

LOCAL NOTES

From Wednesday's Daily. Mrs. Geo. F. Woolston arrived from Helena last evening. White Sulphur Springs is taking steps to incorporate as a city of the second class. Mrs. Geo. Martin, wife of a prominent banker of Great Falls, accompanied Mrs. Geo. F. Woolston to Benton. The ladies will grace our social circles for several days. The increase of mail at the Choteau post office is something wonderful. On the 2d of February over one thousand letters were received, not to mention papers, merchandise, etc.—Calumet. The hospital to be erected at Fort Missoula, will be a pretty big building and will be an ornament to the place. The fact of its being built of brick gives the impression that the post is permanently located.—Missoulian. Mr. Joseph Allin, of Sand Coulee, is in the city to-day on business, having arrived last night by train. He tells us that tracklaying on the Sand Coulee branch is progressing rapidly, some three or four miles being already completed. J. G. Vawter, who has been so long the affable and accommodating cashier of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad at this point, left Monday for St. Paul, intending to make a change of base. During his stay here he has made many friends who are extremely sorry to see him leave. He has the best wishes of the Tribune.—Minot Tribune. Mr. F. S. Kaiser, of Eagle creek one of Choteau county's prosperous wool growers, was in the city to-day, coming by rail from Big Sandy station. He reports much more snow around the Bear Paw mountains than he found here, and said that it was somewhat trusted. Notwithstanding this there was plenty of feed in sight and stock is doing well. Rumor on the street has it that a certain prominent business man of Fort Benton who usually is addressed as "Joe," celebrated St. Valentines day by taking to himself as a partner for life one of Eve's fairest daughters. We are unable to authenticate the rumor and therefore are content to wait for "time and tide" before making announcements. The hose carts of the city fire department which for some time have peacefully slumbered in the engine house were this morning taken out and overhauled. It is gratifying to note that some attention is devoted to looking after the apparatus which at any moment may be called upon to extinguish a conflagration. How does it happen that the young men of Benton have not a thoroughly organized fire brigade. Joseph Ellard, the Cree half-breed who lives on the Shonkin, was brought in to St. Clare hospital last Sunday by Mr. David Morrow. It will be remembered that the citizens of Fort Benton generously contributed over one hundred dollars a short time ago to his family, which was destitute and suffering from sickness. The old man has been sick for some time and it was thought best to bring him to the hospital where he can receive constant medical attention. From Thursday's Daily. The bridge will be completed and ready for business by the 14th day of June. Mardi Gras festivities were celebrated in Helena yesterday with much pomp and circumstance. The latest amusement in Fort Benton is an ice yacht which was successfully launched yesterday. Mr. W. D. Barclay, chief engineer of the Fort Benton bridge, will leave St. Paul for Benton to-night. The order of the Knights of Pythias, at Dillon, will give a grand ball on the evening of Washington's birthday. Hon. Horace R. Buck arrived in Benton last evening from Helena. He is receiving cordial greetings from his many friends. Robert Pole a resident of Bannock has recently been adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Warm Springs, Deer Lodge county. The Pioneer Press has the gall to demand an act of congress compelling cattle owners to provide winter food and shelter for range herds. This is a new freak of a protection idiot.—Calumet. Mr. Haney, of the firm of Ryan & Haney, the bridge contractors, was purchasing and shipping all material needed for the substructure from St. Paul to-day. In a few days it will be here and work will commence. Mr. John W. McDonald, who has the contract for the substructure of the great iron draw bridge across the Missouri, returned last evening from Helena. He was unable to purchase piling for the bridge and in consequence it will be shipped with other material from St. Paul. Reuben Pendry, Joe Jagers and Gus J. Shiebelhut, who were engaged in the butcher business at Argenta, and who waived a preliminary examination before Probate Judge Melton, have not given bail to await the action of the Grand Jury yet, and the defendants are confined in the county jail. Twenty-eight quarters of beef have been seized at the butcher shop at Argenta.—Dillon Tribune. It may be of interest to parties interested in land contests to learn that the contests now pending before the general land office cannot be decided in the next five years, and that it will be fully that period before the cases brought now, can

be reached for decision unless the contest division is abolished, and the cases are decided in the divisions where they rightfully belonged.—Brainard's. Mr. Horace R. Buck held a conference to-day with the county commissioners regarding the legal action to be taken in the case of this county versus the Great Falls Townsite Co. and other parties residing in Cascade county, who propose to evade the payment of their just taxes. The attorney and commissioners agreed upon a plan of procedure which for the present it is not deemed advisable to make public. "Raw hides" have been examined and discussed a great deal lately. The Beaverhead river contains something besides fish. Twenty-two beef hides were fished out of the river in a few hours by Sheriff Tom Jones and posse, and it was no good day to fish for hides. The owners of the hides have been found, and the modus operandi of putting the hides in the river will be investigated under the rules and regulations prescribed by the revised statutes of Montana.—Dillon Tribune. As we go to press, it is learned that the body of Hank Williams, who was lost some weeks since in a severe snow storm, was found to-day by David Morrow and Alfred Shanks at a point near the junction of the Shonkin and Highwood roads and very close to the spot where his valise was discovered. The body was lying on its back with face upturned. The mittens had been thrown a few feet away, and the thumbs of both hands were in the trousers pockets the remaining fingers being exposed. A linen handkerchief had been bound over the forehead probably as a protection against the storm. After making the ghastly discovery Mr. Morrow came at once to town and notified Justice of the Peace Geo. Crane. Mr. Morrow rode to the city on horseback and as he was ascending the river bank his horse slipped and fell severely injuring his right ankle. A party has been sent to bring the remains to the city. From Friday's Daily. A. Nathan will not move until the latter part of April. A. Nathan will sell goods 25 per cent. below cost until the latter part of April. See the new advertisement of I. G. Baker & Co., offering bargains in all lines. Parties desiring to buy property in or near Benton can do so through W. H. Todd. I. G. Baker & Co. are offering inducements in all lines of goods. Please note advertisement. Brewery for rent. Everything in complete order. Enquire at A. Nathan's, Fort Benton, M. T. Mr. H. G. McIntyre and family left this morning on the west bound train for their future home at Helena. For the best imported cigars, best billiard room and best liquors, go to the Choteau House Exchange. Don't forget to ask for the Mail Carrier 25-mile a day shoe for \$3—the best shoe ever offered for the money—at I. G. Baker & Co.'s. Electric burners will fit on any common coal oil lamp and give as good a light as the Rochester lamp—to be had at H. J. Wackerlin & Co.'s. Henry Lumphy, a French half-breed, was found dead on the wagon road between Stevensville and Victor in Missoula county a few days since. The Phillipsburg Mail has entered upon the second year of its existence. It is a bright newsy sheet and has met with a remarkable success financially. No mail has arrived from the east since Friday last, just seven days ago. Whether we will have to wait seven days longer for eastern communication remains to be seen. In the probate court Mrs. Lieut. Frederick Thies has applied for letters of administration upon the estate of her husband, which in due course of time will be issued. I. G. Baker & Co. have just received a large assortment of boys' kilt suits and other suits, varying in size from two to eleven years. Call, mothers, and fit out your boys. Everyone ought to buy a pair of those children's shoes worth \$2.50. They are being sold for \$1.25, and others worth \$1.75 for \$1.00; \$1.25 for 75 cents, at I. G. Baker & Co.'s. Mr. Jas. McDevitt, ex-sheriff of Choteau county, arrived from Fort Conrad to-day. He reports cattle as steadily taking on flesh and that the losses will be nothing at all. Mr. McDevitt has received a most cordial reception in Benton, where he is universally popular. Mr. Tom Healy left this afternoon in a buckboard for Great Falls with papers in the habeas corpus case, by which an effort is to be made for the release from custody of Jos. Martin, now confined in the county jail on a charge of perjury in land claims at Great Falls. This method of delivering the legal documents became necessary owing to the fact that our mail service is out of order and no other means were available. This morning Lord High Admiral Geo. Stanford hoisted his pennant on the ice boat and aided by a crew of stalwart tars unfurled its sails, heaved anchor and bore away from harbor. For an hour or more the white wings, in obedience to a gentle breeze, propelled the craft up and down the crystal surface of the river, till the mariners becoming weary of the sport turned the prow homeward and safely arrived in port. The boys had a jolly time and will soon try it again.

STILL AT THE CROSS ROADS. Weather Reports.—The Drama.—Preparations for the Approaching National Convention. [Special Correspondence River Press.] CHICAGO, February 9, 1888. What does it mean? I read the weather-report carefully every day—30° to 40° below in the Red River valley, zero at Assiniboine and from 38° to 46° above at Helena. It keeps one guessing as to what the weather may be in and around Fort Benton. Yesterday the temperature was below zero here all day; it is still below. This is about as cold a snap as they have had here this season. It is not cold enough, however to freeze up the "Great Aquatic Spectacle" produced every evening and Wednesday and Saturday afternoon at the Columbia theatre. The name of the play is a "A Dark Secret," and is in plot like a thousand other plays with the word "dark," "bloody" or "mysterious" in their titles. Any one with half an imagination can construct a play on the above title to suit their fancy. Well, the great "aquatic acts" are the third and fourth. Act III, "Henley on the Thames" "The race for the diamond skulls," 2,250 square feet of the stage is flooded with water to the depth of 8 feet. Sail boats, row boats, swans and a steam launch blowing its whistle and propelled by its own steam engine—all the real article—are on the river all at once. A fellow comes along that can't row very well, gets upset and has to swim out. The track is cleared for the race; the oarsmen come dashing along the river in genuine sculls, rowing like mad and in regular form. The villain is beaten, the heroine cheers and the act is over. There were half a dozen boats on the river and in sight all at once with from one to four persons in each all rowing or using a paddle. It was natural and quite a feat in stage mechanics and effects. The fourth act, however, is the best scene. The old church at Henley; the colored lights from the great church windows are reflected from the water. The steam launch, now a passenger boat, comes puffing up to the dock, takes on a couple of passengers and steams off up the river. The heroine is there waiting to meet the hero. The villain enters and demands some sleeve buttons from the heroine, which are evidence in a murder that he has committed. He tries to take them from her—screams and a struggle and he picks her up bodily and throws her far out into the stream. A tremendous splash—she disappears under the water—comes up sputtering and gasping; screams, goes down again and still for the third time, when along comes the hero, rowed by a couple of men, and makes a plunge from the bow of the boat; brings up the heroine, grasps the bow of the boat—lights are turned on—tableau—curtain. Tremendous applause. They come out in front of the curtain—he in his wet, dripping clothes, and she with a waterproof on, but with the hair hung round her pallid cheeks like sea weed round a clam. Altogether it is a well done and thrilling act. I could not help wondering how cold that water might be. So much swimming around every day and twice on Wednesdays and Saturdays might not be very comfortable this below zero weather. Was out to the stock yards to-day. It seems just as lively as in the summer, cattle, hogs and sheep arriving and buyers and sellers talking the same old chestnuts. It was mighty cold comfort standing around, however. The great auditorium building, where the republican convention is to meet in June, is going up steadily. It is to be a grand affair; cost \$2,000,000; seating capacity 9,000 people, and to be in the same building with a hotel capable of accommodating 3,000 guests. L. W. P. They Came Quickly and Were Yoked. About three months ago two breeds called at Judge Meagher's office and procured a marriage license. It being their first experience and not familiar with the laws and customs of the pale faces they thought they were legally equipped with a passport to the realm of blissland. After three months had elapsed, inquiry was made as to who performed the ceremony and where they were married. Neither judge nor priest had married them. Friends investigated and found that the legal knot had never been tied. They were advised to go before "hiz zonor" Judge Meagher and complete the deal. They came quickly and were legally yoked together.—Fergus County Argus. Six Thousand Miles Of railroad perhaps does not seem much at this day when people talk of continental systems of railway and millions of dollars as though they were mere bagatelles. But forty years ago there were not so many miles of road in the United States. To-day but few even of the largest railroad corporations in the world have so many miles under their control. It is only in the west that this has been done, and "The Burlington System" is one of the few which is able to show such a grand total. 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SEALED PROPOSALS, for Wagon Transportation, to be made in accordance with the provisions of a certain order of the Quartermaster's Department, dated June 30th, 1887, will be received at this office until 11 a. m. on MONDAY, the 12th day of March, 1888, at which time they will be opened in the presence of bidders. Blank forms of proposal and full instructions to bidders will be furnished on application to this office or to offices of the Quartermaster's Department at Chicago, St. Paul, Helena, and U. S. A. F. ROCKWELL, Major and Quartermaster U. S. Army. THE WEST SHORE (ESTABLISHED 1875) PORTLAND, OREGON. The West Shore is the only illustrated magazine published on the Pacific coast, and aside from its excellent literary features, its object is to convey information, by both pen and pencil, of the great resources of this region, and the progress of their development. 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Administrator's Sale. In the matter of the estate of Edward Delaney, deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the probate court of the county of Lewis and Clark, territory of Montana, made on the 14th day of February, 1888, in the matter of the estate of Edward Delaney, deceased, the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States, on Saturday, the 10th day of March, 1888, at two o'clock p. m., at the court house, in the city of Fort Benton, county of Choteau, territory of Montana, the following described personal property, to-wit: An undivided one-half interest in the real estate, and also the following described property, to-wit: Band of sheep (about 4,600), six horses, three wagons, three sets of harness, improvements on ranch, household furniture and camp fixtures. HENRY G. YARBEL, Administrator. Dated February 14, 1888. Summons. In the district court of the first judicial district of the territory of Montana, in and for the county of Choteau. William G. Conrad, plaintiff, against John C. Probst and A. M. Probst, defendants. The people of the territory of Montana send greeting to the above named defendant: You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the district court of the first judicial district of the territory of Montana, in and for the county of Choteau, and to answer the complaint filed therein within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons, if served with this county; or, if served out of this county, but in this district, within twenty days; otherwise in forty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you according to the prayer of said complaint. The said action is brought to recover the sum of \$685.89 due from the defendant John C. Probst to plaintiff upon a certain promissory note, set out and described in the complaint filed in this cause, with interest thereon from the 28th day of June, 1887, at the rate of one per cent per month; also, the sum of \$250.00 due from the defendant John C. Probst to plaintiff, on an account for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered by plaintiff to defendant John C. Probst, at his request; and also for the sum of \$2,600.00 due from the defendant John C. Probst to plaintiff, for so much money loaned and advanced by plaintiff to said defendant at his special instance and request; and also to obtain a decree of this court setting aside and holding for naught a certain mortgage made, executed and delivered by defendant John C. Probst to defendant A. M. Probst, purporting to secure a note for \$25,000.00 and embracing all the mining property belonging to said John C. Probst which more fully appears by the complaint filed herein to which reference is here made. And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the above complaint, as above stated, the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Given under my hand and the seal of the district court of the first judicial district of the territory of Montana, in and for the county of Choteau, this 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and eighty seven. J. S. KEERL, Clerk. By Jno. W. TATTAN, Deputy Clerk. J. W. Donnelly, attorney for plaintiff. The Montana Wool Grower. Subscribe for this valuable monthly. Price, \$2 per annum.

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