

Local News.

Our Devil is a "poick" of the first water. Hear how he commences an ode to an imaginary Christmas dinner:

"The turkeys have gobbled all the year, And now we'll gobble them—ain't it queer?"

Notice.—The accounts of Robert H. Lenoir, in and about his business at Fort Ellis, having been placed in our hands for collection, all persons indebted to him will please call at our office in the Court House Building, Bozeman, City, at once and arrange the same, or calls will be made.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—The store of Holzman & Bro. presents an attractive display of holiday goods—sufficient for Santa Claus to distribute a large share to every little one in the valley. Their toys, notions, etc., are first class goods, and are nice presents for the holidays—adapted to the age and circumstances of all. Drop in and see the museum.

CARRIER'S ADDRESS.—Our carrier, the post laureate of Eastern Montana, M. D. Orinwood, will greet the patrons of the AVANT COURIER with the first annual Carrier's Address, written by himself, on New Year's Day. We hope the patrons of the COURIER will respond liberally.

Final Notice.—All persons indebted to B. F. McDonald are requested to call at his office, at once, and settle with him. His accounts are in the hands of Wm. H. Randall, with whom settlement will be made.

We have just survived a right smart chance of a spell of weather, which lasted three days, the thermometer ranging from 15 to 25 degrees below zero, and a howling wind adding to the general disagreeableness of the weather.

SALT LAKE LETTER.—We publish to-day an interesting letter from Salt Lake City, with the promise of a similar favor weekly. It is written by an old Montanian, now located in the "City of Saints." "Wanderer" is an able writer, and we can promise our readers an interesting view of the peculiar manners of the Saints through his valuable letters. [O. K., Judge.]

For Sale.—Two hundred head of Thoroughbred America Cattle—Cows, Heifers and Yearlings. Enquire of SWETT & McPHERSON, Helena, M. T.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to announce that Mr. C. E. Clarke, the energetic fireman of Bozeman, in going to the Fort one day last week, in a sleigh drawn by a pair of his spirited horses, met with a severe accident, by having a shoulder dislocated, the result of a runaway on the part of his team. Mr. Harry Williams also occupied a seat in the sleigh at the time, but was uninjured.

BEAUTIFUL MAT.—H. N. Maguire, of the Bozeman Land Agency, has procured for his office a handsomely executed and elegantly framed map, showing all the surveyed and unsurveyed lands of Gallatin valley, the more prominent highways, chief towns, water-courses, etc. It must prove a great convenience to himself and patrons.

Notice.—The accounts of Messrs. Langhorne & Co., having been transferred to John H. Miner, Esq., of Helena, who has placed the same in our hands for collection, all persons indebted are hereby notified to come forward at once, make settlement and save costs. Court House Building, Bozeman, City. STREET & TURNER, December 21, 1871.

HEAVY ON BELLS.—In the regular proceedings of the House we notice that "The House went into Committee on the whole to stop bells from running at large." It is to be hoped that they succeeded in effecting the desirable object.

"THE REGISTRY LAW."—The views expressed by the writer of the article signed as above, published elsewhere in this paper, are those of one experienced in the workings of the old, as well as the present registry law. He is closely identified with the present comparatively prosperous condition of our country finances, and agreeing with him in the main, we take pleasure in publishing and commending his article to our readers as eminently better than anything we might say on the subject.

LINE FOR SALE.—The undersigned has a large quantity of excellent line for sale. For the present I can be found opposite the Coeur d'Alene office, where orders may be left. A. B. SNELL.

OUR MAILS.—The unusually severe weather that we have already experienced in the opening of winter has interfered very considerably with the regular transit of mails. The U. P. R. R. has been blocked on more than one occasion for several days, and the regular carrying of mail matter over the routes in our Territory has been an utter impossibility. We have heard some complaints here by persons who have been unable to get to the post-office on account of the excessively severe weather to see if the Coeur d'Alene mail was delivered. We are satisfied that Mr. Galen has done more than his duty in the premises; often carrying the mails when it was exceedingly dangerous to life and property to do so.

Mr. Dadd—that is the name, Dadd—is the "dad" of nineteen children, of whom an Eastern man says there are eight pairs and three ones. Mrs. Dadd promises to draw the poker on any man who speaks of her little ones in that derivative manner.

Blanks! Blanks! We have on hand and for sale blank Quit Claims Deeds, Warranty Deeds, Mortgages, Summons, Executions, etc., neatly printed and cheap. Will do for any county in the Territory. Sold in lots of from one to ten thousand.

HOLIDAY GOODS! A Complete Stock of TOYS, AND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOODS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Just received at HOLZMAN & BRO'S.

COERCION.

We understand from our ranchmen and grain dealers that a regular system of coercion is practiced or attempted on those having contracts for grain, etc., with Mr. Bogert, the contractor of Fort Ellis. Parties supplying Mr. Bogert with grain are kept out of their money indefinitely, the contractor telling them that they can take the same out in goods at the store of Messrs. Willson & Rich, and by this means they are in many instances compelled to purchase at this house, when it was their custom and desire to purchase of other merchants. While Messrs. Willson & Rich probably have as good a quality of merchandise, and sell the same as cheap, as other merchants, many of these people have their accounts and do their trading at other houses, and it is an injustice to them, as well as to the subscribers, to force our ranchmen to make their purchases contrary to their wishes. These complaints have become so frequent that we, endeavoring to assist in promoting the general welfare of the people of this county, and doing the greatest good to the greatest number, enter our protest against any private arrangement, if such really exists, that curtails the rights of our ranchmen, or that gives an undue advantage to one firm of merchants over others equally deserving of patronage. Fort Ellis affords a market for the products of this valley, and from that source ranchmen expect to get money to pay their debts, and make future purchases. Just so long as they are kept waiting for that money, just so long is the general prosperity of our people affected. The money received by them passes through the hands of every man in the county, enabling all to pay their obligations. This is one of the main reasons assigned by many for the unusual scarcity of money in Gallatin County this season. Our merchants depend upon this source for the payment of goods already purchased and for future purchases. It can be readily seen how an arrangement between the Fort Ellis contractor and any one firm, such as is reported to exist between Mr. Bogert and Willson & Rich, would operate to the detriment of the other merchants of Bozeman, as well as to the people themselves. We hope for the good of our community that nothing of the kind is in existence.

SEE TANNIN'S new advertisement. They mean business.

The undersigned will pay the highest cash price for County Warrants. Parties will consent their own interest by calling before selling elsewhere.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.—The social element of Gallatin City will be brought out at the grand hop to be given at Gallop & Spear's splendid new hall, in that place on Christmas night. Invitations have been issued extensively, and a large attendance from the surrounding valleys is expected. The gentleman getting up the ball possess the genuine hospitality of the mountains, and will extend a cordial reception to all who attend.

CROW ANNUITY GOODS.—We are indebted to the Herald for the desirable information furnished them by Superintendent Viall that all the annuity goods of the several tribes, including those belonging to the Crows, are now five days out from Ft. Benton, on mule teams, and will be transported as speedily as possible to the Yellowstone and other points. The Superintendent says it is a mistake in saying that the goods for the River Crows were left at Fort Peck. No goods were put off there, but were all sent through to Helena, as recommended by him to the Department at Washington.

LAID PLATS GIVEN AWAY.—Those giving on land at Maguire's Bozeman Land Agency will have plats furnished them without charge.

NEW-YEAR'S BALL.—A magnificent ball is announced for New-Year's night, to take place at Odell & Chapman's Hall, and in connection, an excellent supper at the Guy House. The ball will be conducted by gentlemen who will use every effort to make it the best one of the season, and Phil Dodson's well earned reputation as a generous dispenser of all the good things of life insures an excellent supper. Tickets, including supper, \$5.00. Music by Prof. Mounie's String and Brass Band.

Notice.—All of my uncollected accounts have been placed in the hands of Mr. John C. Guy for collection. Those indebted will save cost and trouble by calling on Mr. Guy and paying up. J. F. BELMONT.

CHRISTMAS.—What magic is contained in the word, particularly to the young. Memories of happy bygone days are clustered around the name—of infantile joys and the ambition and fire of youth. It is a day fraught with gay and festive scenes in the whole civilized world. It banishes sorrow and brings joy to the old and young—it is the present with the youth and the past with the aged. Alas! how denied many of the facilities in this new country of making the day pleasurable that are possessed in the older States, there is no place where the holidays are more properly appreciated—except on the old plantations. Before another issue, Christmas and the attendant holidays will be upon us. We wish all a merry, happy Christmas! And in the scenes of our mirth let us not forget that the day is sanctified by the birth of our Redeemer, and the heavenly anthem of "Glory be to God on high; peace on earth, good will towards men."

REMOVAL.—MALKIN & BRO. have removed to the commodious two-story brick building, formerly occupied by H. J. Hoppe, where they have fitted up the most elegant saloon in the Territory. None but first-class liquors sold. The Woodbine now twines at the handsome brick, Main street, Bozeman.

The Contractor mentions the promptness displayed by Colonel Black in handling the annuity goods, last year, and draws a comparison between the faithfulness with which he fulfilled his contract, and the apparent dilatory movements of the present contractor in carrying out theirs. The COERCION cannot go before us in any good words; it may speak concerning Colonel Black and the multitude of praiseworthy deeds performed by him in his five years residence in Montana. We fall not at any time to accord to him that mood of commendation which his public and private acts so richly justify us in bestowing.

Just Received.—A large invoice of fine cigars, consisting of the following brands: Esoula, Maravilla, Progress, Integrity, Realidad, El Gusto, Diamond Crown, Silver Eagle, etc. Which we offer at very low prices. Buyers will find it to their advantage to give us a call. S. L. HOLZMAN & BRO.

To the People of East Gallatin.

GENTLEMEN.—Since your post office has been removed nine miles from the direct Bozeman route, and no road whatever to your office otherwise than crossing the prairie on horseback and leaving over three sets of bars, it is a doubt in my mind if the Department wants the service performed in this manner. If they should require extra service in this vicinity, it seems to me it ought not only run through your settlement but also Spring Hill, as well as other places in that locality. As for my part I get no pay for this service, and I do not think Mr. Hunter does. Nevertheless I will furnish you with mail and await further instructions. I remain, yours respectfully, H. F. GALEN.

A WEEK OF LITIGATION.—Since our last issue, Judge Langhorne, has been on the Bench almost constantly. The prominent cases were based on replevin—a horse valued at \$250 being the subject. The first, Ward versus Shuster, occupied two days in the examination of witnesses and hearing argument by counsel. Then came Sales versus Ward demanding possession of the aforesaid Bucephalus, and the hearing in this case—a mere supplement of the first—was not less tedious than the first. In the first George S. Coleman appeared for Ward, and H. F. Williams for Shuster; and the second, Street & Turner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Coleman for the defendant. The decision was in favor of the plaintiff on the first hearing, and of the defendant on the second. Judge Langhorne rendered his decision in both cases with a perspicuity and comprehensiveness that demonstrate his fitness for the position he holds. On Tuesday Henry Williams, a young ranchman living on the West Gallatin, was arrested on complaint of Patrick Corcoran for making violent threats, etc. J. J. Davis for plaintiff and Street & Turner for defendant. The defendant was discharged from custody. The hearing of the Chinese murder case is progressing as we go to press.

Business calling me East, during my absence C. E. Warden will have charge of my water duty property, and all business connected therewith. Any business transacted by him in that connection will be binding on me. Mr. J. E. Pennington will have charge of the store at Troy Creek City, and any business transacted in relation thereto will also be binding on me. We would respectfully invite the ranchmen of the Gallatin valley to call on us, or to send us orders for goods, and give the highest market price for all kinds of ure.

THE HELENA HERALD.—The Herald made its appearance last week in an entire new dress and in its old familiar form before the fire. We have received both daily and weekly issues, and to say that we feel proud to recognize in the West and particularly in our own Territory, such an evidence of the advancement of the typographic art in the get up of both papers, and the manifested enterprise of the publishers of the Herald to turn out a paper second to none, in appearance and editorial ability, would hardly render them just. Montana can boast of better newspapers, comparatively speaking, than any State or Territory in the Union, and the Herald stands at the head. Such enterprise should meet with liberal encouragement. The recent severe ordeal through which the Herald passed, and the manner of its coming out—like silver from the crucible—highly improved in appearance, gives it a genuine stamp, that will successfully resist all the difficulties of newspaper life.

FORT BENTON ITEMS.—A dispatch dated Fort Benton 13th, says: About one o'clock this morning the wind commenced blowing, accompanied with sleet, increasing in fury until it took the semblance of a hurricane. One house was blown down and others injured. Large pieces of wood and boards were blown into the river. It has been mild and thawing the past week, but is freezing now. The buffalo are within a half mile of the fort and the slaughter continues.

EAST GALLATIN MAIL SERVICE.—We have taken occasion several times to allude to the discontinuance of service to the East Gallatin P. O., and the Montanian recently contained an article on the same subject, animadverting rather severely upon the mail contractors for an apparent neglect of duty. Mr. Galen, proprietor of the stage lines running from Bozeman and carrier of the U. S. mails, publishes a card in today's paper, which entirely exonerates himself from any blame in the matter, and the fact that he now serves that office at great inconvenience and expense without any remuneration is tangible evidence that he not only wishes to do right, but more than justice to himself. Had the office remained on the direct route it would have been regularly supplied with mail matter, but if the people see fit to remove the same several miles off the road they cannot expect the stage to run over the country hunting up the office. We understand that the East Gallatin office has been changed about as often as the moon during the past summer and fall, and subscribers to the Courier receiving their paper at that office have frequently told us that they did not know at what ranch to call for their mail, the office was changed so often. Under these circumstances, it would be impossible for a contractor running a stage line to supply the office—even if he was paid to do so, which Mr. Galen says he is not. If the people on the East Gallatin and Spring Hill wish regular mail service, to which there is no doubt they are entitled, let them get up a petition to that effect, send it to Mr. Clagett and we are satisfied their wants will be supplied.

Bozeman's Baltimore System.—Received daily and kept constantly on hand at G. M. LEVY'S.

A ROAD LAW.—No need of our people is more sorely felt at present than that of a well-constructed road law. As the country is settled up the want of avenues of communication is felt more and more. The system in operation at present has resulted in much neighborhood strife and contention, and much expensive litigation. Some system of road management is needed that shall avoid these evils. Such a law has been introduced in the Council by Judge Beck of Gallatin County, who has given the subject much and careful investigation; and he has embodied the result of his study in the bill now before the Council. Its provisions are wise, ample, and will if adopted provide such a system as will give to the Territory the right start in this important particular. Its consideration in the Council occupied the greater part of the day yesterday, and it met with the unanimous approval of that body. We hope for a similar reception in the House, and we doubt not it will be so received and soon become a law.—Montanian.

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TRUCK AS GOSPEL.—An exchange very pertinently remarks that there are a few men in every community who never do anything to assist public improvement, and always protest that such and such institutions don't profit them a cent, but we know that every time a town acquires a public improvement of any importance, these self-same men put up the price of their land five dollars on the acre and \$100 on a lot. A community composed entirely of this class of individuals would be about as lively as a graveyard.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—A large and attractive stock of Holiday Presents, Toys, Notions, Feathers, Caps, etc., Fancy Goods, etc., etc., especially ordered for the Christmas holidays, just received at G. M. LEVY'S. New Fruit and Tobacco Store, Main street, near Cash Store, Bozeman.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, 1871, only child of M. and Mrs. Walter Cooper, a boy, aged three weeks. We tender our warmest sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper in their sad and untimely affliction. But three weeks since we had the pleasure of announcing the birth of this their darling first born, which gave evidence of vigorous health and a longer life, but the little boy has been early called.

Bozeman Wholesale Market.—CORRECTED WEEKLY BY A. LAME & CO. COUNTRYSIDE OF A. LAME & CO., Thursday, December 21, 1871.

In our market report we have no very important changes to make. There has been a small advance in the jobbing price of a very few of the leading staple groceries, but the retail prices are about the same. Holders of goods seem disposed to accommodate as many of their customers as possible by selling small lots to parties as cheap as they would job larger lots.

In the articles of sugar and coffee there has been an advance of from three to five cents in the jobbing price. Our main staple at present, which is flour, remains firm at our former quotations. The mills are grinding to their full capacity, and much of the flour would go to other markets but for the severe cold weather, scarcity of fuel on the roads, and the consequent difficulty of procuring transportation.

Table with columns for Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, etc. and prices.

Single X..... \$1.00 XX..... \$1.00 XXX..... \$1.00

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UNION FLOURING MILL! A. PIERSTORF, Proprietor, SPRING HILL, Gallatin County, Montana.

The Brands of Union Mill Control the Territorial Markets.

The Best Millers Employed Good Roads Lead to the Mill.

Flour Ready when Promised. My Mill is always in operation, and Flour in any quantity desired can at all times be had.

DEXTER & TOWLE, SPRING HILL, M. T. Manufacturers and Dealers in

Doors, Sash, Blinds MOULDINGS, CASINGS, Etc.

All Kinds of Dressed Lumber Constantly on hand. WE HAVE

Single and Double Planing Machine, AND THE BEST WATER POWER IN THE COUNTRY.

THOMAS C. CRANE, Spring Hill, Gallatin Co., M. T.

BLACK SMITHING, Horses Shod with Self-Sharpening Shoes.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL, Corner Main and Bozeman Sts., BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

BLUM & ENCESSER, Prop'r.

New Brick Hotel, offers unsurpassed accommodations for the traveler. It is situated in a style not unequalled, which make it the very best.

Best Hotel in the Country. Its tables are supplied, in the greatest abundance, with all the Luxuries of the Season.

BEST COOK IN THE TERRITORY. The proprietors and their employees make it, not only their duty, but their pleasure, to have their guests fed at home within in their house.

Renshaw & Anderson, Manufacturers and dealers in

FURNITURE! Corner Main and Black Sts., Bozeman, M. T. Keep on hand a full assortment of first-class Furniture, which will be sold cheap.

To all Whom it May Concern: THE REPEAL OF SECTION 2 OF OUR REVISED NUTRE LAW has been generally considered, it has been directed by those in authority to refund the bounty per cent. damages collected by me on a case of A. D. BEW, which will do much for the benefit of my receipts for the same. ROSSMAN, M. T., Nov. 20, 1871.

FORT ELLIS.

Cutter & Daniels, OLD RELIABLE STANDARD, GALLATIN MILLS, BOZEMAN, MONTANA TERRITORY. Our brand of Flour always made At the Head of the Market.

Fort Ellis, M. T. DEALER IN

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS

GROCERIES, HARDWARE.

CUTLERY, CANN FRUITS, TOBACCO, PIPES, LIQUORS,

Other Articles too Numerous to Particularize. We will sell goods

At the Very Lowest Figures, and invite the public to give us a call and examine our stock.

WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD CUTTER & DANIEL, Fort Ellis, M. T., Sept. 20, 1871.

NEW FRUIT & CIGAR STORE, G. M. LEVY, n Fridley's building, near the Cash Store, Main St., BOZEMAN, M. T.

KEEPS constantly on hand a well selected stock of goods, consisting of a full line of

Tobacco, CIGARS AND SMOKING TOBACCO.

Pure, Genuine Meerchaum Pipes, FRESH CALIFORNIA AND OREGON FRUIT

Fancy Candies, NUTS, HOLIDAY GOODS for the little folks; KNIVES, PLAYING CARDS, and a large stock of

KNOWSHUNS. The people are invited to call and examine this elegant stock of new goods, and when you price them you are certain to buy.

A. J. HUNTER, New Drug Store, BOZEMAN CITY, M. T. On Bozeman Street, just back of the Metropolitan Hotel.

DRUGS, Chemicals, Perfumery, Toilet Articles. And everything usually found in a Drug Store. Physicians' prescriptions accurately compounded at all hours.

DR. HUNTER offers his professional services to the citizens of Bozeman and Gallatin county. He has charge of, and is physician to the County Hospital. He has comfortable beds and rooms for those who desire treatment at the hospital upon reasonable terms. Owing to the great distance and necessary high prices usually claimed by physicians, it is cheaper for patients desiring treatment to come to the hospital than to require physicians to travel such great distances, and the chances for recovery by the patient's law four-fold.

Persons Desiring to Procure STRAWBERRY PLANTS this fall should get them now. It is generally known that we furnished our market with the strawberry, last summer, as can be seen in any country. We will fill all orders at FIFTEEN CENTS PER PLANT, \$10 PER HUNDRED. Persons at a distance may wish upon receiving plants in good condition. Send us your orders to GUY & GRAY, Bozeman, M. T.

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We have also in operation two splendid Steam Threshers, The best in the valley, which have Proved Highly Satisfactory To those employing them. P. W. McADOW & BRO.

Madison Bridge House, JAMES T. SHED, Proprietor, HOME STATION FOR THE

BOZEMAN, VIRGINIA and HELENA COACHES Situated at the crossing of the Madison and Being Elegantly Fitted Up, it affords

Superior Accommodations To the Traveling Public.

The Bridge, And the roads leading to and from it are kept in good repair and traveling condition.

The Bar, Is always supplied with a good assortment of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, Etc.

FRANK HARPER, BLACKSMITH, EAST MAIN STREET, Bozeman, Montana.

General Blacksmithing Done, OXEN, HORSES and MULES SHOD. Prices low and patronage invited.

G. H. CAMPBELL, General Country Dealer, Gallatin City, Montana.

PAYS HELENA QUOTATIONS FOR BUTTER AND EGGS.

ONE PRICE FOR EVERYBODY. DEALER IN

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, Ready-made Clothing, Hats, CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES.

Keeps constantly on hand a complete Stock of General Merchandise which is offered to the people of the valley at reasonable figures.

BLACKSMITHING, A. M. QUIVEY, HAVING leased the shop formerly occupied by J. B. Finch, is prepared to do

All Kinds of Blacksmithing WITH NEATNESS & DISPATCH. Wagon Shop in connection.