

LOCAL NOTES.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The appointments of the Butte M. E. Conference for Benton, Great Falls and Manitoba railroad are F. A. Riggan and W. W. VanOrsdel. Mr. Vigus goes to Marysville.

Col. Broadwater, now that the Manitoba is close at hand, has secured a Remington type-writer, a stenographer and private secretary, and is rapidly surrounding himself with all the glory of a railroad president. The "Diamond R" days are of the past.—Live Stock Journal.

Misses Waterman and Ford, of White Sulphur Springs, who for the past few weeks have been visiting Benton friends, and adding to the pleasures of Benton's social life, took their departure this morning on the Helena coach for home. Their presence will be sadly missed by their numerous friends.

U. S. Mail Inspector J. P. Tracy arrived on the Billings coach this morning. It seems that the gentleman came unannounced and unexpected and had a fair opportunity of seeing how mail service is handled on that route. For instance, he observed the Fort Benton letter mail sack that started on the same coach with him from Billings, carelessly transferred to another coach and sent off on the wrong route, whereby we received no eastern letter mail this morning.

Hon. T. E. Collins, Councilman from Choteau county, and family took their departure this morning by private conveyance for the capital, where Mr. Collins will be in attendance at the extra session of the legislature to commence on the 29th, inst. He has not been in the best of health for some days past, having suffered from asthma or hay fever, from which he was gradually recovering at the time of his departure. Mrs. Collins accompanied him to be in attendance should he again be prostrated with the distressing complaint.

Ten mules and a pony lie near the stage road a short distance this side of the Spring Valley ranch, mute evidence of the destructive power of lightning. The outfit belonged to a freighter named Parker Allison. It seems that Allison was driving along the road, riding one of his wheelers, and noticing the storm coming dismounted and attempted to urge his team faster so as to reach the shelter of the station. While walking along the road beside his team a bolt of lightning struck the mules and killed them all, and then killed a pony that was attached to the rear wagon. The most singular feature of the whole affair was that neither Allison nor a woman who was riding on the front wagon was injured by the lightning. They were both stunned, but were not injured.—Rapid City Journal.

Mr. D. G. Browne returned from Fort Assiniboine and the Sandy hay fields last night, where he has been attending to the delivery of hay on the government contract of Browne & McCune for the last two weeks. These gentlemen delivered the first hay on their contract about July 10th. In ten days more they will complete their contract of putting in 1,400 tons of the finest hay ever seen, which we call pretty quick work. The amount of money involved was between \$16,000 and \$17,000, out of which, after paying all expenses, they will have a nice little net profit to add to the credit side of their bank account. Mr. Brown says there was quite a rivalry between the teams employed as to which could haul the heaviest loads of hay. The following shows some of the largest loads hauled on one trip. Coatsworth & Lewis three twelve mule teams 63,000 lbs.; T. McCune three twelve mule teams 55,000; Graham Bros., two eight mule teams 29,000; Sam Jamison one fourteen mule team 24,000. When the teams get through delivering they will load with hay for Benton market and return here.

From Thursday's Daily. We understand that a Mr. Brown and his partner, who have been engaged in the prairie dog industry near Nine-mile coulee, have been creating sad havoc with the little animals. Two or three weeks ago they reported 1,200 skins and now they have another catch of 1,170. Their plan is to shoot them.

Mr. D. G. Browne tells of a prairie fire at Square Butte on the military reservation, just the other side of Box Elder. It commenced Thursday last and burned until Saturday night, when it was finally extinguished by a company of troops from Assiniboine and a party of men sent out by Mr. McCulloh. The grass was yet green and burned very slowly. Had it been dry it would have devastated a large area of country, as the grass in that section is very high and heavy.

Mr. I. G. Baker, senior, member of the firm of I. G. Baker & Co., this city, arrived last evening direct from St. Louis. He came via St. Paul and over the Manitoba to end of the track, which he reached at a point about 35 miles east of Belknap last Sunday night. There was a carriage in waiting, and on Monday at noon he continued his journey traveling by easy stages. Mr. Baker will remain in Fort Benton for some time, on business and pleasure combined. He is always a welcome visitor to the city which he aided in founding, and which he so materially assisted in building up.

Mr. Geo. D. Patterson, of the Shonkin, reports having harvested and threshed 3,300 bushels from 52 acres of oats, which makes an average of 60 bushels per acre. From 2 1/2 acres of wheat he threshed 156 bushels, an average of sixty-two and two-fifths bushels per acre. Such results are the strongest evidence we can offer of the richness of Choteau county soil. We may

add that Mr. Patterson sold his oats at 2 cents per pound. The oats averaged over 40 pounds to the bushel. Counting the average at only forty pounds, he realized over \$50 per acre for the grain, and has the straw left for winter cattle feed.

We have several times called the attention of our farmers to the fact that fruits could be successfully cultivated in the valleys in this section. The following item from the Independent shows what can be done by our Missoula friends:

Willie Cave, of the Fair, yesterday left at the Independent office a dozen fine apples from his father's orchard in Missoula. They were the red astrachan, Duchess of Oidenburg, early harvest and summer rambro varieties, and were as handsome fruit as could be raised in any country. Their flavor, too, was superior to the apples imported into the territory from east or west. The apples were tangible evidence that the people of Missoula county have a bonanza in their agricultural lands and fine climate, if they will only devote as much attention to fruit-raising as they do to prospecting for gold and silver.

Mr. Joseph Dennison arrived from the Sweet Grass mines to-day bringing about 25 ounces of gold dust. He is in purchasing supplies and will return to the camp immediately. He reports thirty-five or forty men in camp, nearly all of whom are claim owners. Labor is scarce, commanding \$4 per day. The miners still have a good sluice head of water which promises to last until winter. There have been frequent rains this summer which has kept the water supply up. Some quartz discoveries have been made in the Hills, but no effort has been made at development, as the mines are on an Indian reservation and titles to quartz leads cannot be secured. The quartz carries gold and is of the free milling character. There is no doubt but that a fine quartz camp will be developed there when the reservation is thrown open.

We have received information,—not official, of course, for there is no means of obtaining that until the Manitoba management see proper to announce it, that the expert sent by president J. J. Hill some time ago to examine the Milk river coal veins near Fort Assiniboine and the Belknap agency reported most favorably upon the quality of the article, as well as the extent and character of the veins as far as can be seen from present developments. The River Press has on every suitable occasion endeavored to bring the value of the Milk river coal fields before the country. We first prosecuted our inquiries until we became fully convinced that the much needed article was there in great abundance. We also learned that it had been thoroughly tested and found to be most excellent fuel; also that it was equally good for blacksmithing purposes. By means of continually referring to it the attention of parties most interested in its development was called to it with the above result. We trust that the Manitoba railroad will take immediate steps to open the mines for its own use, as well as for delivery in Benton and other towns along its line.

From Friday's Daily. For fine pocket cutlery go to H. J. Wackerlin & Co.'s.

Parties having property to sell can list it with W. H. Todd.

The celebrated Wilson Bros' shirts, 250 different colors, for sale at A. Nathan's.

Parties desiring to buy property in or near Benton can do so through W. H. Todd.

H. J. Wackerlin & Co., have just received a big invoice of cowboy revolvers of all styles.

Just received at A. Nathan's custom department 500 new styles of fall and winter samples.

A. Nathan is now ready to measure you for a new fall or winter suit. Call and see my new samples.

Fall styles of the celebrated "Knox hats," just received per express at Gans & Klein. Those in need of nobby hats will do well to call on them.

New style Rochester lamps, beautiful new toilet sets, dinner and tea sets, all of the latest and tastiest designs, just opened and for sale by H. J. Wackerlin & Co. Call early for first choice.

Mr. J. P. Tracy, representing Rosenbaum Bros. & Co., live stock commission merchants of Chicago, is in the city and quartered at the Grand Union. He is soliciting consignments for his house and proposes to remain in Fort Benton for the season.

Messrs. H. J. Wackerlin & Co., are just opening an elegant line of glassware of all descriptions for families, hotels and bars. Their line of bar goods is full and especially attractive, and includes every article needed in that line, from the finest cut glassware to the cheapest grades. Call and see their new goods.

Zook & Alderson's beef went on the Chicago market at \$3.40 for the steers which averaged 1250, and \$2.75 for cows averaging 1080. The steers brought \$12.50, and the cows \$29.70. This having been the first shipment from this part of the country it was a matter of great interest, and numerous bets were made and lost as to how the cattle would go.—Stock Growers Journal.

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the lucky finder of an interesting relic a few days ago at the Shonkin bar. The dredge boat lifted it up with the gravel and deposited it on the barge, where it was discovered. It was an old-fashioned flint-lock Indian musket or "fuke," with a barrel about sixteen inches long. It was deeply buried in the gravel and must have been there many years. Capt. Smith values his find very much and proposes to keep it as a souvenir of his upper Missouri river experience.

J. E. Collins, a painter who came to Fort Benton some weeks ago and engaged at his trade, took his departure for the upper country some days ago. After he left a warrant was sworn out for his arrest, and Deputy Sheriff Sol. Yates of Great Falls was telegraphed to capture him, which he did, catching him at Sun River. Mr. Yates arrived with his prisoner on yesterday's Helena coach and Collins was immediately tried for petty larceny under two different charges and found guilty of the offences. Fines and costs amounted to \$81 and he is now in the county jail serving out his time.

A Mr. Smith, of Fort Assiniboine, has the contract for supplying the blacksmith shop at that post with thirty tons of Milk river coal and is now delivering it. The same coal has been used for blacksmithing at that post and the Indian agency at Belknap for several years past. The Manitoba road passes right through the immense Milk river coal field, and we predict that as soon as the reservation is opened so that coal lands can be purchased from the government Milk river coal will be sold throughout Montana. No finer coal has been found in the territory. Verily the Manitoba has the bonanza railroad line.

There were great races out at Butte, Mont., last week, in which St. Paul parties were quite interested. The story goes that a very rapid St. Paul horse, with a record of 2:15 (what horse was it?), was taken into the mountains as a "ringer" for the purpose of laying out the Montana flyers and of winning gold galore through the pool boxes. When the great race occurred there was over \$70,000 in the pools, about 80 per cent. of which was on the St. Paul horse. A Montana-bred horse named Rancho, that sold in the mutuels at \$5 to \$500, quietly walked away with the race and the money, and now it is claimed that some well dressed gentlemen are counting the long stretch of ties between Helena and St. Paul.—Pioneer Press.

We were shown yesterday at Browne & Freese's "Conservatory" a white cow robe that had been taken from a domestic animal and tanned by the Indians. It was painted on the flesh side in regular Indian style, and had the appearance of a genuine white buffalo robe. We have seen several domestic calf skins tanned in the same manner and they make very useful robes. The coat of hair and fine underlying fur on the skins of domestic cattle is much heavier than one would suppose. The skins of the pure bred black Polled Angus cattle would make robes equal to the buffalo. Here is an enterprise for some one to engage in. By selecting heavy coated, even colored hides and getting the Indian women to tan them one could soon have a useful and valuable collection that would readily sell.

Organs on the installment plan at F. W. Buckser's.

Attacking the Enemy's Stronghold.

There was a Salvation Army gathering yesterday evening about 8 o'clock at the corner of Park and Main street, the wickedest corner in Butte. Two gambling houses ply their trade there night and day and saloons and variety houses are in full blast at all hours of the evening. About half a dozen clergymen attending conference braved the tiger in their liars, and soon a crowd of men and a few nymphettes were collected listening to the exhortations and to the singing. After an hour's singing and exhorting, they left, the field remaining in the possession of the enemy if the quiet and peaceable operations of the gambling dens, etc., at a late hour is any indication. The members of the conference have a fruitful field to work in in Butte.—Miner.

Real Estate and Water Works.

Mr. Geo. F. Woolston, who had been absent from Helena and looking after some mines in the Castle mountains, on his return sent down his check covering the price of a certain block of Benton real estate on which he held an option. This purchase includes the site for his water works machinery. Mr. Woolston has options on other Benton property which will probably be closed in due time. His letter stated that the material for the Benton water works was ready and awaiting shipment over the Manitoba.

A Chinese Complexion, When observed in one of the Caucasian race, is indicative of bile in the blood. Who would be yellow when he or she can exhibit the hue of health on cheek and brow through the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an antagonist at whose onset liver complaint takes refuge in flight. Fur upon the tongue, nausea, sick headache, pains under the right ribs and shonible with this benign alterative, which does not, like a potent cathartic, drench the intestines or, like the mercurial preparations, contaminate the blood. Not only the liver, but the stomach and bowels are aroused, toned and regulated by this fine family medicine, which has won the confidence of the respectable classes, not by startling assertions on its behalf, but by the consistency of the claims made for it with its performance in every instance when tested.

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The Lower Ferry.

We wish to give notice to the public that our ferry—the lower one, formerly owned by Mike Lynch—is now in thorough order and running regularly. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. MORROW & MILLER. Fort Benton, August 6, 1887.

For Sale.

One chestnut sorrel mare, six years old, for saddle or driving purposes. Also an almost new saddle. A. J. ROBERTS. One door east of T. J. Todd & Co.'s Fort Benton.

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Proposals for Wood.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the county clerk, to be addressed to the chairman of the board of county commissioners, up to the hour of noon of the 7th day of September, 1887, for the delivery at the court house, in Fort Benton, of fifty cords of good pine or cottonwood, no floated cottonwood to be received. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. A. E. ROGERS, Clerk.

A New Music House.

Messrs. G. W. Jackson & Son, wholesale and retail music dealers of Helena, would respectfully announce to the citizens of Fort Benton and vicinity that they have rented the old First National Bank building, corner Main and Power streets, and will open with a large stock of first-class pianos and organs and musical merchandise as soon as the Manitoba railroad can bring the stock from the east. Prices will be as low as the same goods can be bought for in any eastern city. Encourage home enterprise.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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