

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily. Miss Edna Waterman contemplates taking a course in one of the Helena commercial colleges and will commence about Jan. 1st.

We learn from the Courier that Hon. C. W. Hoffman, of Bozeman, has been using coke for fuel for the past four winters. He breaks it up fine and uses it in a hard coal base burner. The fire is easily kept going day and night, there is no dust or offensive odor, and he thinks it is cheaper than anthracite.

There are four gentlemen in the valley who are feeding three and four year old steers for the winter. Chas. Ancney, of Moreland, is feeding 300 head, J. N. Brown, of Bozeman, is feeding 106 head, Nelson Story 65 head, and Jas. Cirk 60 head. Mr. Brown and Nelson Story are feeding chop feed. Gallatin valley is thus preparing 581 head of choice steers for the spring market.—Avant Courier.

As near as it is now possible to estimate three stacks of the Helena smelter will be fired up during the latter part of January. Work is steadily and rapidly moving forward in all uncompleted departments, and the weather will hardly interfere with its progress now. The company are purchasing ores from all who offer any for sale, and have in their ore bins already about 5,000 tons.—Herald.

The bridge company has teams employed to-day in hauling large stones to be used in riprapping the piers. The rocks are hauled on the bridge and then dropped into position in the water. On the opposite side of the river there are teams employed in scooping gravel around the piers on that side. Willow mattresses have also been brought into requisition. These precautions are not considered necessary, but the company has determined to leave nothing undone that would tend to increase the stability of the structure.

From Monday's Daily. Died—At Fort Benton, M. T., Saturday evening, December 22, 1888, Elsie Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe, aged 2 years.

Smith's ferry boat has discontinued its regular trips and is being hauled out on the levee for the winter. Owing to the cold weather and snow of the past two days and nights, the mush ice in the river seriously interfered with the successful working of the ferry, and the owners concluded to haul it out for repairs. This is not as serious a matter as it used to be before the bridge was built. Travel can now come and go at all seasons over the great iron bridge without interruption.

"Married—On Wednesday, the 12th of December, at Augusta, by the Rev. T. V. Moore of Helena, Charles Gray and Miss Nellie Kirkaldie. The River Press unintentionally omitted to make earlier mention of the happy event, Mr. Gray was a model bachelor and therefore will make a model husband. The bride bears the reputation of being a most estimable and lovable woman—a prize worth winning by the most fortunate of men. The River Press extends congratulations and wishes for a long and happy life.

As will be seen by notice elsewhere in our columns, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowe, after a brief illness, died Sunday evening last. The stricken parents have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement. The little one was a bright and beautiful child, whose brief existence brought sunshine and happiness to a loving household; whose death casts a shadow and a sorrow that will never be entirely effaced, even though we are told that "He, who doeth all things well," taketh the little innocents to his bosom in a happier world beyond the grave. The sorrow that has come to this household will be felt by all our people. The funeral took place this afternoon from the family residence.

The Cabaniss-Patterson Wedding.

Among the many very pleasant features of the Cabaniss-Patterson wedding last Wednesday, the presentation to them of a large number of beautiful and valuable presents by their friends in this city was not the least. Messrs. I. G. Baker & Co. and T. C. Power & Bro., and the gentlemen connected with those firms each attended the high esteem in which they held the happy young couple by suitable and costly mementoes, for which the delighted recipients desire to express their sincere thanks. They also tender their heartfelt thanks to the ladies of the city who so kindly aided in decorating the church for the event. By the way, the River Press should have stated that the reception given by Lieut. and Mrs. Cabaniss immediately after their wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. O. Patterson, and not at the home of her son, Mr. Geo. D. Patterson, as reported.

Castle's Bonanza Mine.

The Blackhawk mine of Smith's camp is now proving the bonanza of the Castles so far as yielding ready money is concerned. Two men are now taking out and loading \$5 worth of ore per day and Smith Bros. have a contract for 500 tons for which they receive \$5 a ton on the dump. The mine is now opened so that the teams can drive in and load and the supply is said to be inexhaustible. The ore is a manganese iron carrying some lead and silver, and purchased by the smelter company at Castle for a flux. One

can readily understand the value of the mine when it is known that there is millions of tons in sight.—Husbandman.

A Romantic Marriage.

The last Husbandman records a romance that is rather interesting. More than ten years ago Mr. William Thomas, now a prosperous rancher of the Musselshell valley, left his plighted sweetheart, Miss Clara J. Disc, at Trochy, New South Wales. He came west to seek fortune, but was for a long time unsuccessful. Fortune smiled at last but circumstances were such that he could not make the long trip to claim his bride. True to her love she crossed the ocean and a continent and met him at White Sulphur Springs, Montana, where they were married December 15th, 1888. That lady is honest, loving and daring, and will make a model Montana wife.

Christmas and New Year Excursions.

The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry. will sell Christmas and New Year excursion tickets at very low rates on December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1888, and Jan. 1st, 1889, good to return up to and including January 3d, 1889.

Tickets will be sold to all points on the line.

For further information apply to St. P., M. & M. Ry. ticket agents or F. J. Whitney, Gen. Pass. & Frt. Agt., St. Paul, Minn.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER.

A Brother of X. Beidler Shot Down By a Boy.

Every old-timer in the territory knows X. Beidler. No man did more to rid Montana of the road agents and murderers who infested it than did this terror to evil doers. He would leave a square meal any time to arrest a desperado, and today he carries the marks of encounters with the bold highwaymen. Montanians owe the brave old pioneer a debt of gratitude which it has not yet repaid. But all will sincerely sympathize with him in the loss of a brother, whose foul murder at Texarkana, Ark., is thus recorded in the Mt. Pulaski (Ill.) Weekly News: "Saturday morning, December 8th, Mr. Beidler had some difficulty with one Frank Spear, which was repeated in the afternoon. Later it appears Spear's son, Ed., a lad of about 16 years, took up the matter for his father, secured a shotgun and started out with the deliberate purpose of killing his man. He found Mr. Beidler on the street talking with a friend and immediately attempted to fire upon him while he was utterly unconscious of any danger.

THE CAP SNAPPED.

however, attracting his attention. He quickly faced about, saw the gun aimed at his head and involuntarily threw up his hand. At that instant the boy discharged his second barrel, the charge shattering Mr. Beidler's hand and entering his left forehead, producing death about three hours later. The city chief of police was close at hand, witnessed the boy's demonstrations, and was hastening to prevent the tragedy. Just as the fatal shot was fired he reached the boy, and at once arrested and placed him in jail. The murdered man's body was at once embalmed and taken to the opera house, which was draped in mourning by the citizens, and on Sunday thousands visited the place and viewed the remains of their ex mayor, neighbor and friend.

"In accordance with the wishes of the relatives, the body was brought to Mt. Pulaski for interment, arriving Friday evening via the P., D. & E. road, in charge of Mayor E. A. Schicker and ex-Mayor Martin Foster, of Texarkana. The remains were at once taken to the residence of Dr. J. H. Beidler, of North Washington street, and there lay in state during Wednesday, and were viewed by a large number of our citizens. On Thursday at 1:30 p. m., the funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. Cunningham, of the M. E. church.

"H. M. Beidler leaves as his immediate family an only son, Roy, (the wife and four children being dead) who is making his home with his aunt, Mrs. E. B. Capps, of Vandalia. He inherits his father's large estates at Texarkana and at Battle Creek, Mich. He, with his aunt, Mrs. Capps, attended the funeral; also Geo. A. Beidler, of Middletown, Pa., a brother of deceased; Mrs. A. Mayfield, of Lincoln, H. C. St. Clair, of Belle Plaine, Kan.

A GOOD MAN.

The following letter is from Capt. Ira A. Church, formerly of Atlanta, and now Probate Judge at Texarkana:

FRIEND MILLS—Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find an account of the brutal murder of one of our best citizens, H. M. Beidler, well known in Lincoln and Logan counties. He was the most active citizen among us and has done more to build up Texarkana than any five men here and we deplore his death as the greatest calamity that could possibly befall our city. His body now lies in state in our city hall and will remain there another day. He was the first mayor of Texarkana, Ark., and our city hall is appropriately decorated. Peace to his ashes. His friends here are almost without number and the most intense excitement prevails over the calamity here.

The latest advices from Texarkana were to the effect that a guard of 100 armed men was kept at the jail to prevent the outraged citizens from lynching the boy murderer. What the trouble was does not appear. The murderer's father, the elder Spear, escaped, and at last accounts had not been captured."

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Board of Commissioners of Choteau County, Territory of Montana, in Regular December Term, 1888.

FIRST DAY.

The board met at 10 a. m. Present, D. G. Browne and clerk. No other commissioner appearing the board adjourned till December 4th.

SECOND DAY.

FORT BENTON, M. T., Dec. 4, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, D. G. Brown and clerk. No other commissioner appearing the board adjourned till December 5th.

THIRD DAY.

FORT BENTON, M. T., Dec. 5, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, D. G. Browne and clerk. No other commissioner appearing the board adjourned till 10 a. m., December 6th.

FOURTH DAY.

FORT BENTON, M. T., Dec. 6, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, John Harris, chairman, D. G. Browne and clerk, and proceeded to the business of the term as follows:

After consulting the county surveyor, the board ordered that the county surveyor be, and he is hereby employed to superintend the construction of the Teton bridges, his compensation for which is hereby fixed at \$7 per day and expenses, but in no case to exceed the sum of \$477.

The property assessment of W. G. Smith containing an apparent error of \$1,440.00 was referred to the assessor.

The report of prisoners confined in the county jail at the November term of the district court was examined and filed.

The property list of E. C. Leaming with error therein of 80 acres of land was referred to the assessor.

The report of the viewers appointed at the September term to lay out a road from Fort Benton to the new bridge site on the Teton was received, and as recommended the county surveyor was directed to survey and plat the said route as laid out.

The report of the viewers appointed at the September meeting to lay out a road from Shonkin coulee to Rowe coulee, on the south side of the Missouri river, was examined, approved and the clerk directed to have the necessary notices posted, as provided by law.

The report of Supervisor Streit, District No. 2, and Supervisor Thraillkill, District No. —, was examined and filed.

The sheriff's report of prisoners confined in the county jail December 1st, was filed.

The board then took up the petition for a bridge across the Shonkin, and after due consideration referred the same to the next board.

The petition for appointment of W. L. Lincoln was granted, and it is ordered, that W. L. Lincoln, be, and he is hereby appointed justice of the peace in and for Benton township, vice J. W. Luke deceased, from date of his appointment till the expiration of Judge Luke's term.

The clerk was directed to write Commissioner Ralston, asking him to take charge of the county pile driver, now in charge of David Davis at Sun River.

On motion the board adjourned until 10 a. m., December 7th, 1888.

FIFTH DAY.

FORT BENTON, M. T., Dec. 7, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, John Harris, chairman, D. G. Browne and clerk, and the business of the meeting was continued as follows:

After consulting Supervisor Streit, the board ordered: That the committee formerly appointed to superintend the construction of the Highwood bridges, be, and they are hereby empowered and directed to locate said bridges at such points on the creek as they deem most beneficial, and the supervisor of said district is hereby directed to repair and construct the roads crossing said bridges wherever he deems it necessary.

The report of Geo. W. Crane, justice of the peace, for the quarter ending November 30th, received and placed on file.

The report of fines collected and of fees due, by George W. Crane, J. P., was read and the clerk directed to issue the following warrants, as shown in said report:

Table listing names and amounts of warrants issued, including G.W. Crane, justice's fees, Jno Smith, witness fees, Jas Muir, Chas A Carlin, S Russell, R Culbertson, Jno Shaw, Wm Smith, Chas Jones, I A McCormick, L Rifenburg, Wm Young, Jno Parnell, I C McCon, Chas Landers, Chas Rowe, S Genzberger, TACummings, C W Ayres, juror, Jno Hezekiah, Jno B Turton, A O Delormier, Kyle Price, Chas Bonrassa, I Trombley, witness.

The report of H. A. Gillett, justice of the peace, Burd township, received, and his bill for fees was allowed in the sum of \$11.60, and disallowed in the sum of \$5.15 as per endorsement thereon.

The following bills were then examined and allowed, and warrants ordered issued for same:

Table listing names and amounts of bills allowed, including Chas McIntire, surveying, Chas McCon, stationery, Geo W Crane, juror, Bill of E. C. Garrett, justice's fees, allowed for \$6, and disallowed for \$16.20 as per endorsement thereon. The report of E. C. Garrett, J. P., Choteau township was read and placed on file. The report of Geo. W. Crane, acting coroner, received and clerk ordered to issue warrants as follows: Geo W Crane, coroner, F E Falber, juror, H A Patterson, C Wilson, P Connelly.

Table listing names and amounts of bills, including J H Russell, Fred Haberman, Jno Anderson, witness.

The board then examined two petitions for the appointment of Fred Sowers and R. M. Steele respectively, as supervisors of District No. 6, and after consideration Fred Sowers received the appointment, and the clerk ordered to send him notice and bond.

On motion the board adjourned till 10 a. m., December 8th, 1888.

SIXTH DAY.

FORT BENTON, M. T., Dec. 8, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, John Harris, chairman, D. G. Browne and clerk, and proceeded to examine and audit the following bills:

Table listing names and amounts of bills audited, including I G Baker & Co., merchandise, I G Baker & Co., rebate taxes, Broadwater, McCulloh & Co., rebate taxes, A W Kingsbury rebate taxes, Jno Higgins, Peck & Lacy, Frank Bucksen, stationery, F Atkinson, prof services, Wm McClintock, clerical, S D Houston, plastering, Engineering News, pub., Y F Babby, sawing wood, W Robbins, Goodrich & Hawk, wood, T Gratesworth, coal, C W Ayres, ice, G W Taylor, defending prisoners, W J Minar, treasurer's salary, J W Tattan, probate judge, J W Tattan, dist. clerk, A E Rogers, clk & record, J A McNaught, jailor, C Crawford, und'r sheriff, M E Finnigan, co. supr, M E Finnigan, postage, M E Finnigan, expenses, F C Roosevelt, expert services, T C Power & Bro., mds., W H Black, sheriff salary, S H McIntire, county att'y salary, J W Tattan, postage, J W Tattan, assistance, Jno Bean, stenographer, John Bean, defend'g prisoner.

The bill of T. C. Power & Bro., rebate taxes disallowed.

The bill of Thos. Bevans, hauling \$15, disallowed.

The board then examined the criminal report of W. H. Black, and ordered the same filed.

Adjourned till 10 a. m., December 10th, 1888.

SEVENTH DAY.

FORT BENTON, M. T., Dec. 10, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, John Harris, chairman, D. G. Browne and the clerk, and continued their examination of bills against the county and audited the following:

Table listing names and amounts of bills audited, including J B Leslie, defend'g prisoner, Kenneth Williams, defend'g prisoner, Gans & Klein, clothing, Dennis Halpin, janitor's pay, Thos C Bach, court mileage, A S Crepps, assistant janitor, Wm Coppestick, jail watchman, Ashby & Luke, letter press, J J Finnigan, constable fees, J J Finnigan, carpenter work, J R Lewis, blk'smith work, Jere Sullivan, board janors, Jno Myers, witness pay, Wm Coppestick, burying pauper, St. Clare Hospital, care pauper.

Jno. W. Carroll, professional services, \$60, disallowed for reasons stated on voucher.

Peter Smith, lumber for road \$60; disallowed for reasons stated on voucher. John Henderson, jail watch, \$69; disallowed for reasons stated on voucher.

The board then examined the county clerks' certificate of compensation due the judges and clerks of election, and ordered warrants issued for same. See vouchers.

On motion the board adjourned till 10 a. m., December 11th, 1888.

EIGHTH DAY.

FORT BENTON, December 11, 1888. The board met at 10 a. m. Present, John Harris, chairman, D. G. Browne and the clerk, and continued their examination of claims against the county, auditing the following:

Table listing names and amounts of bills audited, including Ira Myers & Co, lumber, Dan Dutro, photographing, H F Wackerlin & Co., Jos Streit, road work, S O Lyng, Jno LaMott, Cleo Martin, Jas Brown, Jerry Kelton, F M Knowles, Geo Harde, David Morrow, bridge material, O G Cooper, M Morrow, Joseph Streit, supervisor pay, disallowed for the reasons stated on voucher, John LaMott, supervisor pay, disallowed for the reasons stated on voucher, Alex Carpenter, road work, C W Thraillkill, supervisor pay, A B Hamilton, assessor's salary, A B Hamilton, canvassing votes, Sol Genzberger, G W Crane, G W Crane, Chas G Fish, rebate taxes.

Bill of Fort Benton Bridge Co., \$63, spikes, disallowed for the reason stated on voucher.

The board then entered into a contract with St. Clare Hospital for care of county patients, which contract was filed with clerk.

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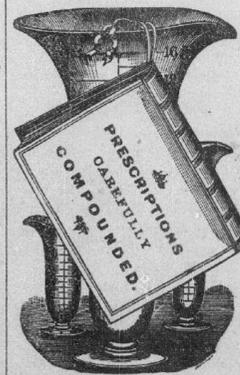
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