

BOZEMAN NATIONAL BANK, OF BOZEMAN, MONT.

THE CITY CHRONICLED.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Frank Sullivan, left on Monday for a short visit in the east.

The banks, schools, etc., of Bozeman have adopted the new time—railroad time.

It is a noticeable fact that no one is prognosticating upon the character of this weather.

These are the days when raffles become popular, and the man without an overcoat wins a gold watch.

The Howell Bros. left this morning for Clark's Forks, where they will locate some claims and develop the ones they have.

It looks very much as if our citizens do not expect much snow this winter, by the manner they are taking advantage of the sleighing.

Dr. A. Lammie has gone to California for a two month's visit. He will visit his daughters who are attending school in that state.

W. S. McKinzie, A. D. McPherson and Joe Lindley left last night for Billings where they go to meet the corpse of Hon. W. O. P. Hays.

Those who got up at sunrise this morning were treated to a beautiful picture. If "Sunset Cox" could have seen it his name would be changed to "Sunrise."

Rountree has been authorized by the owners of the Northern Pacific hotel to repair the portion in front of that hotel, thereby improving the appearance of the front.

W. B. Wetzel, of Benton, and one of its most enterprising merchants has made an assignment. It is asserted that he will be able to resume business soon and pay all his debts.

A load of live turkeys arrived from the valley this morning and were sold to a Bozeman butcher. It looks as though Bozemenites could look to the farmers for their Christmas turkey this year.

In our article on the desert land act, we attributed the review quoted to the Helena land office, when it should have been the Commissioners of the general land office and from which Secretary Telford resigned.

The Chronicle is now better prepared than ever to do fine job printing. It has secured the services of a Cincinnati typographical artist, for whom we claim the badge. Prices and work are sure to be satisfactory.

Attorney E. P. Vinton and Sheriff Blakeley left last night for Livingston. It is alleged that their business is to serve an attachment on the firm of Geo. Carver & Co., for the sum of \$19,000, in fact, to that purpose. No arrangement will be left undone to make the evening's sport less enthusiastic than that of the previous carnivals. Coming as it does in the midst of the holidays, it will no doubt be largely attended.

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We learn that McAdow Bros. have ferred their valuable mill property for sale.

The west bound train arrived this morning at eight o'clock, several hours late.

Mr. E. L. Marsh, Hon. W. O. P. Hays' nurse, arrived in Bozeman with the body this morning.

We learn that the comedy "Money" will be presented by the Holland comedy company to-night instead of the "Two Orphans."

The latest enterprise we have heard talked of in Bozeman, is a guanine factory. For particulars inquire at the Tivoli beer hall.

Municipal Magistrate Dawes has been confined to his house this week, but was able to appear on the street and absorb the sunshine of this beautiful afternoon.

Old Crow, the well-known Crow war chief is visiting friends in Bozeman. He says he wants the Chronicle's sent to him, as there is a dearth of reading matter at the agency.

Yesterday Will Nevitt made himself a lucky present of a fine sleigh. By a lucky turn last evening he made \$25 on his purchase. For full particulars inquire of him.

The public schools will close this afternoon for a holiday vacation. On the East side another teacher will be added to the force as there are too many scholars there now for those in charge.

Vogel & Jake Spieth were to have made a raid upon the rabbits of Nob Hill last night. One armed with a gun and the other with a pumpkin. Beta are even as to who will make the biggest tally.

Mr. Vanvoort this morning disposed of his residence property through Rountree & Quaw, to Mat Black. Consideration, \$800. It was a bargain. Mrs. Vanvoort and son will repair to Old Virginia State for the winter.

Bozeman offers remarkable inducements to a syndicate who will put in water works. It is estimated by persons who are experienced in such business that the cost for permanent works, etc., will not cost over \$50,000.

The doors of the old Headquarters are thrown open this morning with the general M. B. Dutton behind the bar, and all sensible people he calls the attention of the public to the new departure by advertising in the Chronicle.

Chas. J. Gilbert, of St. Paul, Minn., arrived in Bozeman on this morning's belated train. Mr. Gilbert is the representative of a wealthy eastern syndicate who have authorized him to invest a sum of money in city and mining property. Mr. Gilbert is to-day looking over the N. P. addition to Bozeman, and will remain here for several days.

From a letter written at Los Angeles, California, we learn that Ben F. Kelly and mother, F. Stenberger, W. M. Castellini and wife, Mr. Stahl and wife, of Bozeman are spending the winter there, also O. D. Garrison and wife, of Billings, who has purchased a property near Mr. Castellini. Ben Fridley is in clover, and says that he has become acquainted with more girls than he ever saw before.

The proprietors of the Skating Rink have been entreated to give another Masquerade Carnival, and have consented to devote Saturday evening, the 29th, to that purpose. No arrangement will be left undone to make the evening's sport less enthusiastic than that of the previous carnivals. Coming as it does in the midst of the holidays, it will no doubt be largely attended.

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W. H. Fry, an attorney formerly of Bozeman, is recommended as a deputy district attorney for Gallatin county.

The Livingston Enterprise of December 22d, presents to its readers a large mass of reading matter, and a surprising amount of advertising.

Rev. F. B. Lewis, of Bozeman, was presented with an envelope containing \$50, by his Billings congregation last Sunday. Billings is to have a regular lector.

Banker Mund, of Billings, it is said, has made an offer of \$500 bonus, to any man who will start a paper in Billings. Are not two papers enough for Billings?

The play "Money" put on the boards last evening by the Holland Company was the best performance that company has ever given Bozeman. The audience was delighted.

Hereafter you can take your hat off and say under Sheriff Ponsford. We have no doubt Jim will be a good officer, as he is quick to "tumble to any one's racket."

When the spring business begins the Northern Pacific will have fifty emigrant sleepers and expect to be able to cope with all the business that reaches their eastern terminus.

It will be seen by this issue that the Chronicle has been moved by an interesting letter from Towamoc, in which the author will continue to favor us with his communications.

On Wednesday an accommodation train left Helena at 9 a. m., and returned at 5 p. m., running to Wickes, twenty-four miles southwest. This schedule will be followed, except on Sunday for the remainder of the winter.

In our weekly issue an advertisement of Ex-Gov. Potts will be found. Any one wishing to purchase horses of any kind will find what they want at the Potts' farm. He will sell low down in order to reduce his band of Oregon horses and young stallions.

Mr. E. N. Harwood has been appointed deputy district attorney for Yellowstone county, by District Attorney Burleigh. Mr. Platt, the former deputy, made an efficient officer, and it is to be regretted that he has been succeeded.

C. H. Peck, postmaster at Red Bluff, writes to this office as follows: "The mail route from Pony to Red Bluff is O. K. Service will commence January 1st, 1884, to run three times a week each way. Henry Milton, contractor. Thanks for the interest taken by Mr. Langhorne."

If one would take the trouble to figure up the amount of coal burned in Bozeman every week, he would make startling figures. On a clear, bright morning the black smoke arising reminds one of Pittsburgh. The Bozeman and the Maxwell mines supply the bulk of fuel, and nearly every household has an aching self-feeding coal stove.

From a gentleman who just arrived from a hunting expedition on the West Gallatin and Madison rivers, we learn that the following officers of Gallatin Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., were elected Saturday night, Dec. 22nd, and installed by R. W. D. G. M., S. W. Langhorne: J. M. Lindley, W. M. F. L. Beecher, S. W. White Calfee, J. W. R. S. Mendelhall, Treasurer. J. P. Menefee, Secretary. T. W. Warner, W. M. Maxey, J. G. Weaver, J. D. W. T. Foster, S. D. A. K. Yerkes, J. S. Ross McMillen, Tyler.

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The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Stocker, was buried yesterday.

The old Headquarters has fallen in with the spirit of the times, and all drinks are furnished at 12 1/2 cts. 43c7

To-morrow will be Christmas, and hence no paper will be issued. We wish all our patrons and readers a merry, merry Christmas.

Judge S. R. Martin, who spent last summer in Bozeman, and speculated in real estate, has been appointed Indian agent of the Shoshones.

A dwelling house has just been completed, four miles from Livingston for Mr. Tate of Bozeman, who will soon remove his family thither.

Mr. G. H. Goldwin, a large cattle owner of this county, arrived in town today after a month's visit to J. R. Dilworth's cattle ranch on Clark's Fork.

The young man who kissed his sweetheart at the wedding last Saturday evening—for the bride—has since discovered his mistake.

The funeral of Hon. W. O. P. Hays, in charge of Gallatin Lodge, A. F. & A. M., took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock. A large number of friends were in attendance.

To-night at 6 o'clock, the Presbyterian Sunday school will have their Christmas festivities; directly after which the M. E. Sunday school will have theirs.

From parties returning from the Couer d'Alene mines, we learn that the winter season is about completed. Several parties left Bozeman on Saturday for the mines intending to go in by Helena.

The Enterprise says, "Any livelier paper than now exists in Billings needs at its head a man with a banker's purse and a superhuman brain." You are correct brother Henry, we have been ourselves. Let the town want until Billings becomes president of the Northern Pacific railroad and then will better papers be needed.

A Bozeman commission merchant has been shipping grain to Butte. The grain on the cars at Bozeman at \$1 per cwt., and it sells at Butte for \$1.55 to \$1.80. Our farmers are complaining at the price of grain in Missoula, at 11 cents for oats and 11 cents for wheat. The comparison is only brought forward as an index of what the farmers in the other parts of the Territory are doing, and it looks as if our folks had not much to feel bad over in Missoula.

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SOME PERTINENT REMARKS.

A Timely and Interesting Letter From Ex-County Commissioner Ancney.

Competition has a good result in all things. The Chronicle, by taking the lead toward representing to the people the irregularity of our administration has bravely drawn the Courier from its habitual slumber; which finally comes out in its number of December 6th, with a very plain and sensible article in which it says that of the charges made against the Assessor, the County Commissioners should assume a share. Although we do not propose to lay the blame on any particular one; some are more to blame than others.

The new board will not altogether now. Some had the benefit of experience under a greater combination of struggles over county matters than now exists. As this is our matter, at least those of us who paid taxes this year, we have a right to educate ourselves as to where our money goes. We depend upon our newspapers to give us one and a while, instead of a mere. Matters of public interest, such as the standing condition of our finances a little dose of moderate preventive in due time is worth more than a superfluous dose of abusive medicine, when it is too late.

Some information through the columns of our papers, as to the most approved method of our administration has proved of certain help to the inexperienced assessor and would likely have avoided some grotesque mistakes, had the trouble been taken to look over the county books, the reporter could have ascertained, and it would not have been out of the place to let the tax-payers know that the old board had made a contract, with a doctor to take care of the county books for \$800 for one year, the said contract remaining subject to the revision of the new board, who revoked the same and give another doctor \$1,800 for the same services, while other justifiable claims were revoked, without consideration. Unbalanced justice always proves detrimental to the public interest and needs checking in due time.

It is true, that any over-seeing the public is very much subject to criticism and the position of County Commissioner is a thankless one—assuming a great responsibility for small pay, while some of the officers draw a very remunerative salary by a system of fees.

The County Commissioners who have to watch over the administration of other officers of the county, have to work for a trifling salary, though this is not our fault, if our legislators, deem it just to give their assent to a liberal compensation to some of the officers while a miser's principle of economy is devoted to those assuming the greater responsibility. We may stand the consequences, but are not to be blamed.

It should be understood before hand that the one accepting the position to handle our finances should devote the same care to the county's interest, as to their own business.

The Chronicle says: "Had the assessment been properly made, a twelve-mill tax would have brought more revenue, than did the seventeen mills of this year."

We believe this correct. Raising the rate from fourteen mills to seventeen mills was the mistake, and without a doubt from that results our poor assessment return. The irregularity of valuation of property may have been due to the assessor's lack of intelligence. But as the Courier says: "Why is it that the County Fathers have accepted this return?"

It goes to show that they must have accepted the return, and have not done it, and he should not be released and the city left to secure completion of the work at perhaps an advanced rate.

For these reasons I respectfully withhold signature to said warrant.

I think it due both you and myself that I admit I take this action with hesitation, as the members of the Board who passed said bill are large tax-payers and have the interest of the city at heart—I have no desire to take any improper or unnecessary steps in any such matter, but I do take it, and because I regard it my duty in the premises.

I, then recommend re-consideration of the matter.

Very respectfully,

J. V. BROOKER, Mayor.

Hon. W. O. P. Hays, whose body arrived here Friday morning from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born in Tennessee January 1828, and would have been next month 55 years old. His parents emigrated to Arkansas in 1838, when young Hays was but ten years old, and in that state he lived until he came to Montana, which was in 1863, so that more than one-third of his life has been spent in the Rocky Mountains. He died at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, December 15th, 1883, from cancer of the stomach and also of the liver. His remains have been brought to his old home of which he was a member having been one of its charter members and among its earliest Masters. Our pen cannot do justice to the memory of such an upright, honest man and we can but imperfectly and faintly trace his life. Mr. Hays, while not an office-seeking man, was selected by his party as a candidate to represent this council district in the 9th Legislative Assembly. He was triumphantly elected to serve in that body and was returned as a reward for his services to three succeeding legislative bodies, serving in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, and two extraordinary sessions. His judgment was always clear and his counsel wise, and he can scarcely measure the value of his services. To him is perhaps due, more credit for defeating subsidy measures than to any other man in his position was unfinishing and steady against all measures of extravagance. While not possessor of a finished education, he had an undecorated strong common sense which would enable him with a few words to demolish opposition. What more could we say of him that he was an honest man, and conscientious in everything, and to say that those who best knew him, were his staunchest, truest friends.

Dr. Lansing's name appears upon the register of the La Clede as from Helena. We had always appropriated him here, and are glad to state that he back in Bozeman to stay, at least until grass grows.

BORN

Story—To Nelson Story and wife, December 18th, 1883, a son.

Another Story added to the house. Thus do we improve.

In Bozeman, Tuesday December 18th, 1883, to Mr. G. B. Hamilton and wife, a son.

MARRIED

So far as the anecdote in the Courier of December 31st, bearing the title of Assessor Smith's vindication where Assessor Smith makes his confession and the deed that the people's minds may. There was in fact no unusual intimation but the ceremony of accommodation between officers does not excuse the blunder, it is merely an accommodation in family, where one washes the hands of the other and a confirmation of delinquency and vexation to the common sense of the tax-payers of Gallatin county. The tax-payers might say the County Commissioners: "Why is it that last year with a tax of fourteen mills the returns showed in the neighborhood of a million and a half of increase from the preceding year, while this year with a tax of seventeen mills, the addition of railroad property and the natural growth of the county we can scarcely show a million of increase. In a word how is it that the other counties advance so rapidly in wealth their records of our tax returns shows down