

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily.

The thermometer dropped to 20° below zero at Macleod on the 22d ult.

"Collector Cummings" is alliterative and breaks pleasantly upon the ear.

The youngest child of Mrs. Jos. Hill of Sun River—little Beatrice—is seriously ill, with rather slight chance of recovery.

The river is frozen over about four miles below town, near John Lippard's place, and it will not take much more cold weather to close it here.

A man named Dunlap died at Choteau last Tuesday night, after an illness of but a day or two. For the past year he had been in the employ of S. C. Burd.

There are more than the usual number who have not paid their taxes this year up to date, and in due time a delinquent list will be published and collections made as the law authorizes.

We nominate Horace R. Buck, of Choteau county, for president of the council. He will not be the oldest member, by any means, but would grace the president's chair nevertheless.

Before our leading merchants start east on their usual winter trip a public meeting should be held and some practical steps taken to secure the establishment of a flouring mill here next spring. The matter is of such importance that it can not be neglected.

T. C. Power is prouder of his thoroughbred ranch at the Sun River Leavings than all his other numerous and varied interests put together. He prizes one of his little "black" calves more than a steamboat, and can grow eloquent in setting forth the superiority of Polled Angus over all other breeds.

Regular services will be held by the Methodist church to-morrow in the old public school building, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. (Notice change in the hour of evening service.) Sunday school at 12 noon. Rev. J. D. Phinney from the Judith Basin will assist the pastor in these services. All are cordially invited to attend.

W. S. Evans returned to-day from the Little Rockies where he has been for several weeks. He reports work virtually suspended on account of the cold weather except where parties are sinking in the deep ground. As long as the weather was fair several of the miners made good wages with rockers and next spring, in the opinion of Mr. Evans, it will be a way up camp. There are about thirty houses in Little Rocky gulch and many more than this number in Little Alder.

Charley Thomas and party, who prospected in the main range the past season, found good placer prospects near St. Mary's lake, and they will return next summer to develop the find. It was late when the discovery was made, so that they were compelled to postpone operations for another season. "The stampede next summer," said Mr. Thomas to a RIVER PRESS man, recently, "will be to the region of St. Mary's lakes, and it will be a big one, too." Good quartz was also found in the same section.

On his way home Al. Hamilton had something of an adventure at Fargo. He stopped at that city one night and took up his quarters at the Commercial hotel, which caught fire and was burned to the ground. Mr. H.'s room was on the third floor, and he was aroused from his peaceful slumbers by the cries of "Fire!" and the noise of frantic people in the hallways. He just had time to jump into his clothes and get out, but in this respect fared better than many of his fellow guests, who rushed out into the night en deshabille.

We are informed by special telegram to-day of the appointment of T. A. Cummings as collector of customs for the district of Montana and Idaho, vice W. H. Hunt, resigned. The appointment could not well be improved upon, as Mr. Cummings has filled the office before and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the same. His administration of the affairs of the office was entirely satisfactory to the government and all interested, as it will be again. The RIVER PRESS congratulates Mr. Cummings on his good fortune.

Notice has been served by Marshal Houk upon T. C. Power & Bro. and I. G. Baker & Co. to have their warehouses on the levee removed. We trust the council will not insist in enforcing the order now, or until such time as these houses become in fact a nuisance. Fort Benton is a river town, and it is necessary to have warehouses on the levee for the convenience of the boats. We only wish that the business of the river was such as to necessitate a dozen such structures along the river bank. They would not be in the way or do anybody harm, and their ungaleness could probably be put up with for a time.

T. C. Power, the Montana rustler, is

more confident in regard to Fort Benton than ever before. He says he finds matters improved here; the banks are easy, money is more plentiful, business is reasonably good, and altogether he regards the situation at the river metropolis as better than at other towns of the territory, excepting only Helena and Butte. He expects a grand revival of business and says we have now only to help ourselves to be prosperous and happy. He agrees with the RIVER PRESS that a flouring mill is a necessity and wants steps taken to secure it, guaranteeing his full co-operation. With this object attained and the reservation opened to settlement a long period of prosperity is in store for Fort Benton.

From Monday's Daily.

The thermometer registered 17° below zero this morning.

George Irvim, ex-sheriff of Silver Bow county, is a candidate for chief clerk of the house.

The Missouri had not closed on Saturday at the Coal Banks. Ice was running very heavy.

Capt. J. H. McIlre, N. W. M. P., who has many friends at Fort Benton, is now stationed at Maple creek N. W. T.

It is reported that a barrel of whisky was brought into People's creek recently. The owner was ignominiously fired, but whether they fired the whiskey or not we did not learn. The miners will not have the article in camp.

It is reported that pickpockets are rushing en masse to New Orleans, where they expect to find victims in abundance. Fort Bentonites who take in the big show will please take warning and look a little out for their wallets.

We asked an old stage driver how he stood this cold weather. "Well," he said, "when I make an unusually hard trip, I make up my mind that I'll quit, but as soon as my destination is reached and I get warmed up again, I forget the hardships of the trip and keep on."

Mr. Donovan of San Francisco arrived last evening. He is statistician of Bancroft & Co. and will remain for a few days gathering statistics for the histories being published by the firm whom he represents. Mr. Donovan is a pleasant gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet. We are sure our people will aid him as far as possible in the work upon which he is engaged.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Only 23° below zero last night.

T. C. Power & Bro. have real apple cider on draft. It is the genuine article.

The Valley House at Choteau has been closed temporarily, probably for the winter.

A wedding will take place the latter part of the week. We are not at liberty to give the names of the parties.

Jack Miller is loading at I. G. Baker & Co.'s 10,000 pounds of freight for Hamilton & Hazlett, of Choteau.

Wm. MacQueen, assignee of F. W. Reed & Co., has an important advertisement in another column. Notice the bargains offered.

Cattle quotations in the Chicago markets on the 9th were as high as \$8.10. The market was firm and the supply and demand were about equally balanced.

The river closed at Fort Benton last evening at 8:30 o'clock, and this morning quite a number of people crossed over. About the same time the river closed at the Coal Banks.

A bald eagle was recently killed near Stoneville, on the line of the Miles City and Spearfish stage road, which weighed fifty pounds and measured nine feet from tip to tip of the wings.

There is another butcher in town—Jacob Odenwald, Jr. Although but three days old the little fellow is nearly big enough to handle a cleaver, and it is hardly necessary to add that his daddy is decidedly proud of him.

From January 1st, 1875, to the 16th, inclusive, the thermometer at the hospital at Fort Benton showed an average temperature of 25.33° below zero. The lowest reached was 59° below, and at no time within that period did it register above zero.

Sergeant Major Douglass, of the Northwest mounted police, was at Fort Assinaboine a few days ago. He had been to Fort Maginnis to recover some horses which had been stolen from Maple creek a short time since. Four of the animals were recovered. The sergeant has returned to Maple creek, where he is stationed.

Stolen—an editor's shirt—on Friday night, Dec. 6th, from Fanny Ferguson's clothes line. Brand: Strawberry mark on right sleeve above the elbow; inverted letter A on brisquet; bosom let enlarged from agitation of diamond stud; no wattle. We offer a prize chromo entitled "An Editor's Lament, or the Tale of a Shirt," for a safe return of the same.—Maiden Argus.

We have received a copy of a book compiled by W. J. Johnson, entitled "Lightning Flashes," being a series of

interesting anecdotes gathered from various sources relating to the telegraph. The book is well worth reading and should be in the hands of every member of the telegraph fraternity. Mr. Johnson is editor of The Operator, published at No. 9 Murray street, New York.

H. T. Forbes, range rider for the Teton and Marias Stock association, is in the city and stopping at the Grand Union. Mr. Forbes, together with Mr. S. A. Miller, under the firm name of Forbes & Miller, will open a meat market at Choteau in a short time—the first established at that enterprising burg. These gentlemen are thoroughly up in the business and will maintain a first class market.

All eastern mail for this city and outlying districts will now come by way of Helena. A telegram making this request was sent to First Assistant Postmaster General Crosby last Saturday and an answer received the same day stating the order had been made. The change is to be temporary, during the winter. In the summer season, when it is not necessary to lay up at night at Geysers station, the mail can come through quicker by the Billings route.

Wolfing ought to be a pretty good business. The capital required is not much. A frying pan, coffee pot, dutch oven, three months' supply of grub and a half dozen bottles of strychnine would last a man long enough to make a pretty good killing. A few years ago this was an important industry and thousands of wolf pelts were brought to Fort Benton every spring, and good prices were realized. There is a demand for them now, and better prices could be obtained than at that time. The wolves are becoming so numerous that we offer this as a suggestion to any one wanting work.

What X. Says of the Mines.

X. Biedler, who left Helena on the 10th of October for a trip to the lower country, reports that during his journey down he camped at Miles' battle ground, on Snake creek, and secured several relics of the fight, afterwards going to Warm Spring creek, now called Blaineville. He says of the mines that there is no doubt but they are all that has been said in their favor. He was back and forth among the mines and knows what he is talking about. Diggings during his stay there were paying from two to thirty dollars to the man while the weather was good. Tom O'Hanlon is taking in gold dust daily in exchange for goods. He took with him from Ritchie's store to Fort Maginnis thirty-six ounces in gold dust and two hundred dollars in coin for Broadwater, McNamara & Co.

He was at Rocky Point on election day, and not a republican ticket did he see. There were plenty of democratic tickets. He presumed it was because the democrats could not write that they were furnished.

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Being determined to CLOSE OUT the Reed & Co.'s stock of goods at once, I am offering at Retail the following, and a still lower price by the package:

GROCERIES.

Wax, Lima and string beans, per can	10c	Ginger Snaps	per lb.	10c
English peas	10c	3 bottles German prepared Mustard		25c
Succotash	12 1/2c	Catsup	per bottle	10c
Oneida Apple Sauce	10c	Granulated Egg, equal to 2 doz. eggs	per can	25c
Apple, Peach, Pear and Plum Butter, 3lb. cans	3 for 50c	Dried Sweet Corn	per lb.	5c
1/2-gallon cans of each Butter	3 for \$1 00	Hominy and Split Peas	...	5c
Plum pudding, 1lb. cans	20c	Lamps complete	from 50c to	75c
" " 2lb. cans	35c	Fire-proof Lamp Chimneys, per doz.		\$1 00
3 Scrub brushes for	50c	Currants	10 lbs. for	\$1 00
Shoe brushes	20c	Tea—selected natural leaf Japan—black and green	3 lbs	\$1 00
10 lbs. Dried Apples	\$1 00			
6 lbs. Cal. Potted Plums	\$1 00			

Other articles in the Grocery line in proportion.

HARDWARE.

Ax handles, 25c each; Pick eyes, 50c; full picks 75c; Bolts, 40c to 50c per doz.; Nails, 16 lbs. to the dollar, or \$4.00 a keg.

Various other articles of Hardware and Tinware, including a lot of iron and hardware, at 25 per cent. below original cost. Queensware and Glassware at the same discount.

A lot of RUBBER BOOTS at a Big Discount.

A REMNANT OF HARNESS AND SADDLERY AT HALF COST—HOLLOW WARE ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

Wm. Mac QUEEN, ASSIGNEE.

Notice.

Strayed from Roosevelt's field, near Fort Benton, two dark bay horses about 14 1/2 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

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 24, 1884.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before E. E. Bywater, Justice of the Peace of Choteau county, M. T., at his office in Sand Coulee, M. T., on Monday, December 29th, 1884, viz: John G. Ernst, who made homestead application No. 2494 for the SW 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 section 1, and the W 1/2 NE 1/4 section 12, township 19 north, range 4 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James L. Walker, Alfred Ladd, Frank Gehring and James J. Lee, all of Great Falls, M. T. F. ADKINSON, Register.

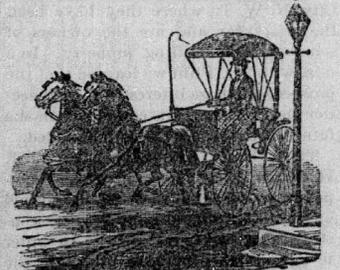
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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John G. Ernst, of Great Falls, M. T., and John B. Wetzel, Henry W. Willard and Cornelius N. Hackshaw, of Fort Benton, Choteau county, M. T. F. ADKINSON, Register.

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