

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily. W. S. Evans, while at the Nine Mile coulee, a few days ago, killed three antelope.

The First National Bank proposes to move the old Record outfit into one of T. C. Power & Bro.'s warehouses, and in a few days it will be offered for sale.

John H. Evans was not lost and frozen as reported. He turned up all right within an hour after the issue of the RIVER PRESS yesterday. Advertising pays.

The assignment of W. S. Wetzel made to D. G. Browne having expired yesterday the store was closed to-day while awaiting further instructions in the matter.

Edmund Ingersoll leaves for People's creek, Little Rockies, to-morrow to stay with his claims there. Ben Webster will return and soon leave on a short trip to New York.

Paul McCormick and T. C. Power, both having large contracts to fill for Fort Custer, are considering the feasibility of building a toll bridge across the Big Horn at that post.—Chronicle.

We have in our midst a veteran of the Mexican war. He belonged to one of the famous regiments of the east, and participated in all the memorable battles. He was severely wounded at the storming of Chapultepec.

Granville Turner, who with M. D. Scott, spent part of the summer prospecting in the Big Horn mountains, returned to Fort Benton a day or two ago. He says they found nothing worth staying with in the Big Horns.

Attention is called to the advertisement in another column of the schools at St. Peter's mission, near Fort Shaw. One, the school of the Holy Family, for girls, under the charge of the Ursuline Sisters. Another for boys, in charge of the Fathers. Boarders are taken for ten dollars a month and the tuition is free. The best of care is guaranteed to the children who attend.

The holiday number of the Sun River Sun has just reached us. It is a very creditable production and speaks well for the enterprise of its publishers. The contents consist of articles on Sun River from the early days; the coal fields of Sand Coulee, by Prof. Mortson, and other interesting contributions. It is well illustrated and is liberally patronized by advertisers from Helena and Sun River.

The chinook has come, and not a moment too soon. Every one is hoping it will continue until the snow is all gone. Should the winter bear any resemblance to 1880-1 there would be great losses in cattle and sheep to record. A chinook that year started and continued for several days; finally, before the snow was all gone the wind changed to the north and the thermometer went way below zero. As a consequence the prairie was one glare of ice; animals could not get at the feed and died in great numbers. The sheep owners suffered greatly, many of them not having put up sufficient feed and consequently were unable to prevent mortality among their flocks. Since that time, however, greater care has been observed, and all flock masters have sufficient hay to last through until spring.

From Monday's Daily. J. K. Toole will leave for Washington early this month.

Mr. Irving accompanied Edmund Ingersoll to People's creek.

The notices are posted for the sale of the Record outfit on the 10th inst.

Ira Myers of Great Falls was at the Palmer house, Chicago, on the 30th ult.

The libel cases against the editors of the Macleod Gazette have been withdrawn.

Horace R. Buck and F. D. Atkinson were passengers on the Helena coach this morning.

We understand that the law firm of Waterman & McIntire was dissolved on the first inst.

Chas Crawford's little boy fell down the cellar stairs this afternoon. How seriously he was injured our reporter did not learn.

The coldest weather ever recorded in the United States was in 1880, at Fort Benton, when the thermometer tumbled to 59° below zero.

There was very little "jumping" at Barker on the 1st, but we learn that the celebrated Meeks lode, or a portion of it, was taken possession of by some parties.

The prisoners, Antelope Shirt and Pomeroy, have not as yet been captured although the entire sheriff's posse have scoured the country. It is possible we shall hear of a couple of horses being stolen in a few days.

Messrs. Caplice & McCune will this winter employ 200 men on their 300,000-cord wood contract with the Anaconda. Preliminary work is already in progress at Mill creek, Deer Lodge county. Their

contract calls for the delivery of 75,000 cords per year.

The statement of the First National bank of Fort Benton which appears in another column shows that despite the dull times the bank is in a flourishing condition. The figures presented speak for themselves, and we note with pleasure the evidence of prosperity in this monied institution.

We regret to learn that Beatrice, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Jas. J. Hill, of Sun River, died yesterday morning after a long and severe illness. The child has been a great sufferer, and for some weeks her life has been despaired of. Mrs. Hill has the sympathy of her many Fort Benton friends in this her second great bereavement.

Messrs. T. C. Power & Bro. have made great reductions in rates of fare and express on the Benton and Billings stage line. The fare to Cora is \$3.50, formerly \$4.50; Utica, \$8.50, formerly \$11; Ubet, \$12, formerly \$14. Round trip tickets, Benton to Ubet, \$20. Express rates to Cora, \$1.50 per 100 pounds; Utica, \$3; Ubet, \$4. These changes were made on January 1st and are now in effect.

Mrs. John B. Smith, of Fort Macleod, died recently. On the Friday preceding her death she was in usual good health, and on Monday morning she died. The Macleod Gazette says: "This is the first death among the white ladies of this country. Death has selected one of the most true-hearted and sterling women in the northwest." The many old-time friends of Mr. Smith residing in Montana will be pained to hear of his great loss.

John F. Doyle, employed at the Grand Union hotel, came near losing his eye last evening. He had received a handkerchief through the mail, and while looking at it observed a substance on his fingers to which he paid no particular attention. A few moments after he rubbed his eye, with a result which was astonishing. A white film covered the optic and the member became swollen to a fearful degree. By the prompt application of remedies the swelling was reduced. It was much better this morning but very painful. It is supposed that the dye from the handkerchief caused the swelling.

From Tuesday's Daily. "Tuck" Lambert has returned to Neihart from his eastern trip.

Frank Farmer and W. R. Rabton left this morning for Choteau, going by way of Sun River.

Dave McDaniel, whose severe injuries were reported yesterday, is resting comfortably to-day.

Mr. R. P. Walker, of Sun River, is to be married on the 22d inst. to Miss Gertrude Derby, of Chicago.

The Mineral Argus estimates that there is 100,000 head of sheep within a radius of 40 miles of Maiden.

M. V. B. Green has been appointed under sheriff of Meagher county under the new sheriff, Jeff. Howell.

The county commissioners have postponed their meeting until the arrival of W. S. Wetzel, who is daily expected.

The clean-up at the Maginnis mill at Maiden amounts to \$800 per day with one-half the crushing capacity at work.

The new year number of the Mineral Argus, Maiden, is filled with interesting information about the great Judith Basin. It is a good paper.

Robt. Coburn has sold his Chestnut ranch to Homer Hewins, of Helena, for \$4,000. Mr. H. will engage in wool growing and general stock business in a small way. For this purpose the ranch is a fine one.

Henry Henkle arrived in town last evening. He informed our reporter that he left Yogo just before Christmas and that everything in that section looks promising for a good camp next season. Henry has unbounded faith in Yogo.

Chas. S. Roth has the bees brought to the country by Mr. S. Kennedy. In October last he took out eighty-four pounds of honey from the two hives, leaving enough for the bees during the winter. Charlie is of the opinion that bees can be raised successfully in this country.

News has been received of the death, on the 29th ult., of Leslie, the seven year old boy of Mr. Charles Rowe. He had been sick for some time, but was not considered in a dangerous condition. He is in company with his aunt were visiting friends in Phillipsburg at the time the sad event occurred. Mr. Rowe left town to see him on the day of his death.

Mr. John F. Patterson informed our reporter that the recent cold spell has not affected sheep in any degree, as far as he is able to learn. Any losses which may have occurred are due to natural causes, and the actual losses have not been in excess of any other winter for several years past. All of the flock masters are in a good position to protect their flocks and have hay enough on hand to stand a still longer period of cold.

Knights of Pythias Installation.

The public installation of officers at castle hall, in Masonic building, last evening, was of the most impressive character. A great number of invited guests were present to witness the ceremonies. Sam Kohlberg as G. C. performed his duties well, as did the other officers who assisted him. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the hall was cleared and dancing commenced. There were between fifty and sixty couples present. Many elaborate toilettes among the ladies were noticed; we would describe some of the dresses, but this would be impossible, as we are not up on feminine adornments. It was the largest and most brilliant assemblage we have ever seen in Fort Benton. Dancing was continued until late this morning, and the verdict of every one was, "We have had a splendid time." The Knights are to be congratulated upon the success of the affair. It reflects great credit upon the management. About 12 o'clock a bountiful lunch was spread, which was fully enjoyed by all present. The music was furnished by Wilton and Macdonald and was exceptionally good. The guests who were present will bear away with them pleasant memories of this most enjoyable reception.

A New Quartz Discovery.

About a month ago Mike Wearley, John La Mot and Ike Clark went on a prospecting trip to the Sweet Grass hills. In their researches they came across good quartz, which upon examination showed a vein five feet wide. They sank into it about five feet and are satisfied that they have a good thing. Storms coming on prevented them from prosecuting their labors, and they returned to Fort Benton, bringing with them quantities of quartz for assay. Some of the rock which has been examined by an expert carries gold, copper, silver and lead, and he pronounces it excellent. The boys say there is any quantity of quartz in that locality, but the severe storms which rage there during the winter make work impossible. They will return to their claims as soon as the weather will permit.

In regard to mineral in the Sweet Grass, for many years it has been known to exist. In 1874, while a party of the boundary survey was camped near the hills, a little prospecting was done, but not enough to determine anything, although some of the officers of the expedition brought good quartz away with them. Last year there were several parties prospecting there, and they claimed to have made important discoveries. Although every effort was made to keep the matter quiet it leaked out. It need occasion no surprise if the placer and quartz mines of Choteau county would, in a few years, rank with any in the territory.

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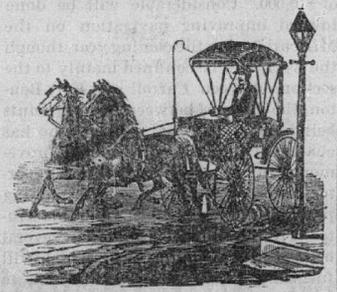
In the Territory of Montana, at the close of business on the 20th day of December, 1884.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. RESOURCES includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, Other stocks, Due from approved reserve agents, Due from other National Banks, Due from State Banks and Bankers, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Current expenses and taxes paid, Premium paid, Checks and other cash items, Bills of other banks, Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies, Specie, Gold coin, Silver coin, Legal tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent. of circulation, Due from U. S. Treasurer, Total. LIABILITIES includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided profits, Circulating Notes, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Certified checks, Due to other National Banks, Notes and bills rediscounted, Total.

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, County of Choteau, ss. I, E. G. MacLay, cashier of the First National Bank of Fort Benton, Montana, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. G. MACLAY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1885. A. B. KEELER, Notary Public.

Correct attest: C. E. CONRAD, J. W. POWERS, R. A. LUKK, Directors.

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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 H. B. 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 NW 1/4 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 P. Walker, Alfred Ladd, Frank Gehring and James J. Lee, all of Great Falls, M. T. F. ADKINSON, Register.

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Notice--Timber Culture.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, December 10, 1884. Complaint having been entered in this office by William Gray against Thomas Simpson for failure to comply with the law as to timber culture entry No. 250, dated March 17, 1884, upon the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 and W 1/4 NW 1/4 section 11, township 19 N., range 9 east, in Choteau county, Montana, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that said Simpson has sold the said claim, including all his right, title and interest in and to the same, and has relinquished the said described land to the United States. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 20th day of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure, and the parties are notified that testimony to be used at said hearing will be taken before C. L. Spencer, deputy clerk of the third judicial district court of Montana in and for Choteau county, on January 15, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his office in Fort Benton, M. T. F. ADKINSON, Register.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm heretofore existing under the name and style of Harris & Lewis, doing business in the City of Fort Benton, Montana Territory, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. B. W. Lewis having purchased the entire interest of Howell Harris. Mr. Lewis will collect all bills and pay all debts of the concern. HOWELL HARRIS, FORT BENTON, M. T. B. W. LEWIS, November 11th, 1884.