

THE LOCAL FIELD.

The Club restaurant has been reopened by Fred Wilson.

A great number of notices of non-forfeiture are being filed at the county clerk's office.

Henry Buck & Co. will pay the highest cash price for county warrants.

Darby is to have a new hall, 30x60 feet. It will be built by Milton Hammond.

May Bros., Stevensville, are prepared to purchase all logs that are fit for market.

James Simpson returned Monday from a trip to Denver. His family accompanied him home.

Col. Root has purchased property in Hamilton and means to locate there in the near future.

Sheriff Chaffin, who takes office on the 7th ult., is now a resident of Stevensville with his family.

Licensa to wed has been issued to Frank J. Morris, of Hamilton, and Katie E. Grow, of Grantsdale.

There is quite a boom in Birch creek mining property just now, and numerous locations are being made.

Fred Theriault, of Darby, and Miss Lawrence of East Park, were married at the Darby hotel yesterday.

Miss Daisy Kimball, who has been teaching at Horse Plains, is spending the holidays with home folks down the valley.

Steam heat is now turned on in the new Hamilton bank building and the plastering is being rapidly done by John Wilde.

Miss Philomena Dumontier went to Missoula on Monday afternoon's train to spend Christmas with Mrs. D. J. Heyton and other friends.

Mrs. Dr. G. P. Mills returned from her Missoula visit yesterday morning and the doctor looks as though it were Thanksgiving day instead of Christmas.

W. G. Stuart on Saturday sold 120 acres of his ranch property, about two miles from town, to Con Harrington, of Butte. The consideration was \$1,820.

See the professional card of Dr. G. P. Mills. The doctor has his office in the Quinn building on Main street, and will have his residence in the Stoddard dwelling.

W. N. McCracken, who is to manage the new bank at Hamilton, went to Butte to spend Christmas with his family, and will bring them over to reside permanently.

M. J. Allison et al. have filed notices of the location of the Black Hawk, Anaconda, Bitter Root, King, Independent and Golden Gate quartz leads on Birch creek.

Farmers and others who have poultry or eggs of any kind to sell will do well to read the notice of J. E. Powell, who is prepared to pay spot cash for all he can purchase.

It is almost authoritatively announced that the plans are being drawn for a new hotel to be built in Stevensville by Wm. Kennedy, of Missoula, in the early spring.

Mrs. A. B. Sweeney, wife of Agent Sweeney of the Grandstate station, left Friday for Bearmouth, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Birmingham.

Hon. George T. Baggs is in receipt of a handsomely gotten up program of a New Years ball to be given at Winston by the Broadwater County club, accompanied by a complimentary ticket.

R. S. DeLong, the prosperous fruit grower at McKean, has been making some improvements on his home, including a very elegant bay window, and the residence presents a very handsome appearance.

WANTED—Ranches to sell, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Must have good water rights. Write full description and price to E. A. Winstanley, room 4, second floor, First National Bank building, Missoula.

If you want a good, solid and substantial meal for 25 cents you can get it at Missoula at the Rankin house restaurant, which is under the management of B. J. Kitching, one of the very best caterers in the state.

O. E. Peppard, of Missoula, the bridge contractor, was spurring for points in Deer Lodge Friday, and if Peppard don't catch onto as many points as the next bridge contractor, then we miss our guess.—Silver State.

A number of turkeys were put up yesterday by F. B. Dade to be shot at by our local cracks, and they netted him a good price. Lew Williams and his brother Dick did the best, closely followed by Amos Buck and G. W. Samuels.

Mr. Trevaile, who recently purchased the Ives ranch, has sold all his holdings at Phillipsburg, and will move, with his family, to his new home in the Bitter Root about the 15th of next month. The house is being prepared for them.

It is reported that forty acres of the McCormick estate, adjoining the townsite of Stevensville, will be platted into town lots, and that the new

owner will offer, free, to the county, a wide black on which to erect the new county buildings.

Joe Christie, a logger in Kendall's camp near Darby, was severely hurt last Saturday by a rolling log. He is being attended by Dr. McGrath, and at last writing was getting along well, though it is feared he is injured internally.—Times.

The recent fruit exhibit at Stevensville is creating an interest in the east. The REVERENDIAN this week sent fine views of the exhibit, taken by Legalls, to Chicago. The REVERENDIAN is doing its best to enhance the interests of Ravalli county.

S. B. Bashford, of Carlisle, S. D., was taken sick at Sioux City. He procured two bottles of Parks' Sore Cure for the Liver and Kidneys. He says: "I believe Parks' Sore Cure excels all other medicines for rheumatism and urinary disorders." Sold by J. D. Miser.

J. E. Powell, who is now a prosperous Bitter Root valley produce and fruit raiser, has had several letters asking him to take the management and captaincy of the Jacksonville base ball club in the western league for next season. Jim is a manager and ball player from law.

The firm of McLaren & Myers, attorneys at Hamilton, has dissolved. Mr. Myers withdrawing. He will come to Stevensville about January 1, to assume the duties of the office of county attorney, and to open up a law office in the court house for the general practice of law at this point.

Fred Wilson and Lew McTeffer came down from their mine on Three Mile last Friday, making the first part of the journey on Norwegian "knees," and remained for the Christmas festivities. They report the property looking well and the prospects of a paying mine are very good.

The man who devotes a week to the advertisement of what he wishes to dispose of, and then fails because he did not get great returns, is like the boy who studied with a lawyer two days and then went home and said: "The law ain't what it is cracked up to be. I'm sorry I learned it."—Silver State.

M. M. Williams and Miss Sipple, both of Victor, were united in marriage last evening at the parlors of the Hotel Kennedy. The affair was conducted privately, only a few friends being in attendance. The happy couple will return to their home in the Bitter Root tomorrow morning.—Democrat.

The many friends of Mrs. Walter M. Bickford will be pained to learn of a sudden illness which on Sunday last overtook that lady. Mrs. Bickford had recently recovered from a severe flu and was supposed to be on the road to complete recovery, but a relapse occurred and the lady is said to be in a critical condition.

The state board of canvassers completed its labors on Monday. The official capital vote gives Helena 27,024, and Anaconda 25,118; Helena's majority 1,906. Hartman has 7,890 plurality, and Hunt 6,588. The official figures on congressmen are: Hartman 23,140, Smith 15,210, Corbett 10,303. On supreme justices: Hunt 22,103, Reeves 12,505, Luce 10,714.

J. M. Johnson was in Stevensville last week, and tells us that he will soon leave for his old Missouri home. His son, Jim, will take a collegiate course in some eastern institution of learning. Mr. Johnson will receive the REVERENDIAN during his residence in the east, but we prophesy that we will soon have to change it back to some point in Montana, for he will not be content away from the mountains.

A very happy and appropriate wedding occurred on Christmas night at the residence of the bride's parents, on Burnt Fork, when, in the presence of a few intimate friends, Rev. S. B. Taylor united for life Mr. Harvey D. Fisher and Miss Mary E. Julien. A young lady who has grown from early childhood in this community and endeared herself to every acquaintance. After the ceremony an elegant supper was served. The happy young couple were the recipients of many handsome presents.

Old Man Davey, who was taken in charge at Hamilton last week on account of supposed insanity, was brought down here and on Monday was examined before a commission composed of Justice Sedgewick and Commissioners Miltner and Chaffin, and was pronounced insane and committed to Warm Springs. He was taken over that night by Con Lowrey. Davey is cracked on religion, and calls himself a cosmopolitan preacher of the gospel of the Lord. He has been off his "right number" for several years.

R. P. Simpson, the painter, bought several lots in Stevensville this week and has ordered lumber from Bonney for the construction of a dwelling 29x29 feet in dimensions. As soon as the building can be rushed near enough completion to be made habitable Mr. Simpson will remove with

his family from Corvallis, their present place of residence, to Stevensville, where he will open a paint shop. Mr. Simpson contemplates the erection of two more residence buildings this winter, and next spring will build a handsome residence for his own use. The first three buildings will be for rent.

Newspaper subscriptions are an infallible test of men's honesty, says an exchange. They will sooner or later discover the man. If he is dishonest he attempts to cheat the printer; some way; says he has paid the printer when he has not—declares he has a receipt somewhere or sent the money and it was lost in the mails—or will not pay for the paper on the ground that he did not subscribe for it—or move off leaving it to come to the office he has left. Thousands of professed Christians are dishonest, in this particular, at least, and the printer's book will tell some fearful tales at the final judgment.

Mrs. Kate H. McCormick, an administratrix for the estate of W. J. McCormick, has sold to Maria T. Higgins the property known as the Fort Owen ranch; consideration, \$7,000. The place consists of 430 acres of land near Stevensville in the Bitter Root valley. It was the first land to be cultivated in Montana, and it is prominently identified with the early history of the state. One hundred and sixteen town lots in Missoula were sold at the same time to the same party for \$8,500. These transfers complete the settlement of the estate of the late W. J. McCormick.—Missoulian.

Christmas eve witnessed one of the pleasantest events occurring in Stevensville this winter. This was the ball given by the Daughters of Rehekah in Buck's hall. The music was furnished by the Owens orchestra, of Missoula, and was unanimously pronounced "out of sight." The supper served by the ladies of the order in the Club restaurant was a thing to be long remembered. The tables were things of beauty and the memory of the exquisite supper will be a joy forever to the hungry multitudes who partook of the feast. Frank Weipfle told a REVERENDIAN man the next morning that he was everlastingly grateful to the ladies for the condition in which they left the restaurant. He says everything was in perfect condition, but they forgot to fill the water barrel. In spite of the competition in the dance line a good sized crowd was present and it is understood the society cleared a neat sum.

Masonic Installation. Last Saturday evening Oriental Lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M.—W. B. Paulds. S. W.—W. A. Duffield. J. W.—Chas. M. Johnson. Treas.—W. E. Baggs. Sec.—M. L. Rickman. S. D.—Perry Faust. J. D.—Jas. B. Sheffield. S. S.—L. D. Hatch. J. S.—Warren Ribble. Tyler—Moses Baker. Trustees—John Dowling, Jas. B. Paulds, J. F. Borough.

Serious Accident. John McInnis, a young rancher of the west side, accidentally shot himself yesterday morning and it is feared that the injuries received may prove fatal.

Mr. McInnis thinking that one of his hogs was diseased and therefore needed killing, took a shotgun and hunted the animal up. Just as he found him and had cocked the gun the pig ran under a pile of straw. Mr. McInnis, without thinking to uncock the gun, took it by the barrel and poked under the straw with the butt. While doing this the gun went off, the charge lodging in his right side. Dr. McGrath was called and spent a greater part of yesterday with the injured man. He found unmistakable indications that some of the shot had penetrated vital parts, and at this writing it looks as though recovery were doubtful if not impossible.

The many friends of the injured man will hope for the best. Mr. McInnis is a prosperous rancher and a fine young man.—Times.

Fatal Accident. Friday evening last Dr. Lindsay was summoned by telephone message to Ubet to attend Ben Doolittle, who had been seriously injured. Mr. Doolittle and his partner, John Sipple, who have been freighting during the past summer, were riding up the hill behind the Ubet hotel when Sipple's horse stumbled and fell, and Doolittle, which was close behind, fell down also, resulting in both riders being thrown. Sipple sustained no injuries, but Doolittle's skull was broken above the right eye and the eyesight destroyed. Dr. Lindsay reached Ubet about midnight and operated upon the injured man at once. No medical skill could save him, however, and he died about one o'clock Saturday morning. Deceased was a man about thirty years of age, and unmarried.—Vergus Argus.

PROVED A SCOUNDREL. Dan Wentworth leaves Creditors and a Promised Bride.

Dan Wentworth is "out of sight." Dan came here last January under a pressing invitation from the officers of the law to wait upon Judge Woody at the next term of court. His honor requested him to board with the county for 60 days, which Danny did. Shortly after Sheriff Irvine notified him that his board had been worked out, Dan went to work in the restaurant for Frank Weipfle, and the good ladies of the community took him up and fairly doted on the nice looking young man. "Danny is such a nice boy," was the universal judgment among the fair sex, who drew their skirts aside when they chanced to pass a young man who had never done anything worse than to occasionally visit a saloon and at long intervals take the "drop too much" that kept him without the pale of Stevensville's select society. There was more joy in female circles over the one sinner that had repented(?) than over the ninety and nine that had never gone astray. And one very estimable young lady was so impressed with Danny's "niceness" that she gave her heart into his keeping and promised to give him her hand on Christmas night. And Danny became a shining light in society.

So time went on, and Dan bought out his employer, giving him monthly notes, without security, and ran the restaurant himself, and was very courteous to his guests, especially to those of the female persuasion. His matrimonial plans progressed with the aid of the proverbial fiction; the skies were blue and the roses light of dawn; happiness shed a halo over the heads of the loving couple.

But on the sad denouncement the wedding day drew on apace. The prospective bride had her wedding gown in readiness, but Danny, while long on affection and "niceness," was a little short on clothes wherewith to adorn himself on the happy occasion. There was nothing quite good enough for him in Stevensville, and so he tied himself to Missoula for the necessary apparel. He had previously gathered in, in view of the coming happy event, all the bills that he was safe to collect. He went to Missoula on Friday, promising to purchase his clothes and return Saturday morning. Saturday came, but not so Danny. Still there were many good reasons for a possible delay, and everybody looked to see Danny, with the light of approaching happiness in his eye, arrive on Monday morning. But the whistle of the incoming train Monday morning reverberated through the valley and was re-echoed back from St. Mary's and her sister peaks. The "terrible grumble and rattle and roar" of the lightning express as it sped on up the valley could be plainly heard from town; anxious hearts watched for the coach. I arrived, but "Behold, the bridegroom cometh!"—not. And a faint suspicion of distrust began to creep over the community, but they still withheld judgment, as there was still one day of grace left.

Christmas morning—the wedding day—and no Danny! What a shock to society! Suspicion became "realization, strong as holy writ." The bride's feet were clay. In plain United States, Danny had skipped, had vanquished the marsh, and society was in sackcloth and ashes. People began to compare notes. It was found that before leaving Danny had borrowed money from both the saloon keepers, had borrowed going Kelly's overcoat, taken three watches to be repaired—two of which, in justice to him, he delivered, and perhaps the third—had some time ago borrowed \$200 for which he had given on a chattel mortgage on the restaurant furniture, and still owed the notes on the original purchase and a few bills for meat and work. It was Christmas, and a holiday, and creditors waited sleeplessly for the hour of midnight, when there was mounting in hot haste and hurrying to and fro by deputy sheriffs and constables to serve processes on those who owed for board.

To the great credit of the prospective bride, when she realized the utter worthlessness of the man, her former affection changed to the most supreme contempt and disgust, and she would not marry him now should he return and grovel in the dust at her feet.

But society! O-o-o-h!

Why do You Cough? Do you not know that Parks' Cough Syrup will cure it? We guarantee every bottle. There are many cough syrups, but we believe Parks' is the best and most reliable. Sold by J. D. Miser, Stevensville.

Fire Work. One of the finest pieces of work ever turned out of a planing mill in Montana was the Moorish grill work for James Shields' residence in Anaconda. It was from solid oak and of a most intricate design. The job was turned out at the Hamilton planing mill under the personal superintendence of Foreman Kendall. The planing mill is running night and day, with orders ahead to last until spring.—Western News.

The Christmas Tree.

Long before the appointed hour of Christmas eve the Masque hall at Ubs place was filled to overflowing with a gathering of young and old. Everybody and their neighbors were there, and all brought their little gifts.

At 7:30, Rev. M. L. Rickman, who was master of ceremonies, announced that the exercises of the evening would open with music by the Stevensville Cornet Band who rendered a couple of selections in their customary finished style. The next on the program was a Christmas card by the Glee club, followed by Rev. T. N. Smith in prayer. The Glee club then rendered another selection and Rev. S. B. Taylor delivered the address of the evening after which the Glee club sang "Santa Claus is almost here," and as the closing strains were sung old Santa himself, respondent in fur coat, sleigh bells and long white hair, came through a rear window in the hall and then went a short way up from the children. The distributing committee were called forward and the presents from two heavily laden Christmas trees were distributed through the audience. Everybody was remembered and allotted the hall with light hearts and smiling faces.

Other Christmas Trees. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were made welcome guests at the Holden school house Christmas eve. On their arrival they were greeted with many puffs of childish laughter and hearty cheers from both old and young. All persons of that vicinity were made happy by the receipt of many beautiful and costly presents. Candles and nuts of all kinds were liberally distributed among all persons present. The Christmas tree was beautifully adorned and presented a most pleasing view. Music was made by Messrs. Gard and Duff, violinists, and Gaudin organist, all of Florence. A short but interesting program preceded the distribution of presents after which the crowd dispersed to their homes, others to the hall at the Carlton.

The Christmas tree at Carlton was conducted much the same as the above. Results equally brilliant. After the disposition of the presents all merrily returned to their places of abode except those who staid for the dance in the hall, which commenced about 9:30 and continued till 2 o'clock in the morning. The number of tickets sold was 42.

Between 25 and 40 dancing ladies were present. The dance was one of the greatest successes ever known in the Carlton hall. A number of young men from Stevensville were present also a number of young men and ladies from La Fol. All were heartily welcomed and cordially invited to come again.

Sweetheart and the Baby. The telephone was put to a new use the other day between Missoula and Stevensville. Hon. Chas. M. Crutcher was in the latter town, and business compelling a longer absence than anticipated, he went to the telephone and rang up Mrs. C. After explaining his continued absence Mr. Crutcher asked: "How is the baby?" "All right; I have her here in my arms." Put her ear to the receiver? Then Charley cried: "Hello, baby!" The little one's eyes opened wide. She threw up her hands on hearing the familiar voice, and Charley says the sweetest sound he ever heard was the "crowing" of the baby at his home in Missoula, while he was thirty miles away at Stevensville. Great are the conquests of science.—Western News.

For South America. Mr. Frank Drizkenberg left today for South America. His purpose is to look over the country and see the chances for speculative investment, especially in the cattle trade. About the time Frank picks a centipede out of his boots he will wish himself well back in his mountain home. However, we wish him success wherever he may cast his lot, for he is a square man and a good citizen.—Western News.

FOOTRY WANTED. I will pay the best cash prices for chickens, ducks and geese, delivered at my ranch, the old Wilkerson place near the Bass ranch. Also for eggs. Cash down. J. E. POWELL.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Lost, one black sow, crop off right ear, long tail, weight about 225 pounds. Any one finding same please notify E. B. Sheffield, Stevensville.

ESTRAY. One dark bay horse, branded K on left shoulder, and with a scar on one front foot, weight about 1,100 pounds. The party finding him will please leave him with Charley Faust.

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