

Sun River Sun.

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ADVERTISING RATES. Table with columns for different types of advertising and their respective rates.

Business notices in reading matter, 25 cents per line...

Special Notice. We desire to settle up all outstanding accounts...

SUNBEAMS. A Happy New Year! Mrs. D. B. Hall is quite sick.

Remember the minstrel to-night. Bozeman boasts of five meat markets.

Mr. James Strong is reported as quite sick. The Independent issued a holiday number.

James Heeneberry is in town from Choteau. John Kerler has been quite sick with dysentery.

The cold weather don't seem to let up a cent. The jingle of the sleigh bells make merry music.

Orders are pouring in for copies of our holiday edition. Mr. Wade Hull is the happy pa of an eight-pound girl.

J. J. Ellis and wife returned from Helena Monday evening. YOUR attention is called to the notice at the head of local column.

There appears to be considerable sickness in town just at present. The Townsend Tranchant has entered upon his second volume.

Send your friends in the States a copy of the Holiday Sun. Helena has now fourteen arriving and departing trains daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt returned from their visit to Helena last Saturday. Glendive has a Masouic lodge. Queer that Sun River can't have one.

A few head of cattle are said to have died during the present cold snap. White Sulphur Springs is said to be a mighty good place to raise children in.

It is said that Democratic Democrats are ready fishing for the post-office in that town. Geo. Steell & Co. have just opened the best selection of Christmas candies ever brought to this town.

Col. Baker, who cleaned up the Pleasants on the Mariposa so thoroughly some years ago, is dead. Dr. W. A. Allen has returned to Sun River for a brief period, and can be found at Rogers' block.

The Dawson county jail is not as strong as some. A man recently cut his way out of the institution with a penknife. Missoula county has never legally hung a white man. A Chinaman was suspended there once, but he didn't count.

Henry Maloney, who has been living at Choteau during the last few months, returned to Sun River last Monday. FOR SALE—About 15 cords of good wood. JOHNS DEVINE.

Owing to rush of work, not as much attention has been paid to the Sun this week as it will receive in the future. The idea that the world owes you a living is exploded, young man. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

In the experience of the oldest inhabitants no such cold weather is remembered as we had the week before Christmas. The choice of twenty-two different dresses are offered to the purchasers of tickets from Montana to New Orleans.

DR. W. A. ALLEN, Surgeon Dentist. Has arrived and is prepared to do all work pertaining to the profession. Wanted—A chinook, for which a liberal price will be paid if delivered at this office in good condition within the next 24 hours.

White Sulphur Springs is ambitious. It no longer became a county seat when it loses to be the capital of the Territory. What gaul!

The Christmas ball given here on the evening of the 25th was in every way a success. The supper got up by Mr. Gibb was excellent. We believe that the thermometer registered 35 degrees below zero as the lowest during the recent coolish weather experienced here.

Mr. Frank Farmer was in town from Choteau this week and paid the Sun office a pleasant visit and invested in a few copies of our Holiday edition.

It was reported that a chinook was tearing this way from over in the Deer Lodge valley, but it has not yet materialized. It probably got froze up crossing the range.

J. H. McKnight & Co. have just received a car load of Four Ace and White Rose Minnesota flour, which they are offering for sale cheap.

Wm. Mayer, contractor on the Alberta mine, N. W. T., and Al. Hamilton, of Choteau, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Devine one evening this week.

The Arizonians are making it a little sultry for Mormon residents in that Territory who persist in wedding more than the customary number of wives.

Kisselburgh, Carter & Co.'s lumber is universally acknowledged to be the best that comes to this market and is sold straight through for \$30 per M.

The Herald says look out for counterfeit silver dollars. We'll do it; and we have been doing it for some months past, but have not seen any—not even a genuine one.

Sun River has the best amateur minstrel troupe in Montana. They will give a performance to-night in Murray hall. There will be a dance immediately after the performance.

We have had some very cold weather lately according to the thermometers, but we didn't feel it, you know; because the air in this glorious northwest is so dry that the cold has but little effect. Ahem!

All kinds of tinware for sale and made to order by James Gibson. Stove fitting a specialty.

Rev. Hunter wishes to state through the columns of this paper that the tokens of friendship extended from Fort Shaw, in the way of Xmas presents, were greatly appreciated.

Our new Governor's name is R. Platt Carpenter, and like the lamented J. Seelye Crosby, parts his name in the middle. We thought we were to have a Montanan for Governor, but we see we didn't know anything about it.

J. H. McKnight & Co. have just received and opened a fine line of Toys and Holiday goods. Please call and examine them before sending east or purchasing elsewhere.

The doors and windows of the new church have been ordered and the building committee are hopeful that in early spring the church will be ready for use. It is to be hoped that those in arrears with their subscriptions will be ready to settle ere long.

R. P. Walker, of the Montana Cattle company, will be married to a Miss Gertrude Derby, of Chicago, at that city on the 23d of January. R. P. and bride will reside in Helena the remainder of this winter and make Sun River their home thereafter.

James Gibson, the hardware man, has just got in a fine lot of parlor and other heating stoves, which he will sell at Helena prices. Give him a call.

There will be service at the school house next Sabbath morning. After preaching, the Sabbath school will take place. All are specially invited next Sabbath, as there is important business in connection with the Sabbath school. Evening service at Fort Shaw.

Ben. Steell, Charley Miller and several others had rather a tough experience lately, on the coach between Choteau and this place. They were out two nights, when the thermometer was away down out of sight, but luckily were provided with sufficient wraps to keep from freezing to death. The boys say that snow-balls, with Montana air for desert, don't answer all purposes.

Wanted to Sell—A few pure Plymouth Rock cockerels. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Newman. 414\*

A cowboy, who came into town from the wilds of upper Sun river to spend Christmas, got slightly elevated on the common, every-day whisky and started into carminate the city. Judge Rose interviewed him next morning and insisted on his explaining things before the grand jury at Helena next spring; and so that he should pay due heed to the justice's request, he was placed under \$2,000 bonds.

Col. Alex. H. Beattie, for the past thirteen years Clerk of the District Court for the Third Judicial District of Montana, died at Helena a week ago last Sunday. His death was caused from the effects of an old wound received at the battle of Stone River, during the rebellion. The deceased leaves a young wife, to whom he had only been married about a year. She is a niece of Matt Carroll's. The remains were taken to Rockford, Illinois, for interment, accompanied by Mr. Carroll.

Send in your orders for the Holiday Number early. 1,000 have already been sold.

It is said that Helena is to have another daily paper, a paper similar to the Salt Lake Tribune. Parties from the east entered with plenty of money are now making the necessary arrangements and will issue the first number of the New Era in the early part of March, at least so says Dame Rumor. There is no question about such a paper being a success from the start. If it has lots of capital behind it, which this one appears to have.

A Mr. Schaff, in the New North-West, tells a story about a wonderful spring which he discovered near the boundary line, the waters of which gave a metallic coating to his stomach and other digestive organs, sort of electroplated them and that for years after he could drink the vilest Indian whiskey without a squirm. The above must be a lie, for if such is the above was really true that spring would have been beaten long ago and our huns would have moved up once a year to have their glazours plated. Possibly the people of Choteau know where the spring is, which accounts for the wonderful non-effective-ness of the distilled lightning which they so freely imbibe.

It is said that at a wedding in South Carolina not long since a gentleman proposed the election of a President who should be sworn to secrecy, and to whom should be handed by each marriageable person present with his or her name and the name of the person whom he or she wished to marry. In cases where there was a reciprocal desire the president was to inform the parties of the fact, while other cases were to be kept entirely secret. The scheme was carried out and resulted in the discovery that twelve couples were mutually attracted and eleven weddings almost immediately followed. We would suggest that some such scheme be adopted at Sun River, as our young men and maidens are very diligent and weddings are rare. There are lots of young men, nice young men, and young ladies, sweet young ladies, who should have homes of their own.

Julius Hirschberg has some boss overcoats for sale cheap. In view of the past and present cool weather it is well to remember this fact.

Pistol Practice. We learn from a gentleman who arrived here a few days since from Choteau that during the night previous to Christmas eve, some evil-disposed party amused himself by firing a number of shots into the Valley Hotel at that place. Three shots were fired into an upper sleeping chamber, and two shots into the bar room, one of the shots taking effect in a ten-gallon keg of brandy and knocked it out of time. It is thought the shooting was did with a repeating rifle.

Leave orders for the Holiday Edition of the "Sun" at the office this week. A copy will make a desirable Christmas present to Eastern friends.

Died. Ida May, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bull, died of croup, near Ullida, at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, December 26, 1884, aged five months and twenty five days. Short service was held at the residence of Mrs. Bull, Sun River, Sunday, Dec. 28th, conducted by Rev. Largent. His remarks were based upon the following scripture: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." [1 Cor. 15, 19.] After which a goodly number followed the remains to the Sun River cemetery, there to be interred to wait the blast of the angel's trumpet calling everyone to judgment. The family has the sympathy of their many friends in this their hour of bereavement.

Impressions that Foreigners Have of us. By W. J. HUNTER.

Westward rolls the tide of empire, and with it a higher and better type of civilization, the rising of a better, brighter day for the natives. The accumulated experience of the past, the varied lessons of the present, and the brightest anticipations for the future are brought to bear in the development of a new and rapidly growing country like this, and when the rapidly developing fields of this western world are brought into cultivation unless an influx of population bring with them an inward efficiency, clinging to their old habits, the future history of this country will develop into something grand and glorious. If the rise and progress is healthy our cities and towns and villages will enlarge and beautify, our backwoods will be blessed with a manifold cultivation, and our wildernesses and forests will be transformed into homes of comfort and habitations of peace, and a higher and grander mark will be left on the sands of time by the rising tide of public good, and then the ebbing wave will rise higher still as those coming to our shore drink in the spirit, the freedom, the liberality of western life, and above all, the enterprise and thrift of the people here.

In the east I found a great deal of ignorance, and among learned people, too, regarding this country. Its geography, its climate, its mountains, its streams, and its rich and productive soil—all is an enigma to them. Here and there we were questioned about the habits and customs of the people, and invariably we eulogized the country to the highest pitch possible. At Lakeside, Ohio, I had the honor of addressing a large audience in the interest of Montana; told them about her increase of population, her growing commonwealth, her cultivated farms, her homes and school and churches, rich soil and her abundant productions, and then her scenery, hills peculiarly constructed, and mountains, canyons, running streams, gold and silver, coal, iron and lead, which gave this country a prominent place in the history of the world. But, on the other hand, I said, like every new country, she had her drawbacks, and at first sight every foreigner is struck with this. But there is an underlying foundation, a hidden life, which a longer acquaintance alone will reveal and which time will make patent to the world. The multifarious elements of our heterogeneous population must be boiled down, the skum removed, then the crystal beauty, the life, as well as the momentum, will be felt everywhere in the stream of national progress.

A word regarding the Impression we at first introduction, upon the minds of foreigners. They come amongst us with their peculiar cast, habits formed and impressions fixed. They had read in Germany, or France, or England that this entire land was given to riots, murders, robberies and lynch law, and they had before coming, fully made up their minds that we were a hard, rebellious people, and that there was no safety without weapons. But to their surprise time unfolds a different condition of things. They find that they dare walk alone in the night, sleep with unbolten doors, travel by day and night without a weapon and they feel that they can go with perfect confidence everywhere, and that but few highwaymen be in ambush, as they vainly imagine to rob and murder.

Another impression vainly imagined by those coming to our shores, is that a large percentage of this people are void of honor. True, like every country she has her black sheep. But with the majority this Impression is without foundation, as honorable men are to be found in Montana as in any country under the setting sun, and the foreigner soon learns this by experience. Our statesmen, like most other countries, are well skilled in wire-pulling—and they pull themselves into office. Our merchants, like other merchants, are skilled in figuring high, and they figure themselves rich; and why throw mud over our heads and besmear us because we do like other people? And this lesson foreigners ought to learn so soon as they cross the threshold of our land.

Another erroneous impression is, that amongst our sons and daughters there is a want of politeness. Those landing in Montana will find that all her sons and daughters are not barbarians, in this respect, for even here, there can be found the learned, the cultivated, and the urbane. We are not in possession, in this country, of the peculiar cast of the French. There you would wear the top of your hat, especially if the circle of your acquaintance was at all large. But here the hat is seldom touched. True politeness, is not a cringing, servility, but is a cheap commodity, which beautifies life, giving it a milder and more home-like name. How frequently have foreigners, before leaving their own dear native land, read about our lack of this high attainment? But we have as large a percentage who adhere to this law as can be found in any other country of our years and growth. One other thing more that might be noticed. Before leaving their own dear land, they become impressed with the idea that these far-off fields are rich, which is true, and that all they will have to do is to come, sit down and the gold and silver will roll in in great abundance. This is a mistaken idea.

Shall this mighty development of industry be ignored by those who come to take up an abode amongst us? As we stand here day after day, the gold and silver of Peru and California and Australia and Montana are rolling in, and the machinery of Manchester, of Liverpool, and of New England throbs with a mighty pulse of resistless power, and our fields are flashing like a golden sea with rolling billows of yellow grain; and the axe of the pioneer rings amongst the trees of the mountains, and in the pathless woods which stretch towards the setting sun, and shall foreigners not keep pace with those gathering waves, and march forward in the line of duty, and when life ends all heaven will be theirs.

Only 25 cents will be the cost of an elegant Christmas present for your friends. Call at this office.

LEGAL NOTICES. NOTICE. To all whom it may concern, that we the undersigned members of Choteau county, forbid any and all persons from trespassing upon our mine for the purpose of shooting, and any person or persons doing so, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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