

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Ranchero surpassed all former efforts at Butte last Sunday, trotting a full mile in 2:24 1/2 and the first half in 1:10.

We were informed at Choteau that a new and elegant hotel will be built at that place this fall, to be run under the management of Mr. John J. Healy of this city.

Joseph A. Baker will leave for Maple creek on Thursday morning and accompany the cattle of the Benton & St. Louis company to Chicago. He will be absent several weeks.

Lieut. F. P. Avery, Third Infantry, has been retired from duty at Fort Snelling, and directed to return to his former station at Fort Missoula, Mont. After completing his official duties there, he will proceed to Fort Shaw, Mont., to join the company to which he has recently been promoted.

Capt. H. R. Horton who has been superintending the building of the dredge boat and manipulating the valves since work commenced, left for the Coal Banks together with H. A. Otis and the rest of the crew to take the steamer Rosebud for the states. They all expect to be back early in the spring.

Jack Lee, who formerly drove the Macleod coach, arrived in the city last evening. Jack has given up driving for this winter and Tom Chamberlain succeeds him. He has accepted a position in the store of T. J. Todd & Co. He brought in about \$30 worth of Sweet Grass gold dust belonging to Tom Farrington.

Jack Lee left Macleod last Thursday and says that the surveyors were at Dunmore getting ready to start out. He heard nothing regarding the surveying outfit from Leithbridge and other points, but understands that the proposed railroad from Dunmore has nothing to do with the Galt railroad. A white man was recently arrested at Macleod charged with stealing horses.

Henry Wright returned from Rawlins, Wyo., yesterday. He says Dave Browne is getting along splendidly with his contracts and is giving satisfaction to the government officials. Rawlins, he says, is a lively town, being at the end of a division on the Union Pacific, sixteen trains passing through there daily. In addition the company have repair shops and round houses located there. Henry likes Montana a little better than Wyoming.

From Thursday's Daily.
The Rosebud on her last trip brought up to the Coal Banks all the freight left at Rocky Point and below.

E. G. Fullerton, of the signal service, arrived this afternoon from Helena and will probably remain here permanently.

Fort Benton is securing a large amount of trade from Neihart this fall and with a good road to that camp it would nearly all come this way.

Col. Edward Moale, 3d Infantry, being the senior officer at Fort Shaw is in command of the post during the temporary absence of General Brooke.

We learn that the Hudson Mining company of Neihart will start their smelter in about ten days. The prospects are it will be a complete success from the start.

Mr. Caudon, of Yankton, Dak., is at Washington to press the claim of the Missouri Transportation company against the government for \$6,000 for carrying army medical supplies to Fort Benton.—Bismarck Tribune.

There are no post offices in Montana entitled to the free delivery system, although Helena and Butte have three times the required population—4,000. But the census for 1880 does not show this number of inhabitants for these towns and they are therefore left on the free delivery business.

Parties who returned from the round-up last evening report a prairie fire near Harwood's lake and there was great danger of its burning several stacks of hay near there. The line of fire appeared to be about four miles wide and was making rapidly towards the mountains. A fire at this season of the year is particularly unfortunate and unless it can be stopped the damage will be incalculable.

Mr. Speer has finished the well for H. P. Rolfe at Great Falls, and is now at work boring a well for W. J. Pratt. We did not learn whether he struck water at Mr. Rolfe's, but the presumption is that he did, and the fact that he is not more than fifty feet above Mr. Huy's, where flowing water was found at a depth of twenty-five feet, would strengthen this belief. This finding of water on the bench lands will be of incalculable benefit to this part of the country.

The iconoclast is still abroad in the land. He has shattered many idols—the story of William Tell, George Washington and his hatchet, John Smith and Pocahontas and now he turns up as a gentleman from Persia and asserts that the game of poker is not of American origin; that from time immemorial the game has been known in Oriental lands, and that it was played in Persia centuries before Columbus discovered the new world. And now some one will turn up and tell us that the patriarchs played stud-horse poker.

Major Maginnis and wife are making a tour of the National park.

Mr. W. G. Conrad and family are expected to arrive in the city, to take up their residence here, about the 15th of next month.

The steamer Batchelor left Bismarck on the 23d with a full cargo of military and Indian supplies. She will come up as far as Rocky Point.

The Rosebud will take down the last of the wool at Judith. This boat will probably make another trip from Bismarck up as far as Rocky Point.

There was an eclipse of the moon night before last, almost a total one, commencing about ten o'clock and continuing until nearly midnight. It was observed by many of our citizens.

D. G. Browne has already won the title of "transportation king" in Wyoming. Not only has he corraled the government freight, but also about all the private transportation on his several government routes. There is no danger but Dave will "get there, Eli," with even half a show.

Nat McGiffin, of Sand coulee, arrived in the city last evening. He reports that a prairie fire got good headway, a few days ago, between Sand coulee and Box Elder, but the settlers turned out and extinguished it, not, however, until it had burned over a large extent of valuable sheep range on Box Elder.

The prairie fire in the vicinity of Harwood lakes has been put out and we have been unable to learn of any other fires across the river. The smoke in town last night was thick enough almost to cut with a knife and as the wind was from the west it is presumed a fire is raging somewhere in the Teton country.

How they Originate.

"Speaking of prairie fires," said a stock man to our reporter to-day, "I can tell you how they often originate."

"Well?"
"Nearly every cowboy on the range is addicted to the habit of smoking cigarettes, as well as a great many others who traverse the prairies who are not cowboys, and in my opinion the cigarette is a fruitful source of mischief, as regards setting out fires. It is more dangerous than a cigar because the tobacco and paper will continue to burn to the last, while the more compact tobacco of the cigar does not hold the fire. I have frequently seen fires start from cigarettes and know that if smokers of the weed in this form are not careful they can do much mischief on the prairie."

This theory is given for what it is worth and we trust it will serve as a sufficient warning to the cigarette smoker.

Signal Office Changes.

Mr. B. O. Lenoir, of the signal office at this place, who has been relieved by Mr. E. G. Fullerton, will leave for Helena tomorrow to assume charge of the office at that place. Mr. Lenoir has become attached to Fort Benton and he regrets very much that the change is necessary, but those in the service of Uncle Sam do not always have their choice about these things.

Mr. Fullerton is an old friend, competent and thorough in his work, always accommodating and agreeable, and we are glad that the whirligig of the corps has landed him here.

Artesian Wells.

A letter received from Mr. H. P. Rolfe, of Great Falls, says: "I am happy to say that Mr. Speer struck water at a depth of forty feet, which flows two gallons a minute. The water is as cold as ice and perfectly clear. It is in blue sandstone, where the best water is generally found. This will be good news for every one. The well is from 150 to 175 feet above the river, and demonstrates that the bench lands between Great Falls and Belt creek will some day be settled by prosperous farmers."

This practically settles the question of the irrigation of bench lands, and any farmer may now choose his location and be pretty sure of finding water near the surface sufficient to irrigate all the land he would care to cultivate, even at the rate of two gallons a minute, which means 2,880 gallons per day, or 86,400 gallons a month. We would be glad if Mr. Speer could be induced to come to this section of the country and experiment. We are satisfied that he would find employment for his boring apparatus for the next year.

Will Enlarge.

Dennis Ryan, of St. Paul, has decided to build an addition to his \$1,000,000 hotel, and to fit up sample rooms, with residence rooms attached, for commercial men. Architect Egan of Chicago, is at work on the plans.

IT LOOKS LIKE A RAILROAD.

The Syndicate Seeking to Corral the Land About Great Falls.

When Mr. Paris Gibson was summoned by Mr. Hill to St. Paul, a few weeks ago, he was requested to bring all records and documents bearing on the townsite business with him and at the same time instructed to take the lots off of the market, as it was not desired to dispose of any more Great Falls dirt for the present. Some of our citizens regarded this as an indication of important developments affecting "the future great," and subsequent events go to show that their surmises were correct. Nothing has been heard directly from Mr. Gibson, so far as we know, but yesterday one of our citizens, who owns a half interest in a tract of land adjoining the townsite, received a telegram from St. Paul asking if he would take \$2,500 for his interest in the land in question. His answer was in the negative, but fixed the sum that would buy it.

From this occurrence and others of a like tenor it is believed that a syndicate, likely the same that is interested in the Neihart and Ten Mile mines, has secured control of the Great Falls townsite and determined upon the construction of certain railroads that will make it an important point—one probably from Ten Mile mile to Helena and on to Great Falls, with another to Neihart. This, of course, is in the main guesswork, but there are very good reasons for supposing that the programme is about as indicated. At least, we give the rumors and conclusions for what they are worth.

Here, There, Everywhere,
Malaria is found. Even where the disease is not prevalent—where the general condition of the surrounding locality may be favorable to health, isolated cases may exist. Bad drainage, a damp cellar, the escape of sewer gas, the existence of masked cess pools, proximity to stagnant water—all these are frequent causes, and what town or city of any magnitude is free from them. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, whether in town or country, whether the germs of disease develop either the bilious, remittent or the intermittent form, or that negative, sluggish, but not less obstinate type called dumb ague, is equally efficient, both as a preventive and a remedy. Bad digestion, biliousness, constipation, a want of vitality, are also remedied by it, and the happiest results may be surely anticipated from its use for the relief of rheumatism, kidney and bladder complaints, and nervousness, accompanied by a lack of appetite and sound repose. It is botanic and agreeable.

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by all druggists.

Notice.
The regular meeting of the Judith Basin Horse Growers' association will be held at Philbrook on Saturday, October 10th, at 1 o'clock p. m. All horsemen are most earnestly requested to attend.
CLARENCE M. GOODELL, Pres.
CHILES CARR, Sec'y.

Ranch for Sale.
The undersigned has a good ranch which he offers for sale. It is situated on the Marias, one mile from Solomon's, well fenced, two good houses, and with several farming implements to be included. It is a good stock ranch, with plenty of good grass, water and timber. Will sell cheap for cash. Apply to this office or to M. Solomon or A. Juno, Marias.
N. FITZGERALD.

Jersey Bull for Sale.
Duke of West Grove (No. 6212), by Lord Bacon (No. 4334) and Labelle of W. G. (No. 8895). For particulars enquire of A. C. Johnson, Fort Benton, or Chas. H. Boyle at his ranch on Highwood.

For Sale.
House, furniture and good will of the Valley hotel, located at Choteau, M. T. The house is well furnished and doing a first-class business. Good reasons for selling. Apply to
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Ranch at Belt creek bridge, 25 miles south of Fort Benton.

Strayed.
From our ranch on the Muddy, about May 15th, a large light grey horse branded JH combined on the shoulder, weight about 1,100 pounds. The horse had the poll evil when he left. Also a roan, weight about 850 pounds, branded G S. (Gilmer & Sausbury and other brands and a brown horse weight 850 pounds, branded TE combined on the shoulder. The animals were last seen on the Teton. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery.
HOBBINS & HEFFERNAN, Choteau, M. T.

FALL, 1885.
We beg to announce to our patrons that we have just received our new stock of

FALL HATS!
And a Full Line of Millinery.

We have also a desirable assortment of Cloaks, Dolmans, Ulsters, Fur-lined Circulars and Misses' and Children's Cloaks, all very latest patterns, and offered at prices that will afford no excuse for any one going cold this winter.

Daily additions are being made to our Dress Goods Department.
LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S
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The highest market price paid for Beef Hides, Sheep Pelts and Furs.

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In our LUMBER YARD can be found all sizes of SEASONED LUMBER AND SHINGLES, from the Bellevue Saw Mill.

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JANUARY, 1885.

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Has recently been fitted up in the very best of style for the accommodation of the traveling public.
GOOD STABLING for HORSES
In connection with this House.

FRANK DAY, Prop'r.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of William E. Hager, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, David H. Churchill, administrator of the estate of William E. Hager, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator or to H. G. McIntire, Esq., atorney for said administrator, at his office in Fort Benton, in the said county of Choteau.
DAVID H. CHURCHILL,
Administrator of the estate of William E. Hager, deceased.
Fort Benton M. T. August 5 1885.

\$10 Reward.

Strayed from the ranch of Oleson Lyng, on the Shonkin, a dapple steel gray horse, weight about 1,100 pounds, branded CM on right shoulder and R (sideways) on right thigh. A gentle work horse, with some saddle marks. A gentle reward will be paid for information leading to the recovery of the animal. Leave word with or address Chas. Rowe, Fort Benton.
J. B. BLACKFORD.

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