

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Miles city is talking of reviving the board of trade.

It is nearly time to make wagers on the arrival of the first boat.

Joe Conrad is the happiest man in town. He is the father of a fine bouncing daughter, born yesterday.

Tom Hale, formerly a driver on the Helena and Benton stage line, was married on the 7th inst. to Miss Jenneva A. Curtis of Helena.

Joe Mosser arrived to day with a load of hides from Fort Belknap. This is the first freight for down river shipment received this year.

I. G. Baker & Co. are selling dry goods lower than ever before to make room for stock now being purchased in the east for shipment on the first boats.

Jack Lee, in charge of the Macleod coach, arrived to-day. He reports the roads fairly good. The catie on the northern ranges are coming out in good condition this spring. Business at Macleod is very quiet.

Boats will probably arrive at Fort Benton earlier this year than for several years. There is a fair stage of water, and it need occasion no surprise to see them here early in May. The earliest recorded arrival is that of the steamer Col. Macleod, which reached here on April 29th, 1877 or 1878.

Medora has at last secured a roller skating rink, and the RIVER PRESS, of Fort Benton, is continually urging the necessity of one being placed in that up river town. So soon as Benton secures the addition to its burg of a roller skating ring we will place a challenge in the local columns of the Journal for acceptance by the local fiend of the RIVER PRESS who anticipates a speedy enrichment so soon as the Indian reservation is thrown open to the public.—Yellowstone Journal.

From Thursday's Daily.

The portrait of Hon. Jos. K. Toole adorns the last issue of the New Northwest.

Jack Lee says the water in Pen d'Oreille coulee was so deep that he was obliged to swim the Macleod coach yesterday morning.

It was reported last evening that Mr. Richards, of the Teton, had sworn out a warrant for the arrest of John O'Neill, charging him with horse stealing, and that Deputy Sheriff Evans had gone to arrest O'Neill.—Independent.

The Knights of Pythias will give a phantom party on Monday evening, the 23d inst. The arrangements are now all completed. The Knights never do anything by halves, and this affair will be most enjoyable. Fortunate will the people be who receive an invitation.

A skating rink will be started on Saturday evening next. The gentlemen who are going into the business have received about three hundred pairs of skates. They have not yet decided where it will be although they are making efforts to secure Stocking's hall for the purpose.

Governor Carpenter issued a pardon yesterday for Joseph Lander, convicted last November at Miles City of receiving stolen goods. The prisoner is very sick, and the pardon was granted at the request of the district attorney who prosecuted, and prominent citizens of Dawson and Custer counties.—Independent.

The farmers on the Highwood and Shonkin are about to commence plowing. They are at a loss to know what kind of grain to sow. The inclination is to put in wheat, but fearful there will be no market for it they do not know what to do. If they had any assurance that a mill would be erected all doubts would cease.

More Indians are in town. The pass system should be abolished as the Indians have no business here. Their reservation is capacious enough to hold them and is liable to be for some time to come. Passes give the red man all the license he cares for. One trip is sufficient for him to find out where horses congregate and he will return to the agency and doubtless give information where a good haul can be made. We would be glad if Major Allen would forbid his Indians crossing the Marias.

From Friday's Daily.

Judge Tattan and family returned from Belt creek last evening.

Phil. A. Manix, the enterprising merchant of Augusta, arrived last evening and left this morning.

John Harris and wife arrived from Highwood yesterday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Price.

A letter received from Col. J. H. Rice says that he will leave Chicago for Fort Benton about the 20th of the present month.

H. D. Burghardt arrived from Neihart last evening. He says there is considerable activity in that camp just now

with promises of a prosperous season as soon as the new smelter arrives.

Wm. Hubord, who has been in this vicinity for several months past, left on the Helena coach this morning on his way to Mexico. He has been waiting all this time for the reservation to open.

The mail service on the route between Ubet, Maiden and Fort Maginnis has been increased from three times a week to six times. This is what the people in that section have been praying for and we are glad that their prayers have been answered.

Messrs. Williamson and Watts, who brought in Antelope Shirt, say that a large number of the horses stolen by the Piegans in Wyoming are in the vicinity of the agency. Boomerang has seen most of the horses belonging to him but is unable to get them, and other horses to the number of forty-six known to have been stolen on that raid are still in the hands of the Indians.

An interesting suit, D. G. Browne vs. Jas. McDevitt, was tried in the probate court. The case involved some fine points of law and was ably argued by Col. Donnelly for the plaintiff and H. G. McIntire for the defendant. The action is a replevin suit to recover a phaeton and set of harness claimed by the defendant as the property of W. S. Wetzel, held by the defendant, as sheriff, in the suit of E. M. Milner & Co vs. W. S. Wetzel. The court took the matter under advisement.

The Governor's Appointments.

Special to the River Press.

HELENA, March 14, 1885.

W. W. Wylie of Bozeman has been appointed and confirmed superintendent of schools; Thos. Stuart, veterinary surgeon; and the following stock commissioners in the counties named: R. P. Walker, Choteau; Frank Robertson, Custer; J. L. Day, Dawson; Robert Hamilton, Lewis and Clarke; Granville Stuart, Meagher; A. A. Allis, Yellowstone.

Fort Assinaboine Notes.

Fort Assinaboine, March 10, 1885.

Editors of the River Press:

The dramatic club, composed of officers and ladies of the post, gave their last performance this season on the 4th. "Our Boys" was played. The hall was packed, as usual, and the play enjoyed by all.

The Assinaboine Minstrels gave their last performance on the 6th, which was acknowledged by all as one of the best shows they ever gave. Messrs. Harris and Mendenhall, as end men, kept the house in a roar with their jokes. The songs also were well received.

The weather has broken at last, and we hope it will stay so. The companies are very busy cleaning the garrison after the hard winter.

The benefit given by the Assinaboine Minstrels some time ago was for Mr. Michael Kelly, the post blacksmith, not Mr. Timothy Kelly.

Things in general are a little lively now, as the warm season has shown up. We are all like ground hogs—came out and saw our own shadow and went back.

Some of the western boys have found out a new way to make a horse fat—by giving him nothing to eat. M.

Botkin's Hard Lines.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Marshal Botkin's tenure of office is again in imminent danger. Having escaped the scylla of removal by the republican administration, he is now tossed and rent by the Charybdis of the democratic powers that be. Montana democrats want the place. Charles Curtis of Helena and Jack Healy of Benton are both said to be popular and capable men. Ex-Delegate Maginnis and the new delegate, Toole, are claimed to both have a man, and both are pressing their candidates with an energy likely to produce a result during the special session of the senate. The only thing that stood in the way of Kreidler's confirmation was the objections of Senator Cameron of Wisconsin, who said he did not care so much about helping Botkin as he did to frustrate J. Schuyler Crosby, late governor and present assistant postmaster-general. Mr. Crosby took occasion to remonstrate with Mr. Cameron on the formal opposition first made by the senators, and so angered him that he then fought for Botkin with all the strength he could throw into the struggle. Before this interview with Crosby Cameron had no expectation of defeating Kreidler's confirmation, and had said that after the proper and formal defense of Botkin he should quietly withdraw and let Kreidler have the place. To Crosby more than any other cause Mr. Kreidler owes his defeat. The democratic nominee for Botkin's place will not be opposed by the Wisconsin senators, and will be promptly confirmed.

Book and Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Noble Red Man Kills His Squaw and Then Blows His Brains Out.

An Indian named Bull, while on his way from Fort Belknap to Fort Assinaboine, on the 9th inst., accompanied by his squaw, and when within about two miles of the post, drove his squaw into the brush and shot her dead. After committing the deed he kept on toward the post. He told an Indian boy at Sam Pepin's camp what he had done and then started back to where the squaw was lying. Seeing Jack Brown, the government guide and scout, and probably thinking he would be arrested, the Indian ran a few yards, sat down, and putting the muzzle of his gun to his forehead blew his brains out. Brown had heard the first shot, but thought nothing of it, supposing an Indian was shooting at game; but when he saw the Indian shoot himself he knew something was wrong and searched in the brush and found the dead squaw. It is supposed that the squaw had money and would not give it to him, for which he killed her. Brown was out looking for horses when the shooting was done.

It is something unusual and remarkable for an Indian to commit suicide. From all that can be learned there are but few instances known where the red man has taken his own life, probably regarding it as bad medicine to do so; but in this case it will no doubt be regarded as good medicine.

The Newest Northwest.

The Northwest territory of the Dominion of Canada contains, in the four districts into which it is divided, 431,000 square miles, capable of supporting a population of 30,000,000. The whole population does not now exceed 70,000 at a liberal estimate. The advocates of local self-government in the Northwest cite the fact that when Manitoba was given autonomy it had less than 60,000 inhabitants, while British Columbia had less than 50,000. There seems to be such an earnest desire on the part of the people to manage their own local affairs, and get rid of Ottawa dictation, that they will make matters very uncomfortable for the central government if they do not get what they want soon.

Knocked Out by Disease.

The most vigorous and adamant endurance can not hold out unaided against climatic and other influences prejudicial to health. No one can persistently breathe vitiated or miasmatic air, eat unwholesome food, indulge in excess, or toil unceasingly, without eventually falling a prey to disease. One of the surest preventives against it is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. But potent as this auxiliary to health is, it would be preposterous to expect it to maintain a sanitary condition of the system if they who seek its aid wilfully abandon every other precaution against disease, and thus thwart its operation. Sobriety, the avoidance of exciting cause, are important elements in health maintenance. A regard being had to these, a system fortified by the Bitters will be exempt from malaria, rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation and other maladies.

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