

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily.

The balance of the material for the new paper at Choteau was shipped to-day.

The proprietors of the Butte Town Talk would like to interview the wretch who fired their office.

Dr. A. F. Foote is having his hands full just now and is rushed with work at his rooms in the Choteau house.

Col. Leaming, while on a recent trip, killed a huge rattlesnake with fourteen rattles. He was hunting chickens and nearly stepped on the monster.

Collins Duer & Co. yesterday received \$2,000 the amount of their insurance in the South British and National insurance Co. through the agency of T. A. Cummings & Co.

One of Dan Cherry's teamsters made a trip with freight for parties in the Teton country, delivering the last at Clark's ranch, 110 miles from Benton. He was gone just a week.

August Heydt brought in the skin of a black bear which was killed in the Highwood mountains. The skin was duly punched by Judge Powers who gave Heydt a certificate for eight dollars for killing the animal.

The war on the Piegan Indians by cowboys from the Yellowstone, under the leadership of the redoubtable "Liver-Eating" Johnson, resulted in a little skirmish near Bull mountain, during which one Indian was supposed to be killed. The Indians escaped, as usual, but some of the stolen stock was recovered by the avengers.

Chas. Sheridan's team took a notion to run away to-day and take a little spin about town. They broke the pole of the water wagon on the river grade and started at a break-neck pace, caromed on a wire fence on the reservation, passed up the hill and over to the old brick yard back of the bluff, before they were finally captured. No damage was done.

From Monday's Daily.

The steamer Batchelor, Capt. Joe Todd, left Bismarck on the 19th for the upper river.

Major Steele of the mounted police has been promoted to the rank of inspector. The Major is one of the most efficient officers of the force.

Professor Downing the new principal of the graded school passed a successful examination on Saturday last, receiving a first grade certificate.

Inspector Antrobus of the N. W. M. P. after serving at nearly all of the posts in the Northwest has been assigned permanently to Fort Macleod.

Paris Gibson has been selected by Governor Hauser to represent Choteau county at the water ways convention to be held at St. Paul September 3d.

The committee to purchase the citizens testimonial to Major Steele, have sent to Montreal for the best \$200 diamond ring to be got there.—Calgary Herald.

A couple of enthusiastic correspondents of the Great Falls Tribune have written a very interesting account of a trip to Highwood. It should be read to be fully appreciated.

T. McCune returned from the hay field Saturday last and reports splendid progress being made with the delivery of hay at Fort Assinaboine, at present about one hundred tons being delivered weekly.

It is learned that Messrs. Chamberlain and Salisbury who arrived in the city Saturday are connected with the U. S. geological survey. They left this morning but will return this evening or to-morrow.

Patrick Divine arrested a few days ago for burglarizing the Silver Palace saloon had an examination before Justice Huy of Great Falls on Tuesday last and bound over in the sum of \$300 to appear before the grand jury.

Winnipeg is to have a new daily paper to take the place of the Times. W. Thompson, formerly of the Times, Albert Dennis of Halifax, and others furnish the money. The paper will be independent in politics.

The large firm of T. C. Power & Co. is putting up a handsome store on Stephen avenue, next to the Rossin house. The greater part of the goods belonging to the firm at Maple creek will be transferred here.—Calgary Herald.

Charlebois, a half-breed, recently killed a crazy squaw in Big Bear's camp. The woman threatened to eat up all the Indians and half-breeds before morning, and to avert this catastrophe Charlebois killed her. A summary way of stopping cannibalistic propensities.

Charles Jennings, whose arrest at Fort Assinaboine for horse-stealing, was reported in last week's Argus, was brought here last Saturday, arraigned before Justice Sharpless, waived examination and was bound over to the next term of district court in the sum of \$1,000.—Argus.

The meeting of the rod and gun club was well attended on Saturday evening, fully fifteen members being present. The meeting was held with closed doors and a

full report of the proceedings could not be obtained. It leaked out this morning that Harwoods lake will be stocked with fish and a committee appointed to confer with the government fish commission in regard to procuring carp for the same lakes. A club house will be erected shortly at an expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

The Montana Press Association were remarkably fortunate in the selection of their principal officers for the first term. Capt. James H. Mills, of the Deer Lodge New Northwest, who was chosen president has been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the best interests of the association and make the first annual meeting a decided success; and Jerry Collins, of the Benton River Press, who was selected secretary, has more than met the expectation of those members who voted for his election to the responsible position.—Courier.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Water right blanks for sale at the RIVER PRESS office.

The petty larceny thief is getting numerous at Maiden.

The steamer Benton left Bismarck to-day for Broadwater's Landing.

A. Nathan of the firm of Hirshberg & Nathan has gone to New York.

The shipments of bullion from the Drum Lummon last month aggregated \$93,000.

Louis Belanger is making preparations to erect a new stone fire proof store 34x64 at Maiden.

Quite a large excursion party will leave in a few days for a visit to the Great Falls and Belt creek.

Peace reigns in Meagher county since the supreme court has decided that Dr. Kumpke is sheriff.

A party of gentlemen will take a trip to St. Mary's lake this fall and indulge in hunting and fishing.

The Montana Press Association having concluded its labor the members are taking in the Helena fair.

A strong delegation from Dakota will be in attendance at the waterways convention at St. Paul on the 3d prox.

We learn that T. A. Cummings and C. E. Conrad will leave on Saturday next to attend the river convention which meets on Thursday the 3d prox. at St. Paul.

George Ennis and party arrived from Neihart a day or two ago, purchased an outfit and left for the Sweet Grass to-day. J. R. Wilton, James Werrick, Joe Gauvreau and others will leave in a few days.

The dredge boat is approaching completion and in about two weeks will commence work on the bars. It was to have been completed in two months from the time of commencement, but the scarcity of carpenters and other delays have extended the work. It is doubtful if much dredging will be done this year.

Professors Salisbury and Chamberlain of the U. S. geological survey returned from Highwood this morning. The gentlemen informed our reporter that they were connected with that branch of the survey which is tracing the great northern drift. They will leave for San River, and extend their journey to the Blackfoot agency.

James Thompson, the man who was assisting Mr. Jed. Groesback in jointing a smokestack some three weeks ago, when both had their fingers cut by the sliding down of a flange, had two fingers amputated, gangrene having set in from the effects of the injuries. Dr. W. F. Hanson performed the operation, and reports the wounds rapidly healing.—Argus.

W. E. Belcher, the gentlemanly representative of the Canadian Pacific railroad, accompanied John Green in his ranch on the Shonkin yesterday and returned this morning more retund in appearance than when he left. Mr. Green had made elaborate preparations to receive the distinguished r. r., and the dinner was one to make, as Mrs. Partington said, an "ipecaac" smile—blue grouse, frogs' legs French style, spring chicken and other delicacies too numerous to mention. The repast was washed down with copious draughts of aqua pura and milk, with bottles on the side containing benedictine, O'Horsey rye, eau de vie, etc., which were liberally patronized. Mr. Belcher says he never enjoyed himself to such a degree in all his life. Mr. Green, as every one knows, is a genial, fun-loving host, and the feast was garnished with delicious stories of frontier life from his lips. Mr. Belcher is more than half inclined to take up his residence in the happy vale of the Shonkin.

The Territorial Fair.

Special to the River Press.

HELENA, August 25, 1885.

The fair was ushered in with a rain storm, as usual, but it cleared up so that the weather was all that could be desired. The attendance yesterday was unusually large for the first day. The stock show is the best ever made here. There are seventy horses on the ground to take part in the races, and a great number of thoroughbred animals on exhibition. Among the Choteau county exhibitors are Robert

Vaughn, the Montana Cattle company, D. O. Blevins, and Wm. McLaughlin.

The races yesterday were good, and nearly \$5,000 went into the pool box. There were five entries for the 600-yard dash, which was won by H. R. Baker's Sunday—time 34 sec. The seven furlong race was won by C. J. Mattock's Pehetta, with Boullis 2d—time 1:36. The trotting race, for a purse of \$500, was won by George Breck's Lady Fisher in three straight heats, in a contest with Huntley & Clark's Bishop, Raymond's Easel, and Kratzer's Cottonwood—best time, 2:46½. The track was heavy, and consequently good time could not be made. Vaughn's Great Western takes part in the trotting to-day.

The Third infantry band of Fort Shaw furnishes the music. There is now a prospect of better weather, in which event the fair will be a great success. The Stock Growers' association and Pioneers meet this week, and the city is rapidly filling up with people.

Land Office Notes.

The law gives a homestead for the purpose of a home, not for the purpose of enabling the entryman to acquire title without reference to its uses; the principal being that the homestead is not merely the temporary residence of the head of the family, but the permanent residence of all.—Commissioner Sparks, June 5, 1885.

Occasional visits and staying a few nights on the land is not evidence of residence. Homestead entries can not be maintained by merely perfunctory acts, or by improvements alone. The law gives a homestead for the purpose of a home, not for the purpose of acquiring a title to 160 acres of land without living on it.—Assistant Commissioner Harrison, June 5, 1885.

To sustain his settlement a pre-emption claimant must make some substantial improvement on the land at the date of settlement, such as would be notice to all that he claims the land. A shanty 10x12 feet one-half on the land, is not sufficient.—Acting Secretary Muldrow, April 30, 1885.

The removal of improvements after final proof, prima facie evidence of bad faith. Entries not made in good faith are liable to contest, investigation and cancellation.

To be subject to timber culture entry the section of land must be devoid of timber. The rule established by former decisions that to bar an entry the section must contain at least ten acres of timber of at least 675 trees per acre, is held to be outside the law and not to be sustained.—Commissioner Sparks, May 27, 1885.

Sweet Grass Notes.

The gold taken out so far is very fine in quality.

C. S. Brown will start next week to look the ground over.

It is said that anywhere within a distance of twenty miles from the hills good colors can be found.

Nearly all of the discoverers of Little Alder are in the Sweet Grass—Jim Bender, Fred Derwent, Dutch Louie and others.

We hear that parties will shortly start to prospect in the east butte. Water is more abundant there than anywhere else in the hills.

The Sweet Grass hills gold fields promise to be richer and more extensive than any placer mines discovered within the last fifteen years.

Messrs. Freese and Hamill, who recently visited the diggings, are enthusiastic over the outlook, and predict a great future for the camp.

Eight dollars was recently taken from a load of refuse dirt. It was in the way and was thrown into a wagon and dumped in the sluice boxes, with the above result.

There is a good road to the Sweet Grass hills by way of the Benton & St. Louis Cattle company's ranch. The distance is only about eighty-five miles. The old road, by the way of Fort Conrad, will be the favorite route of travel.

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Fort Benton, M. T., for the week ending August 22, 1885:

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| Atkins James      | Lambert Henry    |
| Bell Geo M        | Malone C L       |
| Bock Jno          | Mather F C       |
| Cavin Chas        | McGrew Wm L 2    |
| Carter Wm         | McShane T B 2    |
| Campbell Joseph   | McDonald Dan 2   |
| Corbin Theodore 2 | Morton Wm        |
| Derr Sam          | Murray H C 2     |
| Denoon Thos       | Ogle Jno         |
| Dodge Sam         | Patrick T C      |
| Ford Arthur M     | Parker G W       |
| Fogelsonger W H 2 | Plate Jno        |
| Hall T W          | Selstrom Jno O 3 |
| Higgins & Co      | Whaley Phil      |
| Hildreth Chas     | Wheeler O B      |
| Jackson L 2       | Wood Jno E       |
| Kallum Henry 2    | Wood Logan A     |
| Lamoureux Amedee  | Yard W O         |

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised." M. A. FLANAGAN, P. M.

Neihart Mines.

Parties lately from the camp report the Mountain Chief mine, owned by the Hudson mining company, as showing up fine, with immense bodies of rich ore in the levels.

We could learn but little of the other leads in that vicinity excepting of the Black Chief, owned by the Snow creek Mining Co. and lying right among the group of mines purchased by the Broadwater syndicate. Capt. McIntosh informs a Tranchant representative that Mr. Choate, one of the company, has just finished representation work on the Black Chief, and that just before he finished he struck a fine body of rich ore. The Capt. says that, so far as the present developments indicate, this mine is as good as the Montana Bell group.

John McCormick and Col. Boone came in from Neihart last night and state that since the fact of the recent purchase has become known there, Neihart has braced up and mine owners are feeling more hopeful than ever before.—Tranchant.

THE WATER WAYS CONVENTION.

The water ways convention, which meets at St. Paul on September 3d, will be the most important gathering of the kind which has ever been held. It is proper that Fort Benton, which is more directly interested than any city on the upper river, should send a strong delegation of our representative men. Mayor Roosevelt, with commendable spirit, has appointed the following gentlemen to represent us at the meeting: T. E. Collins, C. E. Conrad, T. A. Cummings and T. C. Power. In addition to this the governor has designated Paris Gibson as delegate from Choteau county. The following letter was received by Mayor Roosevelt from Mayor Bragg of Bismarck:

BISMARCK, Dak., August 15, 1885.

To His Honor, the Mayor, Fort Benton, M. T.:

MY DEAR SIR:—On behalf of the citizens of Bismarck, I take pleasure in extending an invitation to the delegation from your city and all delegates from your territory to the river convention to be held in St. Paul on the 3d of September, so to time their journey as to stop over at least one day in our city, on the way down, to enable our delegation to confer with yours in regard to our mutual interests in the purposes of the convention, and to extend the acquaintance between the citizens of our great northwest.

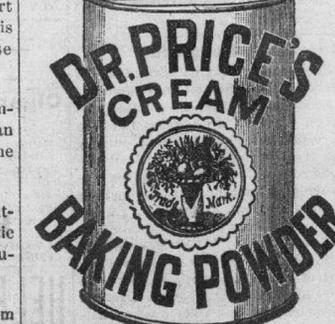
Very respectfully,  
JUSTUS BRAGG, Mayor.

Choteau county and Fort Benton have much at stake, and it is hoped that every one of the gentlemen appointed will attend. All of the great northwestern states and territories are to be represented. Montana sends a strong delegation, and Fort Benton should do its utmost. The delegation appointed should lay other considerations aside and attend.

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"I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable qualities of

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as a cough remedy.

"While with Churchill's army, just before the battle of Vicksburg, I contracted a severe cold, which terminated in a dangerous cough. I found no relief till on our march we came to a country store, where, on asking for some remedy, I was urged to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

"I did so, and was rapidly cured. Since then I have kept the PECTORAL constantly by me, for family use, and I have found it to be an invaluable remedy for throat and lung diseases. J. W. WHITLEY."

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., August 14, 1885.

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 L. Rotwitt, deputy clerk of the 3d judicial district court of Montana, in and for Meagher county, at White Sulphur Springs, M. T., on Saturday, September 26, 1885, viz: John D. Rickard, who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 5659, for the SW ¼ section 1, township 18 north of range 7 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Gunn, Arthur W. Ford, William Baker and William L. Cresop, all of Cora, M. T. F. ADKINSON, Register.

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, August 21, 1885.

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 Charles L. Spencer, probate judge of Choteau county, Montana, at his office in Fort Benton, M. T., on Saturday, September 26, 1885, viz: Patrick Connolly, who made homestead application No. 1793, for the E ¼ NE ¼, section 33, and the W ¼ NW ¼, section 34, township 22 north of range 9 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Milton E. Milner, George D. Paterson, John W. Tattan and Jere Sullivan, all of Fort Benton, M. T. F. ADKINSON, Register.

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