

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily.  
W. H. Hunt, Esq., left Helena on Wednesday on a professional visit to Ferris county. He will probably return by way of Benton.

On Monday the Utah & Northern will be changed to broad-gauge and the little cars will no longer roll into Montana over that line. All Montana roads are now the standard measure.

Deputy Sheriff Kelly of Choteau informs us that on last Thursday seven loads of wool left Choteau for this place, which will be along in a day or two. He thinks the wool is pretty well cleaned up in that section now.

Mr. E. S. Johnson, formerly in charge of the establishment of J. H. Conrad at Billings, has accepted a position with Messrs. L. G. Baker & Co. of this city. Mr. Johnson is a gentleman of extensive experience in mercantile pursuits and will prove a valuable acquisition to this firm. The River Press extends him cordial welcome as a citizen of Fort Benton.

William Thompson who was jailed yesterday for horse stealing at Choteau is a stranger in that section who arrived in town just a short time before committing the theft. He made a grand mistake in fooling with Jim Armstrong's horses. Jim won't stand any monkey work of that kind and horse thieves had better steer clear of him if they want to get across the line in safety.

Mr. Armington's team, which was securely hitched in front of the Grand Union hotel this morning took fright at a dog which ran swiftly by them, broke their fastenings and started to run. Mr. Armington, who was sitting near, ran out and caught one of the horses, a young and comparatively unbroken animal, by the bridle bit and tried to hold him, but was dragged violently around and around in a circle on the plaza until the team finally came in collision with the covered buckboard of Contractor Jones, when everything went all up in a heap, Mr. Armington being thrown in under the broken vehicles and horses' feet. How he escaped serious injury is a mystery, but with the exception of a blow on the head, which stunned him for awhile, and a few scratches, he escaped unhurt. Mr. Jones' buckboard had the top torn off and was badly demoralized generally, while Mr. Armington's vehicle escaped with a broken doubletree.

From Monday's Daily.  
Mr. D. H. Churchill sold his clip of 12,000 pounds of wool to F. H. Putnam this afternoon at 20 cents, which is the top price just now.

E. T. Marston of Maiden was married last week to Miss Mattie Morris of Boston, Judge Meagher officiating.

The family of Rev. Mr. Mills of White Sulphur Springs is spending the summer at the ranch of the Sage Creek Sheep company.

Miss Rose McQuillan has been quite seriously ill at her home at Mr. M. A. Flanagan's for a few weeks, but, we are pleased to report, is now improving.

The judgment of the lower court in the case of the T. C. Power & Co. vs. the board of commissioners of Choteau county was confirmed last week in the supreme court. Opinion by Judge Galbraith.

Mr. F. H. Putnam purchased yesterday four good clips of wool, viz: Those of Jos. Hirschberg, Sam Kohlberg, Geo. Bickett and T. W. Ridley. The average price paid was about twenty cents.

Mr. Dan Samples has been renovating and generally refitting the Montana stables and corrals and now has everything there in ship shape. Mr. Samples knows how to run an institution of that kind.

It looks pretty lively around the contractors' headquarters. Several outfits were assigned work to-day and for a few hours there was almost a constant line of teams passing through town, en route west.

Wm. Allen, an employe of the Maginnis Mining company of Maiden, while engaged at his vocation as a miner, last Saturday, fell down a fifty foot shaft and sustained injuries that may result fatally.—Argus.

Mr. E. S. Johnson entered upon his duties at I. G. Baker & Co's this morning. Mr. Johnson will have general charge of affairs in the store, a position in which he is perfectly at home, or will be after becoming a little better acquainted.

Mr. D. G. Browne returned from the Sandy hay fields on Sunday night. Mr. Browne has 300 tons of hay already delivered on the Assiniboine contract and 1,100 tons more to put in. The hay is being delivered as rapidly as the many teams can haul it.

Mr. Peter Smith, the carpenter and lumber dealer, reports business very brisk. He has a full force at work, both in the yards and around town. He is now engaged in a new industry—making water tanks for the graders, having just received an order for six of them.

The first harvesting we have heard of commenced at Pat Connelly's farm on the Shonkin, on Saturday. The work was done by Leaming's self-binder and 15 acres of oats were cut in a forty acre field, leaving 25 to be gone over yet. The grain is reported to be very fine.

Mr. Geo. H. Walsh, the Grand Forks attorney, who is at present one of the contractors on the Manitoba, expects to leave for home in a few days to look after his wheat harvest and then in all probability will return to Fort Benton to locate permanently and engage in the practice of his profession.

Mr. C. F. Trotter, of the signal service corps, who has been stationed at Fort Assiniboine for some years past, arrived in the city Saturday evening en route to Helena, where he will remain a short time and then proceed to Washington. Mr. Trotter, who has made a model officer, is succeeded at Fort Assiniboine by E. H. Emery.

The astras at the head of the middle fork of the Judith will soon be in operation, and will test the working value of the ores of the famous Blanket lead in that section, which covers an area of country two and a half miles in extent. The lead is from two to five feet thick and is from eight to thirty feet beneath the surface.—Husbandman.

Mrs. C. Barr Smith of Cottonwood, a most estimable lady, died last week at Lambert Station, below Ubet, while en route home from St. Paul whither she had gone, accompanied by her husband, to seek medical aid. She was suffering from cancer of the womb and was beyond the possible help of physicians or medicine, and died while returning home.

D. F. Barry, the Bismarck photographer, who has recently made the voyage up the Missouri river as far as the Coal Banks, will please accept the thanks of the River Press for a fine photo. of the steamer Rosebud. It was taken at one of the rapids on the river and shows the boat with a line out, struggling with the swift current. It is a finely executed picture.

We were sorry to see Walter Burke leave town this morning on the train. He is on his way to Washington territory or some point in the west where he expects to make his home. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have been identified with this city from the first and have made many warm friends. His wife has for some time been quite ill but we are glad to hear that she is improving.—Billings Gazette.

On Saturday Sheriff Black received a telegram from Rocky Point stating that George Blanche had been caught in the act of burglarizing R. A. Richie's store at that point and was held under arrest to await the arrival of an officer. Yesterday Charley Crawford, who was deputized for that purpose, left on the steamer Benton to take charge of the prisoner and bring him to the city. No further particulars of the affair were given.

Mr. Geo. F. Woolston, accompanied by Mr. Geo. Martin, of the firm of Martin & Klinck, bankers, of Great Falls, arrived yesterday morning from that city and remained until afternoon to-day when they started on the return trip. Mr. Woolston's wife is again much improved, and will soon recover from the painful bruises received in the runaway accident which occurred some time ago. Mr. Woolston hopes to be able to take her back to Helena with him. This was Mr. Martin's first trip to Benton, and he expressed himself greatly surprised at the beautiful location of our city, its size, and the substantial character of its buildings. He had always thought our townsite was broken with hills, instead of being situated as it is in a nice level valley with ample room to build a fine city. Mr. Martin returns to the falls lode in his praises of Benton and her people.

One of our farmers is responsible for the following story which he says is literally true: One of his turkey hens set the usual time on a full nest of eggs and "came off" with only two little ones as the result of her faithful efforts. This seemed to worry her partner, the old gobbler, very much; so much so that he took possession of the nest to try his hand at the business and seemed determined to stay there. The farmer being short of turkey eggs, put a full setting of goose eggs under the old gobbler who stuck to them faithfully through the period of incubation when he "came off" triumphantly with a full brood of little goslings. But when he made a minute examination of the spoon bills and splay feet of his progeny it "broke him all up." He aint the same gobbler. He has been standing around ever since in a sort of meditative way trying to guess where he made the mistake!

From Tuesday's Daily.  
A peculiarity of Hood's Sarsaparilla is that while it purifies the blood, it imparts new vigor to every function of the body.

Mr. Chas. Rowe has a self binder at work to-day on his Missouri river farm harvesting oats, of which he has fifty acres.

Mr. R. W. Buckland, of Highwood, reports the finest crops of grain that he has ever grown, and says he will commence harvesting in a few days.

Mr. John Castner, of the Belt creek coal mines, says there are four different mines now being worked. There is any amount of coal ready for all the teams that may go after it. We would suggest to our railroad graders who are finishing up their contracts that here is a chance to find employment for your teams. Plenty of cheap feed—grass in abundance.

We learn that Maj. Lincoln formerly agent at the Belknap Indian agency, and who, for so many years, filled that position with honor to himself and satisfaction to his wards, as well as the government and all the people of Northern Montana, will soon return from the east to make Fort Benton his home. He will receive a hearty welcome from our people, who hold him in the highest esteem.

The rain and hail storm of last Saturday evening was very severe on the Teton near Embleton's ranch and on the Missouri in the vicinity of Mr. Jas. Rowe's place. We regret to learn that both the gentlemen named had their crops severely damaged by the hail. Mr. Rowe estimates that he has lost one-half of his

grain, valued at least at \$1,000. Mr. Embleton is thinking of cutting his crop for hay owing to its damaged condition. The rain fell in torrents and there must have been a waterspout on the Teton, as the stream is reported to have risen two feet in a few minutes. The storm covered a very small area, as we learn from Mr. Chas. Rowe that it did not reach his place.

Uncle Jimmy Douglas is very fond of Missouri river catfish, and generally keeps a small trot-line anchored out near the dredge boat. Yesterday he baited the line carefully with some nice little chubs, fresh caught, and then sauntered up to the hotel, fully persuaded that he could go back to the river in the course of half an hour and haul in one or two fine "cats." In due time he went to examine the line, when one of the men working on the dredge boat cheerfully remarked: "Your boy caught a couple of fine fish on your line a few minutes ago!" "Me? My boy? Why, I haven't got any boy!" "You haven't? Why, there was a boy came here just awhile ago and said he guessed he'd look at the old man's line, and hauled in two of the purtiest ca. you ever saw!" By this time uncle Jimmy had the line hauled in and found two hooks out off. He confidentially and pathetically informed us to-day that he thought there were some of the worst boys in this town that he ever saw.

THE MANITOBA CHIEFTAIN.

President J. J. Hill, of the Manitoba, Now En Route to Fort Benton.

The Messrs. Conrad received telegraphic advices yesterday that President J. J. Hill, of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad is en route to Fort Benton and will arrive in this city probably on Friday. He comes by his private car to the end of the track and thence will proceed by conveyances that have been provided over the line of the road to Fort Assiniboine and on to this city. On Thursday a conveyance will be sent out to 24-Mile Springs to meet him and convey him to this city. Mr. Hill is making a tour of observation over the proposed line of his road, and from Poplar river west it will be all new to him.

His present programme is to take a steamboat back from this city, if there is one in readiness to return at the time; if not, he will go back over the same route to the end of the track, where his car will await him, moving along with the track-layers.

The citizens of Fort Benton generally are gratified at this opportunity to meet the Manitoba chieftain, and his reception here will be of the most cordial character.

River News.

The steamer Helena left Bismarck on the morning of the 20th at daylight. The following is a copy of her manifest: T. C. Power & Bro., 751 packages; J. H. McKnight & Co., 1; Keenan & Smith, 2; W. O. Dexter, 1 threshing machine and engine; A. Nathan, 142 pkgs.; Ellis E. Pierce, 15; M. A. Flanagan, 5; H. F. Dent, 2; Geo. M. Robbins, 1; Jos. Sullivan, 4; W. J. Minar, 19; C. E. Duer, 15; H. J. Wackerlin & Co., 26; Oscar Stephens, 50; U. S. Indian agent, Belknap, 373; D. C. Earhart, 1 carload stoves and hollow ware and 311 pkgs.; Lapeyre Bros., 14; Mrs. C. E. McMillan, 2; I. G. Baker & Co., —; Murphy, MacLay & Co., —.

Capt. Temple expects to have the A frame of the dredge boat in position by Wednesday, when the craft will be ready for work.

The engineers at the Cracon-du-Nez bar are doing good work. Although they have not yet fully closed the chutes on the north bank they have increased the depth in the main channel five or six inches. When they get the chutes fully closed and use the dredge boat a couple of hours there will be a six or seven foot channel where this troublesome bar formerly existed.

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Fort Benton, M. T., for the week ending July 23, 1887:  
Coningham G Moore Clyde B  
Chamberlain Thos F McDougal E H  
Cheney Jno A McDonald James  
Christopher J M McCuaig & Gehring  
Denison Sam Priestly Mrs Sarah  
Davis A H Rice J L  
Elwood Harry Suitor Clem  
Easton Andrew Schultz Z W  
Forgy John Thompson G M  
Henney David Winn Jno E  
Haney Jos White H  
Lawson Pete

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

The Montana Clip.

The early receipts from Montana are being received and graded. The clip is more uneven in character and condition than last year. Some lots are extremely heavy with sand, but otherwise retain all the excellent qualities peculiar to wools from that locality. Other lots are of lighter shrinkage than last year, but more tender in staple. The light lots look fully up to any wools we have ever seen from Montana, and are quite sure to bring very full prices—higher, we think, than any other American wools from Indiana and other bright wool states. The heavy lots will have to take their chances with the other heavy western wools and be sold strictly on their shrinkage value.—Chicago Wool Journal.

A. Nathan has just received by express a full line of samples from Leopold Bros, the finest merchant tailoring house in Chicago. We are now prepared to make suits to order, guaranteeing a perfect fit in every instance.

THE TIES.

The Drive Coming along Rapidly and will Reach the Boom in Two or Three days.

Mr. Frazier, of Hall & Frazier, the tie contractors, is in the city and will head-quarter here for some time, or until the ties are banked and ready to be turned over to the railroad company. He informed a RIVER PRESS reporter this morning that they cut last fall and winter 150,000 ties, the entire number being now in the river and coming along this way. These ties are intended for use from the Marias to Great Falls and the Sun river drive will supply the needed number from the latter point to Helena over the Montana Central. All ties used on the road as far as the Marias are brought from the east and it has been a tremendous task to keep the needed supply at the end of the track, requiring the running of many trains daily. As the end of the track advances west this work becomes the greater and it will tax Supt. Shields to the utmost to keep up the supply of all needed material.

The tie camp in the mountains has presented a pretty busy scene since its establishment at the head of the Teton last fall. They have had as high as 125 men employed and the number was never below 100. The work went on constantly last winter and there was no day so cold that most of the men did not work.

The contractors had some trouble with the drive during the season of high water but have come along "swimmingly" since they passed Choteau and Mr. Frazier pronounces the Teton below that town a good river to drive. Further up towards the mountains it presents some difficulties. He thinks that, as the stream runs, it is at the least 350 miles from the mouth of the Teton to the mountains, while the distance overland is not more than 150, showing that it is something of a winding river. There have been twenty-three men employed on the drive, but a number of these were discharged yesterday, as so many are not needed now. The drive has made an average of fifteen miles a day since leaving Choteau.

The Canadian department of agriculture has been advised that a party of 200 Icelanders are on the road to the northwest where they will settle. It is expected a few years will see this entire people transferred to the western prairies. The reason given for the rapid depopulation of the little island is the marked increase in the severity of its inhospitable climate. Scientists have been unable to account for the phenomenon. A terrific snow storm raged in the little colony twelve days and nights, commencing May 19th, so advises to the department say, rendering chances for crops anything but favorable. It is claimed by the department that Icelanders make good settlers and will be assimilated in the population in a few years.



The importance of purifying the blood cannot be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health. At this season nearly every one needs a good medicine to purify, vitalize, and enrich the blood, and we ask you to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. It strengthens and builds up the system, creates an appetite, and tones the digestion, while it eradicates disease. The peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation of the vegetable remedies used give to Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiar curative powers. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures. If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other instead. It is a Peculiar Medicine, and is worthy your confidence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.  
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Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Probate court of the county of Choteau, territory of Montana, made on the 9th day of July A. D. 1887, in the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Smith deceased, the undersigned, the administrator of said estate, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at private sale in the manner required by law, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Elizabeth Smith, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired of, in and to the W 1/2 NE 1/4 and lots 1 and 2, section 14, township 24, north range 8 east. The sale will be made on or after August 13th, A. D. 1887. Bids or offers must be in writing and will be received by the undersigned at his usual place of business at Fort Benton, M. T., up to said date. Bids may also be left in the office of the probate court of said county. Terms, cash, upon approval of sale by the probate court.  
CHARLES ROWE, Administrator.

BENTON & CONRAD STAGE LINE. E. W. LEWIS, Proprietor.

The coach leaves Benton on the 1st and 15th of each month. Returning, leaves Conrad on the 4th and 19th of each month. For freight or passage apply to T. J. Todd & Co., corner Front and Baker streets, Fort Benton, M. T.

Strayed! \$10 Reward.

From the undersigned at F. C. Poole's ranch, on Surprise creek, one sorrel horse, 4 years old, weight about 900 pounds, branded on right shoulder. Above reward will be paid for the return of the horse or information that will lead to his recovery. Address: Wm. Sizemore, Stanford, M. T.

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