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SUNBEAMS.

The SUN RIVER SUN is one year old to-day.

Roller skates should be rigged with wheels.

Several Augusta sports were in town last week.

See ad. of the Augusta minstrel show in this issue.

Justices of the Peace blanks for sale at this office.

Sheep have wintered excellently so far this winter.

We've got our heap less mud. Advertising pays.

James Wells, an old-timer, died at Fort Benton last week.

James Lee, of the Birdtail House, was in town last week.

Smithy has moved his barber shop over into Rose's block.

Florence is said to be suffering from a dearth of whisky.

One Chinaman now does all the washing required at Benton.

Mrs. Chas. Holt, of Johnston, was in town last week on a visit.

The Sun River Roller Skating Club have their rink completed.

Judge Burcher fined a man \$20 and costs last week for drawing a revolver.

We publish this week the report of the Augusta school for the month of January.

We were glad to see Mr. James Gibb, of the Largent House, out on the street Monday.

Judson Freer has bought out the Sun River Southern stage route from Joe Hilderbrand.

Robert P. Thoroughman is building a county bridge across Deep creek near J. W. Hopkins's place.

Our constable, J. M. Woods, is on the lookout for the parties who are doing the slightly shooting in town.

We are in receipt of the annual reports of the Territorial Auditor and Superintendent of Public Schools.

Reports from our surrounding ranges all agree that cattle are looking remarkably well for this season of the year.

Doc. Allen, the popular dentist, returned from Benton Monday. He had a very successful professional visit in that town.

Some four hundred pounds of Sand Coulee coal has been sent east in specimens of the deposit found in that region.

The A. O. U. W.'s of Sun River Lodge No. 14, which disbanded some eighteen months ago, are going to organize again.

Will Clarke, of Belle Dale horse ranch on Willow creek, had the misfortune to lose one of his most valuable mares last week.

There are men in this town who will bet that there will be a railroad to the Sand Coulee coal mines within eight months.

H. M. Payne, who recently sold his ranch at Augusta to E. Beach, is now clerk behind the register at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Helena.

Some 400 sheep of the Davies band were sold a Macleod the other day to pay custom duties. Mr. Dutchen, of the Alberta Ranch Co., was the purchaser.

George Vogt has ren'd the building formerly occupied by Roberts & Best as a harness shop and will there build and repair shoes and boots until further orders.

A number of cowboys struck out Monday to recross cattle which have drifted from the ranges on either side of the Missouri and Sun rivers on to the opposite ranges.

Jerry Collins, of the River Press, is at Helena, presumably, lobbying against our new county. Chas. E. Conrad and F. C. Roosevelt went up on Monday's coach for the same purpose.

It is whispered that a subsidy bill for the Benton and Helena railroad will be sprung in the House of Representatives toward the end of the session of the Legislature, and that it will pass both houses, too.

Two able-bodied young men of our town indulged in a slugging match. The referee who stood by declared it a draw. Some little blood, a torn shirt, a broken chair and a bent poker comprised the damages at this writing.

H. D. Blossom and Thomas Rose, our school trustees, went to the Dearborn Sunday, so as to be on hand Monday morning to again attempt to install a lady teacher in the school at that place. This time it is a dead sure thing that the present teacher, McDonnell, will have to go.

W. S. Moore's house at the Dearborn was burned to the ground Monday morning. The family barely escaped with their lives, saving nothing but an organ and a sewing machine. Mr. McDonnell, who was standing with Mrs. Moore, lost some valuable books. The total loss is estimated at between \$300 and \$400.

"I skate, thou skatest, he skates; I fall, thou fallest, he falls; I hate, thou hatest, he hates; To hear a girl laugh—how it galls!

"I strap, thou strappest, he straps; I swear, thou swearest, he swears; I snap, thou snapest, he snaps; Suspensers, and every one strares."

Rev. W. J. Hunter will preach next Sunday, at the school house, at 11 o'clock a. m. All are cordially invited.

There will be a regular old-fashioned Missouri "break-down" dance at Murray hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, given in honor of E. D. Hastie by his Sun River friends.

Mr. W. C. Sweet writes from the New Orleans that in looking over the papers in the Montana Department of the Exposition he ran across the Sun River Sun, and it was like meeting an old friend.

Saturday will be St. Valentine's day, when the alleged innocent little birds are said to choose their mate (not in Montana, it is understood, but in some other clime), and grand, God-like man thinks he satisfies the soulful yearnings of his best girl by sending her a five cent chronom.

A block of coal is on exhibition at Green Preuit's, which was taken from Largent Bros' mine in the Sand Coulee country. It is of a lignite character and said to contain but little sulphur. Tests have been made as to its roasting qualities and it proves eminently satisfactory.—Independent.

Sergeant Greenough, of A Company Third Infantry, stationed at Fort Shaw, has been appointed Post Quartermaster Sergeant at Fort Missoula. Sergeant Greenough will be missed by the boys at Shaw, and it will be hard to find a man to fill his place in the Fort Shaw Minstrel troupe.

It is said that a ditch can be taken out from the north fork of the Dearborn river at a cost not exceeding \$10,000 that would irrigate all the land on Flat creek, and could be carried on to the bench land back of Shaw and about the Square Lute. A good scheme. Why don't some of our capitalists look into it?

The Augusta boys will give their grand minstrel show on the evening of the 20th. The Fort Shaw band will be in attendance. The Augusta troupe has among its members some of the best amateur actors to be found in Montana. The programme of the entertainment will be out Saturday and by reading it, all will be convinced that the boys propose to give a boss show. Many people will attend from this town and Fort Shaw.

The fine specimen of coal from the Largent, Sand Coulee mine, on exhibition at W. G. Preuit & Co.'s store, has been examined by a Pennsylvania coal expert, who pronounces the specimen a genuine coal, of the same age, and as fully matured as that which is known as Pittsburg coal. Being compacted in cubes, and showing the peacock hues, he says, there is no doubt of its coke and gas producing qualities.—Herald.

H. D. Blossom and Thomas Rose returned from the Dearborn Monday evening, having succeeded in installing Miss Ballou in the place of Mr. McDonnell. They did not experience any trouble. Mr. McDonnell, we believe, held on to the key of the school house, but the trustees quietly removed the lock and replaced it with one which they had brought for the purpose. After this strategic move the key of the new lock was given to the new teacher and she was in possession. We are credibly informed that our trustees were nearly talked to death by the contending factions of the village.

ROLLER SKATERS.

Information for Sun River Rinklets.

Standing on the head, left foot twisted around a chair or bench, right foot mixed up with the ruins of a lady's bonnet, means, "I wish to get acquainted with you."

Prostrating one's self suddenly on the floor in front of a lady, face down, in the shape of a Maltese cross, "I am at your feet."

Sitting down demurely on the foundation of your back and letting a lady kneel over you and fall like a snowflake in front conveys the idea that you would like to skate next music with her.

Skating up to a lady at full speed and trying to pass on both sides of her at once means, "let us sit down and talk it over."

Looking over your shoulder and allowing your partner to run against a post indicates that you think you have made an impression.

Dropping your partner's hand on the turn and thus allowing her to jam herself under a spectator's chair in a confused h. a. is a sign that you wish to skate all night.

Bringing your partner a pair of skates two sizes too small means that you are in a fair way to get sold.

When your partner declines to go out for a dish of oysters, it means that her husband is looking on.

Telling your partner that some other lady is the best skater in the room, is a sign that you haven't sense enough to hammer sund.

To introduce your girl to better skater than yourself is a sign of hopeless idleness on your part.

From St. Peter's Mission.

JANUARY 31, 1885.

Editor of the SUN:

The Mission folks are going to have a bell attached to their church next summer.

The snow is melting away fast on the hills, but it is not thawing much in the mountains.

There has been considerable cord wood cut up in the mountains this winter, but owing to the bad weather they have not sold any of it. Messrs. McLaughlin and John Tabor have about 40 cords for sale at \$7.50 per cord on the ground.

John Tabor has been quite busy hauling logs this winter for building purposes.

John Renule has got the Turle Mountain fever and wants to sell his ranch.

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AUGUSTA AFFAIRS.

I bloom amid the snow-mud. The shadows of the Rockies bathe in mud and snow.

Henry Weigand has rented the Augusta Hotel to the Owens family. "The Senate," the new saloon, is now running full blast. May the proprietors meet with the success adequate to their wholesomeness and attention.

The Augusta Ethiojan Scandinavers open here Friday, February 20th. They also give a grand minstrel ball the same evening.

The Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Sun River, delivered a very eloquent discourse in Manix hall Sunday evening, February 8th. Subject: "Different Kinds of Hearers." All the youth, bloom and elite of South Fork turned out en masse. Mr. James Sturman officiated as leader of the choir. The reverend gentleman also favored us with a lecture the following evening entitled, "The Demands of the Age." With the exception of the new county, the speaker covered all the necessary grounds.

Next to the Almighty dollar, the cardinal topic of conversation at the War office is the new county. Some are of the opinion that it will be a dear born county. But the candid idea of the majority is that it would be "Pro Bono Publico." Apropos of the county seat our most influential citizens acknowledge that under the existing circumstances Sun River is the grand central. Their opinion might be reversed if Augusta had an all-year communication with the country north of here. But the north fork is unfordable for several weeks every year. This would necessitate people traveling from Choteau to South Fork, or vice versa, to go via Sun River. As regards Choteau's pretensions, notwithstanding the no-bridge across-north-fork objection, it is too far from the southeast boundary line of the proposed county. People living at the Dearborn and Flat creeks would be no better off than they are to-day. Another serious objection is that farmers and stockmen going to the county seat on business generally have a double duty to perform, namely, buying their supplies. Choteau could never compete with Sun River. Freight is cheaper from Benton or Helena to the Crossing. The tariff given by that high and mighty postmaster, the River Press, is too thin. Give us a new county, but cut it out right away. Of course we do not expect Sun River to hog the revenue of the inevitable county. We want a public bridge across the North Fork at or near Bernard's ranch. If this is not looked after at once some private capitalist is liable to construct a toll bridge. We also want Simms creek bridged. Then from the Government a new mail route via Flat creek, and we are happy pro tempore. VERITAS.

Augusta School Report.

The following is a report of the public school at Augusta for the month of January, 1885:

Number of pupils enrolled during the month, 28; boys, 14; girls, 14.

Average number belonging, 26. Average daily attendance, 23.9; absence, 2.1. Percentage of attendance, 92.

The department has been excellent throughout and inexcusable tardiness rare.

A report of individual attendance and scholarship is presented below:

Table with columns: PUPILS, PRESENT, ABSENT, GRADE. Lists names of pupils and their attendance records.

A. R. VAN EMAN, Teacher.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30, 1885.

Congress began the week with dynamite. The Senate took the lead in explosions of indignation relative to the crimes recently committed in London. Senator Hoar thought that in voting for the dynamite resolution he expressed the wish of his American citizens among his constituents in the old Bay State. The Senator from Louisiana, Mr. Gibson, held that dynamiters placed themselves on a level with poisoners; that they were assassins. Senator Ingalls said the explosions of last Saturday were declarations of war against every Capital in Christendom.

He proposed to vote for the resolutions still, he thought, there was something in society worse than dynamite, namely, the guilt and the wrongs that made dynamite possible. "Helpless, hopeless poverty, and the oppression of our wives and children," he said, "are the ingredients of dynamite." He thought that these occurrences should teach the lesson that for nations as well as for men, there is nothing so unprofitable as injustice. The junior Senator from Virginia, who has enjoyed the distinction of being called the handsomest man in the Upper House, assumed for the second time this session the role of the lone Senator. He spoke and voted against resolutions that could be construed as sympathy and fellowship with England, referring to her as a government of cruelty and tyranny, and

he earnestly champion the cause of poor, oppressed, struggling Ireland. Senator Hawley referred to the two occasions when the American people had solemn experience of assassination and from every tribe and nation, savage and civilized, came indignation. The crimes of dynamiters were far worse than those—they were "an insensate dash at humanity." He did not know what good the adoption of the resolution would do, but it did him good to curse those crimes. It does every part of the world good to hear denunciation from all other parts.

While this explosive subject was being agitated, there was an alarm of fire at the Capitol, and a rush for the doors. For a moment, everybody seemed to expect an explosion and a repetition of the scene in the British House of Parliament. The fire proved to be in the file room of the House of Representatives. Many valuable records escaped destruction.

While combustibles were in order, Congressman White indulged in an explosion intended to blow up the Speaker of the House. He claimed that Mr. Carlisle had discriminated against him in ruling that certain matter should not be printed in the Record, referring to the Speaker as "that creature of the House." The popularity of the Speaker with both parties forbade any disrespectful allusion, and the member from Kentucky was hissed from all parts of the hall with a vehemence that is unusual even in that demonstrative body.

Captain Eads has been spoken of as the most successful engineer of schemes through Congress that the world has produced. His strong point has been thought to be his ability to talk men over to his way of thinking. He has just failed, however, to carry every thing before him in the matter of the Galveston harbor improvement. The wharf owners' ring, who have been co-operating with him, were made happy by the promise that he would get an eight and a half million bill through. The River and Harbor committee propose to grant about \$750,000 for a beginning of the work, and to pay Capt. Eads a salary of \$5,000 a year to superintend it, and \$3,000 for each foot of water gained. In the room of the Senate Committee of Naval affairs, for some weeks Captain Eads displayed extensive models of ships, railways and other appliances proposed to be employed in his Nicaraguan ship canal. Only Senators, members of the House, and others directly interested, were invited to see the models in operation. This was the alleged trap to get Congressmen in a committee room to talk over the harbor scheme, for the ship railway bill was soon withdrawn.

The occupation of the lobbyist is gone this session. Members of the "third house" hang around, but are not making enough to pay their cigar bills. The session is too short for their methods, besides the Congressional mind is not inclined to legislation this winter. It is directed rather to what is "brewing in the air"; to the political outlook; to the new order of things that the 4th of March will bring. The lobby is a thing of the past and of the future.

TERRITORIAL MAKE-UP.

Oats are said to be as scarce as hen's teeth at Butte.

The smelter at Malden is now in full blast.

The project of publishing a newspaper at Boulder has been abandoned.

Burglary, gambling, prize fighting, wife-beating and actions for divorce are a few of the besetting sins of Butte.

Baled hay is worth \$20.00 per ton in Helena.

Bozeman and Fort Ellis are connected by telephone.

Forty of the convicts in Deer Lodge are confined in log shacks.

A number of hard citizens have been warned out of Helena, or suffer Murphy-dizing. They go.

Anaconda is credited with furnishing nine-tenths of the prisoners that occupy the Butte jail.

A Salt Lake maiden of the clairvoyant persuasion is getting in her work on the Helena dudes.

The Montana Historical Society will shortly publish another volume of the lives and adventures of old-timers.

Nehart is second only to Butte as a silver-producing center.

One and a half percent is the estimated loss among the Yellowstone herds up to date.

White Sulphur Springs anticipates a boom when the spring time comes again. So do all of us.

The Knights of Pythias have organized a lodge of their order at Livingston.

One of the prisoners released from the penitentiary last week was John Rounsie who killed his brother at Bannack in 1878.

Bob Roberts, who was shot by Sullivan at Miles City, has so far recovered from his wounds as to be able to appear on the streets of that city.

The Yellowstone river was reported to be fast breaking up last week. It has probably suspended operations in that direction for a time now.

Governor Carpenter has inspected the Territorial penitentiary at Deer Lodge.

Work has begun on the Gardner bridge over the Yellowstone.

The new county to be formed from Meagher, on the Musselshell, will be called Fergus, instead of Judith, in honor of Hon. James Fergus.

Tom Fly, of Gallatin county, recently bought 2,000 two-year-old heifers in St. Louis and will bring them to Montana in the spring.

It is estimated that about 100,000 sheep are in Montana.

Helena is to have a new telephone company.

Butter is quoted at 30 cents per pound at Billings.

The gambling bill has passed the House 16 to 7—one member absent.

Townsend has a dramatic and musical organization called the Jolly Crow.

Montana wool recently sold in Boston at prices ranging from 18 to 24 cents per pound.

The local editor of the Yellowstone Journal is the victim of a mean and sneaking theft. During his absence from his room the other day a fecklessly thief entered and stole his one and only "biled" shirt, which had just been returned from the laundry. A man who would steal a shirt (the last shirt) from an impecunious local editor deserves to be Murphylized by (K)night.

Miles City folks regret that the late thaw did not raise the water in Tongue river high enough to cleanse their streets. Too bad!

Bozeman's new fire engine is said to be the best that money could buy.

The Presbytery of Montana opened at Miles City on the 6th.

A full page of the Billings Herald is required to publish the delinquent tax list of Yellowstone county.

Peter Johnson, of Butte, died of poison the other day—supposed to have been administered by himself.

Frank Guyett, of Miles City, accidentally shot himself in the leg while hunting. The leg had to be amputated.

Jessrang's ghost is reported to be haunting the sage brush south of Dillon. So says the Tribune.

Hon. Jesse Taylor, of Choteau county, is said to be the handsomest gentleman in the legislative gang now in session at Helena.

A meeting to organize a Press Association was held at Helena on Tuesday, the 10th inst.

It is said that John O'Neil, who informed on Con Murphy, was one of his gang, and that as soon as he gets his share of the reward for the noted highwayman's capture, that he will be requested to leave the city and Territory post haste.

One who keeps posted on local divorce statistics, says that the crop of divorces in Beaverhead county for the spring term of court will be larger than the usual number.

The proposed new paper at Butte has not materialized. Guess the boys weakened.

Benton has a genuine tramp.

John H. Ming has made all arrangements for the shipping of street car rails and other appliances for the Helena street railroad.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

LAST NOTICE.

We again wish to call attention of all parties still owing accounts on the books of George Steell, Dyer & Murray and George Steell & Co., Sun River, and George Steell, Helena, Montana, that we expect satisfactory settlements to be made without further delay, and save yourselves trouble and expense. S. A. ADKINSON, Register. Jan 27, 1885.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., January 16, 1885. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before T. S. Woods, Notary Public in and for Lewis and Clarke Co., Montana, at Florence, Montana, on February 28, 1885, viz: Amos Clewitt, who made pre-emption D. S. No. 637, for the N 1/2 S 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 27, Tp 21, N of R 1 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John Mead and Robert Thoroughman of Ullida, Montana, and Martin Mitchell and Thomas Stewart of Carterville, Montana. S. A. ADKINSON, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL ENTRY.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., January 14, 1885. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Wm. Hanks, Notary Public at Sun River, M. T., on February 27, 1885, viz: Mrs. David Stronquist, who made pre-emption D. S. No. 627, for the N 1/2 S 1/4 NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and lot 3, sec 19, T. 18 N. of R. 1 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Bull, Frank Bull and Henry W. Lund of Sun River and Thomas Blaylock of Ullida, Montana. S. A. ADKINSON, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL ENTRY.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., February 5, 1885. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Wm. Hanks, Notary Public at Sun River, M. T., on March 20, 1885, viz: Alphonso Lampkin, who made pre-emption D. S. No. 625 for the S 1/2 of N 1/2 S 1/4 and lot 3, sec 19, T. 18 N. of R. 1 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John M. Weaver, Andrew C. Knowlton, John D. Mathege and Darwin D. Ostrom, all of Florence, M. T. S. A. ADKINSON, Register. John W. Eddy, Attorney for applicant.

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