

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily. Geo. Bird Grinnell, editor of the Forest and Stream, and who paid a pleasant visit to Benton last year, is now making a trip through the Yellowstone National park.

Commencing September 1st Fort Conrad will have mail service from this city twice a month until June 30th next, when it will be increased to twice a week.

Capt. Hilton has written to the officer in charge of the upper Missouri improvement in regard to the dredge boat. The craft is aground on two sides and this will have a tendency to injure it unless prompt measures are taken to get it afloat.

Mr. N. Authier, of T. C. Power & Bro., is expected home from his trip to Choteau, Sun River and Great Falls early next week. During his absence he has been selling goods for the firm he represents and has been remarkably successful.

The white sulphur spring on the Missouri, opposite Belt Creek, promises to be a health resort before long. A house has been built there for the accommodation of people. The waters are said to be most excellent for any one suffering from kidney troubles.

Mr. C. G. Griffith of this city who is in charge of a surveying party between Helena and Butte stands in high favor with his superior officers. He is regarded as one of the best and most trustworthy engineers on the Montana Central line, and his good services have been recognized.

The board of commissioners will meet as a board of equalization on the third Monday of this month.

The delegates to the republican convention from Highwood precinct are Wm. Rowe, Richard Fish and Jared Smith.

Fully one inch of snow fell on Highwood Saturday night, and yesterday morning the mountains were covered.

A lady residing at Colorado City, Texas, writes to a gentleman in town asking if a first class boarding house would pay here.

Oliver Valleaux, son of Capt. Nelson, last week and killed a large gray wolf a few days ago. This is the third wolf Oliver has killed by this means.

John Lopley and A. W. Kingsbury left yesterday afternoon for the Canadian Pacific railway. They camped at the Marias last night and will be at Assinaboine tonight.

Frank Coombs expects to leave for Neihart soon to look after his mining interests at that place and on Snow creek. Dr. W. E. Turner will also leave for that camp in a day or two on a similar mission.

The county commissioners met this morning at 10 o'clock, Commissioners Learning and Arnoux being present. But little business was transacted when the board adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The McCord-Young case came up for hearing in Judge Powers' court to-day. The defendant, Young, waived examination and was bound over in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury. George W. Crane and Mike Lynch are his bondsmen.

The large building in Fort Benton known as the "Record building" was sold on the 2nd inst by Mr. Henry Cannon. Consideration \$10,000. The purchaser was W. G. Conrad, Esq., who bought it for the First National bank of Benton. The building is to be used for banking purposes.—Herald.

Geo. R. Tingle, late of Glendive, but now seal commissioner for Alaska, has returned east and is at Washington giving an account of himself and the seals. Mr. T. was a member of the "late lamented" and not a very brilliant one either. How he managed to "catch on" so luckily has been something past finding out in Montana.

An old timer who resided in Lincoln gulch in 1867 informed our reporter to-day that during that summer a heavy shock of earthquake was felt, which started things on the shelves of the store rattling and brought the miners who were at work in tunnels and shafts to the surface. The shock created considerable alarm. Another gentleman informs us that at Helena in the fall of 1872 there were distinct shocks of earthquake also in the spring of 1873. These are the only shocks of earthquake he has ever heard of in this country.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Rosebud and Batchelor passed Poplar River on the 31st of August.

Henry Sieben shipped sixteen car loads of cattle from Billings to the Chicago market on the 1st inst.

Any one desiring to purchase some fine American horses would do well to call on Hugh Crosson at the Grand Union Hotel.

Lieut. Purcell, of the U. S. signal corps, is now on a tour of the territory, inspecting the different stations. He will probably reach Fort Benton some time next week.

John G. Maclay was taken very sick with hemorrhage last night and for some time was in a most critical condition. We are pleased to learn that he is much better to-day.

Miss Winifred A. Chipman, of Philbrook, arrived on the Billings coach this morning and will leave to-morrow for Chestnut where she is engaged to teach school.

Mr. Minot, the second vice president of

the Manitoba railway, together with other gentlemen comprising the Hill party, will probably pay Fort Benton a visit before they return.

Mr. and Mrs. James Travis of Helena are paying their annual visit to their daughters, Mrs. Dave and Malcolm Morrow of the Shonkin. Mr. Travis was in the city to-day.

Mr. J. H. Conrad, of Chicago, arrived in the city last evening accompanied by his wife and child. Mr. Conrad will return east in a few days and Mrs. Conrad will remain in the city visiting friends for several weeks.

If you are in need of encouragement on the railroad question, talk to D. G. Browne awhile. Dave is thoroughly enthused and will wager any amount of money that the iron horse will snort in Fort Benton before the first of September next.

The allotment of land to the Crows will be made in the proportion of 160 acres to each head of a family, and 80 acres to others. John G. Walker of the District of Columbia, and Rolfe Sanders, of New York, will make the allotments in severalty.

John Castner writes that Messrs. Hill and Broadwater were at his place on Belt yesterday. It is thought they visited Belt for the purpose of looking up the coal interests of that section. As these mines have been worked for the past twelve years they show greater development than any other coal mines in the territory.

Mr. Wm. H. Black, of Choteau, informs us that Choteau is improving rapidly, several new buildings being now in course of erection. I. N. Hazlett is building a fine store and James Armstrong a residence. The Bellview saw mill is working to its fullest capacity to supply the demand for lumber. Mr. Black regards Choteau as one of the best towns in the county.

Last year considerable work was done at the lower falls by the Chandler company in boring for coal. When operations were suspended it was the intention to resume work again this year, but as yet nothing has been done. The indications were that coal of a very superior quality would be found; at all events, they were to continue boring until they were satisfied that the kind of coal they wished was there, and the gentlemen in charge were very sanguine. They expected to find a stratum of coal superior to any on Deep, Belt creek or Sand Coulee. We would be glad to hear that the operations are to be continued, and that the theory advanced may prove true.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Fort Benton, M. T., for the week ending Sept. 4, 1886: Barruff C H 2 Mongin Isaac Brown Lorenzo Morgan G Chamberlin Thos M Moore Miss Joseph Craney Fred Moore Miss Bessie Crockett G R 2 McQueen Wm Elliott W G Neil Wm Elder O S Neidringhaus H L 4 Eames Brig Olgason Gust Farrell Mrs Ida Papillon Jos Garrett Chas Rietler H Godwin H C 2 Shively Jno M B Grandchamp D Smith J B Hunter W H Smith Jim C Irvine Thos H Voss Geo Jackson Geo Warnick Jno Johnston Oscar Willbanks H H 2 Lacey Geo W Wright Jno Lavare F Wright Henry 2 Morger Frank J 3

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

Held for Postage.

The following letters are in the post office in this city for the writers to come forward and affix stamps thereto: Miss Carrie Bridgman, Sardis, Ohio. John E. Smith, Fort Ellis, M. T. Benj. Meshuack, Sardis, Ohio. Jane Hicks, Kansas City, Mo. Pat. McKenzie, Chewelah, M. T. D. Robinson, Moscow, Ohio. Frank Runyon, Ulidia, M. T. Dr. Minnie, San Francisco, Cal. How Tex, Lehigh, Indian Ter. M. A. FLANAGAN, P. M.

No Restriction.

"I see," said one member of the Dakota legislature to another, "that congress has passed a bill restricting the powers of territorial legislatures." "Restricting their powers! I hadn't heard anything about it." "Well, it's a fact." "Then I suppose we can't play poker any more. I've got my opinion—"

"Oh, nothing is said about poker." "Shuts off some of the appropriations, then, I suppose?" "No." "Cuts down the members' pay?" "That remains unchanged." "Anything against adjourning and going on excursions?" "I think not."

"Well, a dozen laws couldn't prevent up from selling out to the railroad companies, so I don't see where any of our privileges or powers have been restricted. With draw poker, big pay, liberal appropriations, far reaching excursions and annual passes, I guess we will have all we ever had. What did the law you spoke of refer to, anyway?"—Estelline Bell.

ONE of the county commissioners at least should be a resident of the county seat. If the democratic candidates should be elected the nearest commissioner would be twenty miles from the seat of government, which is not as it should be. This was an error or oversight on the part of the democrats, and the republicans to-morrow should guard against a like mistake.

Montana Melange.

Helena proposes to fete the Hill party on their return to that city.

The percentage on the pools sold at the Helena fair amounted to nearly \$5,000.

Dustin & Hough's slaughtering house at Miles City will be ready for business about the 20th.

J. M. Sweeney's condition is such that he was required to leave for Chicago a day or two ago for medical treatment.

Inter Mountain; B. C. Holly bought Lila Ferguson and Argo, the Oregon flyers, last week, paying \$2,500 for the two.

Will C. Oakley, the most artistic manipulator of types, rules, ornaments, etc. in Montana, has taken charge of the Independent job rooms.

The Granite Mountain company, on the 1st inst., paid another monthly dividend of \$100,000, or 25 cents per share, making \$1,500,000 paid to date and \$820,000 paid this year.

The territorial fair cleared about \$4,000 last week. This is the biggest "winning" yet made by the association and it will go a good ways towards paying off the long standing indebtedness.

Four new post-offices have been established in Choteau county the present year—Bynum, Highwood, Sand Coulee and Wilder. There being no service the offices at Highwood and Wilder are not "open for business."

The Excelsior geyser, in the Yellowstone Park, the most powerful geyser in the world, suddenly broke out last week, and continued to play for over twenty-four hours. The Excelsior has been in a state of quiescence for over four years.

The report of the commissioners appointed to condemn the right of way for the Helena & Red Mountain, over the Hot Springs property, owned by Col. Broadwater, appropriates 1.58 acres, and allows as damages the sum of \$1,231.25.

Daniel Brereton has been placed in nomination for clerk and recorder by the republican central committee of Fergus county, vice Wm. T. McFarland, who was withdrawn from the ticket on account of illness, or what seems to be a case of temporary insanity.

John D. Waite, one of the prominent sheep men of this section left for a visit to his old home in Penn Yan, New York. He will be absent about one month, and rumor says that on his return he will be accompanied by one of Penn Yan's fairest daughters.—Utica cor. of Argus.

Rails for the street railroad are now distributed nearly to the head of Main street and the grade is ironed to Murphy's corner. It is probable that the cars will be here by the time the rails are all laid, and then the Helena street railway will be an accomplished fact.—Independent.

Messrs. Ashby & Broadwater have leased their fine brick building, opposite John T. Murphy & Co.'s, Helena, to Bach, Cory & Co., a mercantile firm that promises to come to the front at the capital and surrounding mining camps. This building, one of the best in the city, has been unoccupied a year or two.

"Chicago Joe" was arrested at Helena a few days ago for keeping a hurdy gurdy house, contrary to the statute made and provided by the "late lamented." She secured counsel and defended the suit successfully, claiming that as a hurdy-gurdy is a musical instrument, and as there is none such in use in her delectable establishment, she is not liable to the law in regard to hurdy-gurdy houses. The jury took this view of the case.

Prominent Butte people report depressing effects upon that camp by the closing down of the Anaconda mines and works. Mr. P. A. Largey, one of the leading business men of Butte, yesterday assured a Herald representative that such was the case. "It is a fact, whatever may be said to the contrary, that large numbers of miners and others of the industrial classes finding themselves without employment, are scattering for other parts seeking work," remarked Mr. Largey. He thought the situation serious enough when an average of fifty men a day were leaving the camp.—Herald.

GOVERNOR PIERCE, of Dakota, thinks the "special legislation" act is a blessing for the territories. He takes the ground that it prohibits county divisions, except by general laws. Following is an extract from an interview with the governor: You see the general powers of the legislature is not abridged, but when they pass a law it must be of some general application. County seats may be changed, to illustrate, and counties divided, but when they make a rule for one it must apply to all. The general law of the territory providing for changing county seats is not affected by this act, nor is general legislation of this character forbidden. The blessing is in the prevention of schemes and jobs whereby a single victim is selected for legislation at the instance and desire of perhaps a single member of the legislature.

The baggage of Sir Charles Dilke and Lord Kingston, who recently passed through Winnipeg on their way to the Pacific coast, was seized by the northwest mounted police on entering the territories, for containing liquor. Sir Charles is traveling under the name of Tetlow.

On September 17 the governors of the thirteen original states will meet in Philadelphia to arrange for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the presentation in congress of the constitution.

REPORT

Of the condition of the

First National Bank

OF FORT BENTON,

In the Territory of Montana, at the Close of Business on August 27th, 1886.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds to secure circulation, Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, Due from approved reserve agents, Due from other National Banks, Due from State banks and bankers, Real estate, furniture and fixtures, Current expenses and taxes paid, Premiums paid, Checks and other cash items, Bills of other banks, Fractional paper, currency, nickels and cents, Specie—Gold coin, Gold Treas. Certificates, Silver coin, Treas. Certificates, Legal tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, Total, LIABILITIES, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, National Bank notes outstanding, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Certified checks, Cashier's checks outstanding, Due to other National Banks, Total.

Territory of Montana, County of Choteau—S. L. E. 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 1886. HARRY B. HILL, Notary Public.

REPORT

Of the condition of the

Merchants' National Bank

OF HELENA.

In the Territory of Montana, at the Close of Business on August 27th, 1886.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds to secure circulation, Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, Due from approved reserve agents, Due from other National Banks, Due from State banks and bankers, Real estate, furniture and fixtures, Current expenses and taxes paid, Premiums paid, Checks and other cash items, Bills of other banks, Fractional paper, currency, nickels and pennies, Legal tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, Total, LIABILITIES, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, National Bank notes outstanding, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Certified checks, Due to other National Banks, Due to state banks and bankers, Total.

Territory of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark—S. W. Langhorne, Cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Helena, Montana, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of September, 1886. I. SALINGER, Notary Public.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, August 18, 1886. 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 Thursday, September 20, 1886, viz: James W. Overbeck, who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 7534, for the NE 1/4 section 7, township 24 north of range 8 east.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., September 1, 1886. 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 Monday, October 4, 1886, viz: Elizabeth Smith, who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 7620, for the W 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, and lots 2, 3 and 4, section 11, township 24 north of range 8 east.

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Horses Taken Up.

On July 4th I picked up on Gorman creek two horses necked together with a large sea-grass rope. One had head halter on. Following is a description of the animals: One cream horse, white mane and tail, three white feet, white stripe in face, branded V on left shoulder. One buckskin mare, with white star in forehead, black stripe down back, unbroken, branded O on left shoulder. JACK BROWN, Fort Assinaboine.

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24 D.K. Blue Chinchilla Pea Jackets and Vests 9.00 " 15.00
24 Roman Plaid S.B. Sack Suits 10.00 " 16.00
24 Mixed Striped S.B. Sack Suits 10.50 " 16.50
24 Fancy Plaid S.B. Sack Suits 12.00 " 17.50
24 Fancy Cassimere S.B. Sack Suits 14.00 " 19.00
24 Brown and Black Checked S.B. Sack Suits 16.00 " 22.00
500 Other Stylish Suits at proportionate prices.
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200 " Men's White Dress Shirts @ \$1.00
200 " Men's Suspenders @ 25
200 " Men's Fancy Neckwear @ 50
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