people from all over the territory. Many who went down to look at the mines were in reality on an expedition to find out what the agricultural and grazing country was in the Milk river country. All who have returned are enthusiastic, and as soon as the bill passes, if it is in the middle of winter, we will see people coming down to secure locations. They are convinced that there is no place like it in Montana.

From Thursday's Daily:

Blaine's plurality in Pennsylvania is 80,553.

Col. J. H. Rice and family are to spend the winter in Chicago.

Geo. W. Burns, of San Francisco, arrived on the Helena coach to-day.

A new evening paper called "The Rustler," has just commenced publication at Billings.

E. G. Maclay and E. R. Cowan, who went to Great Falls a few days ago, returned to-day.

Trade does not seem to be dull in Fort Benton just now. All of the stores are busy filling orders.

I. G. Baker & Co. have just received 10,000 cigars from the celebrated factory of Stratton & Storm.

Several Fort Benton parties will shortly start for the east to spend the winter and visit the New Orleans exposition.

The furniture belonging to the city was removed to-day to the new quarters of the city fathers in the court house.

Geo. W. Crane has just received a large stock of apples and pears, which he is selling at a slight advance above cost.

A private letter received from Judith, says that with the exception of the head of the ticket, the vote polled was strongly democratic.

The library ball should be well attended. The subscription to the library for six months is three dollars. This is virtually going to the ball for nothing.

Choteau county has more arable land within its borders than any other county in Montana, and will eventually become the grain producing section of the territory.

Ten days have passed since the election and nothing heard from Judith. As the vote of that precinct is delaying the count it would be a good idea to start a tracer and find out where the returns have gone.

A transparency was carried in a democratic procession at Butte, bearing the Legend: "Uncle Sam is dead. No more pensions to soldiers." The Miner does not believe it was done by the democrats. Query: How did it happen to appear in the procession?

W. H. Martin, recently elected a dem-

ocratic member of the legislature from Gallatin county, died suddenly on the 10th inst. He was one of the pioneers of Montana, was a partner in the cattle firm of Martin & Meyers, and is well known and universally respected throughout Gallatin county.

The Livingston Enterprise discontinued its daily publication on the 8th inst., and during the winter will only publish a weekly. We shall miss the Enterprise from among our daily exchanges; it has always been brim full of news. But the reasons given by the publishers, Messrs. Wright & Hendry, for its discontinuance are good and sufficient.

Robert Fenner, of Anaconda, who has been for several weeks in the Little Rockies, returned last evening and will leave in the morning for his home. Mr. Fenner says money has been taken out in considerable quantities, but he regards the pay district as limited. He further says the Milk river country is the finest agricultural and stock section in Montana.

If you have a fine watch which you wish cleaned or repaired send it to Geo. P. Reeves & Co., of Helena. Only the best workmen are employed in that establishment. If you wish for any gold or silver jewelry, silverware, or a fine watch or clock, remember that the above firm have a full and complete stock and are selling the same at a reasonable figure. Orders by mail receive prompt and careful attention.

A private telegram received from Governor Crosby last night announcing his appointment as first assistant postmaster General, says: "I shall return next summer to Montana where I shall retain my business interests and ever do all I can to aid in the development of the great resources of the territory. Present congratulations to my friends, for whom I shall ever retain the warmest regard for their many acts of kindness and loyalty."—Independent.

Attention is called to the notice which appears in another column of the grand opening of the Higgins House, White Sulphur Springs, which will take place on Thursday evening, November 27th—Thanksgiving evening. This hotel was built by Mr. Jonas Higgins, and is the second best house ever built in the territory for hotel purposes. Mr. Dyer, the manager, is a practical hotel man, as he will prove to those who patronize him. His experience in the business extends over a number of years, and we are sure Fort Benton people who visit the Springs will find it to their advantage to stop at the Higgins house.

From Friday's Daily:

The Fort Macleod coach arrived this afternoon.

A post office has been established at Harrison, Madison county, with I. S. Stafford as postmaster.

Will J. Kennedy will leave early next week for Maiden, where he will probably engage in business.

The city council will for the present occupy the rooms in the court house designed for the law library.

Mrs. A. Nathan will leave for the east in a few days and will probably spend the winter in New York city with her relatives.

Alex. Lux is the happy papa of another little one, born last week. Of such is the kingdom of Sun River, to a large extent.—Sun.

The post office was flooded with tax notices yesterday. They came in thicker than valentines, and every one in town was the recipient of one or more.

All of the band instruments have been gathered together excepting the tenor horn. The bass drum was found at the residence of one of our good citizens, filled with grain.

We learn on good authority that Murphy, Maclay & Co. contemplate sending a stock of goods to Great Falls and open up a store this fall. They are making arrangements for the erection of a building.

The seventh edition of the American Settler's guide has just been received. It is published by the editor, Henry N. Copp, Washington, D. C. This book is invaluable for persons wishing to take up land.

Now the election is over the form and size of the Independent will be changed. We shall make a four page paper, as many think it more convenient and better for advertisers. We shall reduce the size to suit the demand of our advertising patronage during the slack season. We have kept up the size of the paper at great expense to meet the extra demands in our on our columns during the canvass, and shall hereafter vary as the wants of the community may require.—Independent.

The proceeds of the library ball will be devoted to paying off the small indebtedness. If any money is left over it is proposed to purchase new books. The library has not received the encouragement which an institution of this kind deserves. We are sure, however, that the patronage will be increased after November 27th.

Ed. Lewis, of the Park stables, hopes for a continuance of the patronage hitherto accorded to the late firm of Harris & Lewis. He has secured the services of Mr. Wm. McLaughlin, late of the Montana stables. Mr. McLaughlin is well known throughout the county and will certainly attract a large share of his old customers to the Park stables.

Mrs. Morris, widow of Major Richard Lewis Morris, U. S. A., has not long survived her husband. She died at Setauket, Long Island, October 20, and was buried the following Thursday, the funeral services taking place at St. Mark's church, New York. There was a large attendance, the Morris family being one of the best known and most respected of any in New York and neighborhood.

Major Morris belonged to the 18th infantry and for some time was in command at Fort Assinabeine.

The Aetna Insurance Co.

Mr. George W. Barns, who arrived yesterday, is the special agent of the Aetna Insurance company of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Barns is so well pleased with the outlook of Fort Benton that he has decided to establish an agency. Messrs. T. A. Cummings & Co. will represent the company. The Aetna is one of the oldest insurance companies in the United States—established in 1819. It has a capital of four million dollars and cash assets of \$9,192,643. Since the organization of the company, they have paid out in losses, fifty-four million dollars. It is a compliment to Fort Benton that the company has decided to establish an agency, as outside of Helena, Butte and Fort Benton no more agencies will be opened in the territory. Messrs. T. A. Cummings & Co. have now on their list the best companies of England and America.

Great Falls.

The timbers for the first story of the new mill are now in position, and the work of completing the building is going rapidly forward.

The store of Wall & Parks is nearly completed.

Spurgeon & Crowder's saloon is finished. A number of other buildings are in process of erection.

Attempt to Secure a Reservation.

MILES CITY, November 7.—Much interest is manifested here in the reports that Denver parties are endeavoring to secure a lease of that portion of the Crow reservation west of Clark's Fork. One of the squaw men of the Crow nation is here attending court and desires to return home in order to advise the Indians against signing the lease, which he says has been circulated extensively, the signatures of two-thirds of the bucks being necessary for the purpose. It is stated that the agent of the syndicate and Secretary Teller both left Denver about the same time. Thus arises the claim by some that H. M. Teller is interested with Senators Chaffee and Towner in the operations of the syndicate. The lease of such a large tract would meet with great disfavor by many Montanians who have been looking forward to the reduction of that portion of the reservation whereby those desirable lands will be thrown open to settlement.

Improved Ranch for Sale.

Located on Wolf creek in the Judith Basin, convenient to Stanford. The ranch consists of 360 acres, 200 inclosed by fence and 75 under cultivation. It also controls a splendid range. A new story and a half house, stables, corrals, and a lumber sheep shed that will shelter a band of 2,000 head, are among the improvements. In short, it is one of the best stock ranches in Montana. A lot of new agricultural implements and horses and dairy cows will be sold with the ranch if desired. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. For further information apply at this office.

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6 mares, 1 horse and 3 colts for sale—cheap for cash. Apply to R. A. LUKE, Fort Benton, M. T.

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A Band of Horses for Sale.

A band of about 100 stock horses for sale AT A BARGAIN. For further information address J. K. care of the RIVER PRESS, Fort Benton.

Estrayed.

One gray mare, brandrd JF on left shoulder also JHB and circle bar on left hip; weight about 700 or 800 pounds. A liberal reward will be paid to any one giving information as to her whereabouts. Address Silas Butcher, care of McCaig & Gehring, Dupuyer.

Strayed or Stolen.

From the ranch of the undersigned a sorrel mare brandrd WY on left thigh, having a sucking colt with her. Also a bay mare colt, one year old, with the same brand. A liberal reward will be paid for information that will lead to their recovery. W. O. YARD,  
Fort Benton.

Notice.

Strayed from Roosevelt's field, near Fort Benton, two dark bay horses about 14½ hands high. Both have off hind foot white and small star in forehead. A suitable reward will be paid on delivery of animals to M. J. Leaming, Fort Benton. d&w

Grand Turkey and Chicken Shooting Match.

There will be a grand turkey and chicken shooting match at Stanford, at the new hotel, on Thanksgiving day. A good time is expected and everybody is invited to take part in the contest.  
CHAS. MIX.

\$25 Reward.

Strayed from McDevitt & Wilson's pasture, Fort Benton, about July 15th, two large horses, about 1,200 pounds each. One was of dark brown color, brandrd SJ on left shoulder, a little stiff in front ankles. One dark brown, almost black, brandrd Q on right shoulder. A reward of \$25 will be paid for their recovery by W. B. Egan, Ulica, M. T. 44—St

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